Q9. Please share any concerns about the calendar and scheduling of school breaks.

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<td>Starting school a couple days and then having a couple days off will make the first few days just fluff days with little true instruction. Our attendance may be poor due to families taking vacations during the days leading up to Labor Day. June is gloomy anyway so we may as well be in school until the weather warms up. It is extremely hot in August and September and many of our classrooms do NOT have air-conditioning. Starting earlier is bad for the kids...too hot to focus in class!</td>
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<td>I would like to ask the district to seriously consider allowing days off for the High Holy Days - at the very least. We are pretty much the ONLY district that does not observe this most religious holiday. While I understand we are unable to accommodate and or observe every religious holiday, this is one that should be looked at. Frankly, it is offensive that students who observe should be forced to call in &quot;sick&quot; for the holiday and that classified are forced to use PN days, etc. Thank you</td>
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<td>Our longest time without a break is from the start of school to Thanksgiving. It would be really difficult to add another week onto that. If they were to change anything in the schedule I would ask that they move Spring break to after Easter. I know that everybody does not celebrate Easter but it makes it really difficult when all of you family is off and you are unable to travel or celebrate with them.</td>
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<td>This change is long overdue. The late date we get out is wasted time in the classroom. Additionally the majority of kids leave &quot;early&quot; for Thanksgiving. Now only if we could get rid of Winter Recess!</td>
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<td>It will be an adjustment to go back so much earlier, but in the long run I think it will be better. Many districts throughout the state already do this or are in the process of changing over.</td>
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Thanksgiving break should absolutely be the full week! It allows time for travel to visit family-- I suspect there would be less absences from both students and staff during that month if the full week was given. Many other districts already do this.

Many families have custody schedules based on existing calendar -- changing it would be AWFUL!

GREAT IDEA - helps be in line with national AP/IB test dates. DO THIS!!!!!!

Starting and ending school earlier causes problems with summer camp/child care scheduling, as most summer camps do not start until the last week of June and finish the last week of August. My husband and I are both working parents and so rely upon these summer camp options.

I prefer getting out later in June and starting later in September because of temperature. Not all classrooms in NMUSD have AC. June is typically cooler even in the later weeks. August and September are the hottest month. I am in favor of a calendar that has us in school for as much as June as possible as opposed to being in school in August.

The calendar has to many holidays throughout the entire year. Second semester should end at end of May.

A week off at Thanksgiving and then 2 weeks off at Christmas will be too many missed learning days for consistent instructional momentum for the children.

I would rather add to the month of June and extend our Summer break to the Monday (a week after Labor Day).

If the school day could start a bit later 8:15??

I really like that we put the President's Break into our calendar a few years ago, it is perfect for the middle and high school students to go on trips during that time with their colleagues. I like having the 2 days before Thanksgiving because we are usually coming out of a busy week of conferences and sometimes I need to do make ups conferences on Monday. I only have 1 -2 kids gone out of 27 during Thanksgiving Week. Everyone else is here, not everyone travels far away for Thanksgiving.

I am hope flu to see a calendar change for NMUSD, to an earlier start & end dates for the school year!!!!

I really want us to start sooner in order to give our kids more time to get instruction before the testing periods begin in May. For me this is not about vacation schedules at all. My experience is that after testing is over nothing is taught for the remainder of the year and that just seems ridiculous to me, a horrible waste of time. The more lines up we can be to the california testing dates the better.

I am highly in favor of having the whole Thanksgiving week off. It gives families a chance to travel.

I would support earlier starts more enthusiastically IF my classroom was air conditioned. It is not, and the room is suffocating in August and much of September.

My concern is that many students would miss the first two days of school and still begin after Labir Day with or without change of start date.

I have seen multiple schedules in the area as I have multiple friends and family member's in Private Schools. They have all commented that the few days before Labor Day are a waste of time and would prefer their schedule to start after Labor Day. I see not benefit to starting a few days or week earlier. My step daughter goes to school where they get the whole week off for Thanksgiving and it is difficult to add additional care for parents that work during the week.

We feel a change is necessary also to accomodate graduating Seniors. Most colleges and Universities start mid August to late August. Not graduating HS until late June interferes w/ college orientations as well as limits these college bound Seniors options for having a job in the summer.

I feel that full weeks off during the school year are very difficult for working parents. There are no businesses or companies that take the entire Thanksgiving week off. We already have 2 weeks for the holidays, a full week in February, and a full week off in April. I think an additional full week off in November is just too many weeks off! Full weeks off are wonderful for teachers and wonderful for non-working parents who can afford to vacation, but for normal folks, not great
normal folks...not great

Parents vacation plans should not guide the schedule, it's about what is better academically. There is plenty of lead time for changes to their plans.

I like starting before Labor Day. It is so hard to come off of summer already - at least that Thurs/Fri are "practice days" at school, with a breather on Monday, then full force on Tuesday. Also, the two days before Thanksgiving are ridiculous. Most families would LOVE to have them off. Thank you for considering our thoughts!

If we are to change the calendar I would prefer to start a week later in the year and end at the end of June. The temperatures are usually much cooler in June than in September, allowing for more focus and less discomfort.

Thanksgiving break DOESN'T need to be longer. It just makes it harder for parents to get work off and prepare for the holiday. Not that many people travel during this time.

Many high school students are already back, due to high school sports. We have seen a trend of students/parents wanting the entire Thanksgiving week for travel purposes.

The Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving break are not very productive. The students should be off that whole week, even if that means starting school 2 days earlier.

For working parents, it is of little benefit to have the kids off all of Thanksgiving week. That would be a hardship for us since our jobs require us to work Mon, Tues, and Wednesday. It is already difficult to deal with the fact that the schools are off on Weds before Thanksgiving which is a workday. It seems like the days before Labor day will be a waste - why would kids go to school for two days, then have a three day weekend just so they can have a babysitter two more days in November?

The highest priority for any change should be to enhance instruction and learning. I do not think that we should consider changing anything just to create a longer Thanksgiving break. The students have 4 full weeks of vacation plus several single day holidays. They do not need a 5th week of vacation.

I would personally love this. My husband and I barely get an summer vacation together because he starts and ends earlier than we do (he teaches at a private school. We both always teach summer school as well and we end of playing "hit and miss" the entire summer. I would support the 4th option strongly!

I strongly oppose school in August. I would rather start the second Monday in September and go 4 days longer in June.

The Thanksgiving break has always been too short and we totally support a week off during that time and changes to the return date to school.

Start the school year later and push the end of the school year to the end of June. The summer weather is better July-September.

I think it's terrible that the kids only get 10 weeks off for summer vacation. I think they should get rid of early out Wednesdays and "ski week" so that those of us who work, don't have to find alternate means of transportation and day care during those times. This would also allow for a longer summer.

Parents I know love our schedule- you will have a lot of unhappy parents.

Our school calendar is good. The holidays are appropriately scheduled and spaced out, giving enough time. Students receive the day after Halloween, they get the wed. off before Thanksgiving, a full 2 weeks for winter break, presidents week in Feb., spring break as well as additional days dispersed throughout the year for conferences and other random holidays. Leave the calendar alone, please!

The best days of summer are in August and September. Why take days away from the sunniest days which are best suited for vacations. The kids already have too many days off during the school year.

Wife teaches in another district it could change the dinamics of the summer scheduling

This would be much better for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

End the school year in mid June (as expressed in options 3 and 4). The easiest way to accomplish this (though not listed as an option) would be to drop "Presidents’ Week" (or "Ski Week" or whatever it is called). This school break falls not too far after students have just returned from the two-week Winter Break and always seems redundant. (Honor
Presidents’ Day with a Friday and/or Monday off.) Lose "Ski Week" to gain June days, and do anything you want with start of school and Thanksgiving

My children have to travel over the summer for our custody arrangement. Changing the school schedule would cause major challenges for all families with custody agreements.

Wednesday elementary conference day needs to become a minimum day so that all sites end on the same last day of school. Air-conditioning is a must in all classrooms. If not, then all offices and classrooms that have air-conditioning need to be set at outside temp. for equity.

DO NOT CHANGE THE TRADITIONAL START DATE.

My only concern would be the issuance of homework over an extended Thanksgiving Holiday. I really want that full week but if the kids have homework it would really ruin travel plans and the holiday. I would also prefer a later end to school and a later start to school because the weather is gloomy and cold in June and really hot in September so it makes sense to have a later start and end date, not earlier.

Labor day holiday would interfere with commencement of new school year. August has better weather. No need to be out of school during June gloom.

Please explain to people that the number of school days are exactly the same under any schedule.

There are already too many disruptions in the schedule. The addition of "Ski Week" was excessive. What would be next a week for Memorial Day, MLK Day as well? Our kids need more instruction not less and watering it down with more time in between takes away the focus for our kids to compete in today's world.

I would appreciate not having a break in middle of conference week... Either have Monday or Friday off... Not Wednesday

For working parents it is easier to put kids in camps during summer weeks. If they have the whole week off during Thanksgiving we have a difficult time finding child care.

I'm more concerned about NOT changing the calendar. We need to make the school year the same as that on the east coast so we are more prepared for AP Tests etc

There are too many breaks in November! Typically there are four short weeks in that month. I like giving the whole of Thanksgiving off so that families can take advantage of that break. Could we bring conference week forward to October to avoid that day off?

I believe that TeWinkle Middle School should start around the same time as a high school (8:00am) and not at 8:30. The middle schools should have a daily schedule similar to a high school therefore the change wouldn't impact them so much.

I am all for change however as a working parent we would have to find daycare options to include more days during holiday.

As a working parent, to add an entire week off during Thanksgiving would be difficult to manage with what activities or home support to provide my children.

I have two children in the NMUSD and three children in another local district (Santa Ana Unified, OCSA). The proposed changes would more closely align the two districts so our entire family would be able to vacation together.

Why do we always feel the need to change something that already works? Minor changes are ok and I would say the children may not even notice. But start making big changes (like starting school a week earlier) and they may start to associate school with something that disrupts their schedule. Children like routine and they benefit from it. Change too much and you are risking adding to their anxiety.

Please don't change it, the calendar we have works and has worked for years.

It seems many families already take the entire week of Thanksgiving and adding the 2 days would eliminate unexcused absences during Thanksgiving week.

Why is it changing. What is more beneficial to starting early?

As an AP teacher, I feel having an additional 5 instructional days would make us more competitive nationally, especially when we compete against schools that start at the beginning of August and end at the end of May. Their students have a full 20-25 days more
beginning of August and end at the end of May. Their students have a full 20-25 days more of instruction. As a parent, I have no concerns about the proposed changes and do not object to the summer being shortened one time. I feel the week of Thanksgiving is usually wasted as far as instruction, so I support that change too.

79  I would prefer the Irvine School District schedule of starting the second Monday in September.

80  See above!!

81  It would be great if NMUSD scheduled their spring break around Easter. It is an additional holiday that would allow families to get away while celebrating a holiday.

82  My concern is not about school breaks but the start of the school day for high school students. Students need to be starting later in the morning for the entire week and end later in the day. This change will allow for optimal attention in the classroom and study periods.

83  No need for more days at thanksgiving but ending earlier is good.

84  Will there be air conditioning in all classrooms? As it stands, teachers must buy, out of their own pockets, for fans as rooms reach 85 degrees and above during August and September!!!! This is a HUGE concern. Will someone please address this issue?

85  I would even be interested in a modified year-round—a few weeks off throughout the year. Is this best for kids? Long, summer breaks can be hard for learning. Just a thought.

86  The first semester has enough holidays that (though we’re all feeling it by winter break) extending Thanksgiving doesn’t seem to make sense. The more days we have off, the more the students and parents take advantage of us by being/sanctioning absences. I know that the first summer would be a total pain in the ass, but I really, really would like to get out of school sooner than we do. And, as I’ve said before, we might go even a bit further and try to make our winter break divide semesters.

87  This is very concerning to me as a working parent. It is hard enough to find child care on the school breaks. We absolutely do not need another one!

88  I don’t want a longer Thanksgiving break. The teachers and kids don’t need a long break that close to winter break. NMUSD already gives kids a week long break for “ski week” - we don’t need another one. Also for younger children, I don’t want to find daycare or pay for the extra daycare that would then be required for days that no normal working parent usually gets off!

89  I would like to see the school year go longer into June and give the kids more time off in September when the summer weather is here for them to enjoy the summer like conditions.

90  I would like to see the February break eliminated and ending school 5 days earlier as an option.

91  I find it difficult as a working parent that there are extended holidays during school yr. Prefer traditional holiday’s on actual date only. Longer summer easier to plan for daycare during work week. Extended Thanksgiving would be difficult to take time off work. Difficult to plan vacations during holiday breaks because expenses go up because everyone is on break. So many extended holidays make it disruptive for kids to returning to school and refocus.

92  Before you make changes think about why we have the current schedule. Before global warming June was usually a foggy month. Remember the phrase June Gloom? The last week of summer is the best when the beaches are empty because everyone else has gone back to school. I would suggest Wednesday becomes a full day so you can get the required instructional hours and end school a week earlier.

93  Shorter summer vacation is only an issue in 1st year. The benefits educationally (AP’s especially) outweigh the costs.

94  Having a full week for Thanksgiving is my top choice. Labor Day is not so much of a concern.

95  I am concerned that Option 3 and Option 4 would affect summer vacation for 10 month employees.

96  I’m not that much in favor of the kids returning too early to school.

97  There is no mention about how this change would affect classified employees when they work a 10 or 11 month work week. How would this interfere with summer work jobs at the
OC Fair, etc that many of us take on because of the lack of jobs available for us during the summer.

If anything, I would prefer to start a little later in September (the following week, after Labor Day), and extend the school year a week longer in June.

People already have ideas for plans based on the traditional calendar.

I think it's great that you all are putting this out there for all to vote on! I appreciate that you appreciate our input! Thank you.

Havering all of August off is fabulous. I think the Board should do away with Presidents Week vacation and let us out of school earlier in June. Or cancel several of the in-service days so that the school year can end sooner. We have far too many "random" days off during the school year.

None, more consistent with the county. Makes more sense to close school for Thanksgiving week as those days are not "strong instructional days" Earlier out makes it possible for staff & students to take advantage of other educational opportunities. More consistent with rest of the country's educational calendar and well as the county.

No concerns.

Kids do not need week in February and another week in April - tough on parents that work to have to take two weeks off or keep kids busy over two weeks.....no where else does it.....go to ONE WEEK in March.....

Does the NMUSD calendar match the dates for districts in our area. Are other districts beginning to start earlier in August?

Family vacations would be even more difficult with sports and multiple planning with children in other schools.

Thanksgiving - being a working mom, I don't have the vacation days to take this whole week off, then ski week, then spring break. It's too much time off random times during the school year. For summer, School should not start until after labor day. With Jr. Guards and other activities, they go until Mid-August or so, so the last 2 weeks of August are when you can really take a family vacation.

I like the proposed changes. We get out way too late into June. It is difficult to keep the students engaged that long after state testing.

The AP argument is a weak rational. As I would hope district staff and school board are aware the AP test is being accepted by fewer institutions annually. For example, no IVY league schools accept the test. Hesperia and Palmdale start August 12st, is that who NMUSD is taking their cues from?

It seems we are the last District to end school each year and aligning more with what is done around the country would make sense. Many summer activities start before we are out of school making it difficult for our students to participate and for national level events it is sometimes necessary to workout options for taking finals early. Starting earlier would especially make sense for students in AP and IB classes giving them a few more days to work on the material in class.

Option 4 is the best! Thank you!!!!

I like how some schools start earlier to give our students the same number of school days prior to AP testing - if you have AP students their schooling really ends after those test - if make so much more sense to start earlier and be out earlier and closer to the late May date and early June. Thanks for asking.

I think there is value in extending the Thanksgiving holiday as it opens up travel options from an availability and cost perspective.

No concerns.

It will cut one summer short and then we will catch up the following year.

Would all nmusd schools of threw this or just some?

I dislike the idea of starting back the school year on a Thursday. Actually I'd like to see the middle schools and high schools begin their day later. Study after study has noted that teenagers require more sleep then younger children. They are also more alert later in the morning and therefore would do better. This is a bigger issue than five days earlier or later. Thank you.
I like the earlier start with longer breaks throughout the school year.

I'd like to know what the greater goal here is? Will there be more educational days for my student? What is the motivation for changing the calendar? I feel like this survey doesn't contain enough information to be useful. It seems like a half-assed effort to railroad something through that will only benefit staff administrators and teachers. The fact that I feel that way is a reflection of how this survey was constructed.

The weather is much better in August and early September than June. If things are to change I'd prefer a later start to the school year.

Quit wasting my time.

I would even propose getting rid of winter break so we could get out earlier...also messes with winter sports teams.

I have a child in Irvine Unified, as to many of my co-workers, and Spring Break is once again different than IUSD (only 2 times in past 8 years has it been same week). They are off March 28-April 1, the week following Easter Sunday. Since I have family come visit me during the Easter holiday, would be nice to not have to go back to work the next day.

Please be sure that we don't have a repeat performance of not having Jan 2nd off when the New Years falls on a Sunday. Presidents' Recess and Thanksgiving break seem very long now. They do not need to be made longer.

My son misses out every year on a much anticipated church field trip at the end of each school year since they leave as soon as all other schools get out for the summer, except my son, who is still in school!

Living in a tourist destination spot, the end of summer is often the most enjoyable because all of the tourists are gone and we locals can enjoy where we will.

The weather is always hot in August so going back early will make it miserable for the kids. Also, the last two weeks of August are ideal family vacation time because vacation spots are less crowded. A week off at Thanksgiving and then a few weeks later 2 weeks for Christmas and then a few weeks later a week for Presidents' week is ridiculous. That is too many starts and stops for the kids and the teachers.

The current schedule as is works. A longer Thanksgiving break feels unnecessary and would probably not be beneficial to households with working parents.

Well I think the early August start schedules are better for statewide testing, they interfere and conflict with schedules of other school districts and programs.

How does this effect working parents and children supervision?

Current calendar year starts too late. Don't really care for an entire week off for Thanksgiving — my biggest preference is to have my children out of school earlier in June.

I would prefer eliminating the week off in the Middle of February and shortening the year by a week. It is extremely hard to arrange day care for an entire week in the middle of February.

I have no concerns. I actually feel that it extends Summer Vacation by getting out of School earlier.

Bad idea

Please see my comments above. Reality: our kids (I speak for many parents here) work SO hard, both with their academics AND with their extra-curricular responsibilities, whether it's band, sports, student government, volunteerism, you name it. They need as much time as they can muster during the summers for that break. I get the extending Thanksgiving break (good idea) and the earlier out schedule in June. I think my kids have been so used to the current configuration. I bet they'd want #1.

Need to be consistent with many colleges that start in mid-August. AP exams are in mid-May and thus schools that start in August have multiple additional weeks to prepare than those starting after Labor Day.

August is way too warm to have our kids back in school. It's already way too hot for our children to be in classes where there isn't any air conditioning. Going back to school in August is just wrong. Parent's whose children go back in August hate it. They voice to me how much they wish it was like Newport Mesa. It will be a huge mistake to change it. Unhappy parents are coming your way. Why now???
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The Phys Ed situation is already a debacle; therefore, the students have to be in a sport which steals weeks on end from their summer.

None, the proposes changes sound good!

I do not want a full week for Thanksgiving. That is not good for our family.

So glad you’re looking into this...the extra week will also help our AP students who currently have less time to prepare than other schools that start earlier than we do, and our overall testing scores because our kids will have an extra week to learn more material that's covered.

I would actually like to recommend another option. Start the school year the first Monday after Labor Day and extend the School year to the end of June. The best weather of the year occurs in late August and September and June is still usually gloomy.

Please take into consideration the teachers that have students in other districts. It is very difficult to find daycare when our calendars do not coincide. Like Spring break for example. I have to pay over $750 for daycare for my children because we are off a different week. I do not have enough personal days. I agree with adding the 2 days for Thanksgiving as most districts have these days off. June tends to be a cooler month for those site without air conditioning. August is a VERY hot mth!

This is a very bad idea. I do not want to have school start in August.

My kids will miss the first week of school if it changes. We would miss our annual family reunion held The week before Labor Day, and I won't miss it.

My only concern would be that if you start right before labor day and then break for labor day, it might throw the kids off a bit. Starting after labor day seems to allow the kids to adjust to the routine of going back to school without additional disruption. However, having an entire week off for thanksgiving would be amazing since we have family out of state that we visit every year.

I didn’t want to rank option2,3, & 4. I would prefer to get rid of ski week, and were a skiing family

There are buildings on campuses with no air conditioning...starting earlier in the summer could prove to be very uncomfortable!

Eliminate "Ski Week". It is too hard on working families as it is dealing with kids home when parents are trying to work. This is a huge problem for working parents of younger children or children who cannot drive. Families are often made to incur expense for child care. Keep the holiday schedules around the holidays and make Spring Break coincide with Easter for families.

The traditional way of beginning school after Labor Day works well for our family. Having a full week off at Thanksgiving would be disruptive and a child care issue as my husband and I work. Psychologically the kids feel like Labor Day marks the end of the summer and are ready to go back the next day. I strongly disagree with changing the schedule.

A whole week off for Thanksgiving is too long and it impacts our timelines for special education. Please DO NOT extend Thanksgiving as 5 days. Our 60 day timeline continues so we don’t get to “pause” despite the time off. The only time we get to pause is if we get two or more weeks off, which is summer break and winter break. Adding the extra three days for Thanksgiving will be a huge and negative impact on special education.

The weather is nicer in August/September than in June.

Many students already take week off for Thanksgiving and this new schedule allows for more effective learning, as students won’t miss classroom instruction & teachers won’t have to repeat/ review what has been previously covered.

What is the purpose of the change? Who is this supposed to benefit? Seems most changes are for the benefit of the administration not the teachers or students.

I would support any school calendar changes that would increase attendance/prevent absences.

I strongly support Option 4 and would like to see my children on a school calendar similar to a college term calendar.

See "Comment" and "Other" sections above.
5/16/2014

158  616  Really like Option 4!
159  617  It's about time we started school earlier!
160  621  The hottest time of the year is August and September; it is difficult for kids to be in school at this time. Also, adding time off at Thanksgiving makes it difficult for working parents.
161  624  It seems like the kids have too many days off now, can't see adding any more to the vacations.
162  628  Most summer activities are already set according to current calendar. If students go back earlier in the fall, students miss activities and vacation time. We always go away the last 2 weeks of August. My kids would miss the start of school if it started earlier than the Tuesday after Labor Day.
163  631  Jump in prices after mid June. Earlier end to school year would provide opportunities for families to travel cheaper. However, June gloom weather makes me want to be in school and not on break in the clouds. August is a better month to be on break.
164  634  There is no need for a longer Thanksgiving holiday - let's enjoy the area we live in by having a full summer in August and even September - our best month!
165  636  My youngest son will be graduating year of 2016 from Newport Harbor and I really do not care either way and would assume to keep the schedule the same through 2016 at least as it will not interfere with his Club Soccer schedule and tournaments at the end of summer.
166  639  1. Summer in SoCal doesn't start until July due to June gloom. There's no reason for my kids to be out of school when the weather is bad. 2. We take vacation the week before Labor Day. If the schedule changes, my kids won't be at school until the day after Labor Day, regardless. 3. Since most classes aren't air conditioned, the later we start, the more comfortable the kids will be.
167  643  Changes interfere with current summer activities and long standing family vacations the last few weeks of August. NO CHANGES!
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169  655  School end way too late every year in my opinion. Starting earlier and getting out earlier would be my choice.
170  658  The weather here in our district is warmer at the end of August then it is in June. Let's all enjoy the best weather when other districts and tourists go back.
171  661  Not all district classrooms have air conditioning. August is much hotter than June. The current schedule works best for our climate and facilities.
172  669  I see no reason to have a full week off for Thanksgiving. That might be great for the rich kids who fly off to Hawaii, but not for the others.
173  678  I appreciate this event. It is already difficult to coordinate the various winter and spring breaks with other school districts, the start of the school year is late for NMUSD. This makes it difficult when planning for child care, etc. All summer camps end in the middle of August and other districts already are headed back to class. I believe having students start before labor day would be helpful for those parents employed in other districts.
174  686  This idea should be passed around, discussed, etc. for a year and NOT the end of the current school year.
175  689  Having a full week of at Thanksgiving effects those Parents that work. Working Parents would then have to pay for daycare, which would be hard on a Holiday week when most facilities would be closed. Taking vacation time is not an option for some on that week, as vacation days are limited, especially if they want to vacation in the Summer with thier children. It is also very close to the Winter break, in which they recieve two weeks off. That is a lot of time away from school within a month.
176  690  We really enjoy the last week in August when all the other schools are in session. I'm not a proponent to adding more time off.
At the secondary level, the greatest need for changing a school calendar would be for the first semester to end prior to winter break. None of these options address this and simply change vacation days by a week so. The change doesn't seem necessary simply for a vacation day or two.

School breaks should NOT be the same as other districts. When we all go at the same time, vacation spots are full and expensive. When we have breaks on odd weeks, less crowds, cheaper venues and easier to have families get time off from work!

I feel that the Thanksgiving break as NMUSD does it is fine, where we do not need to take a complete week off during this time then work approx. 3 weeks & get another 2 weeks off. As it is, we get a 5 day weekend, which very few districts do. I am very against going back to school 7 days early.

Would welcome a little more time off around Thanksgiving - which would give us the option to take a family vacation, it would also be a welcome break for the students to recharge. I do not support ending the school year earlier in June and starting much earlier in August - we traditionally take family vacations in July/Aug and find SoCal weather much nicer in August then June! Our school has several class rooms without AC and starting in Aug would mean extra days in a hot classroom.

I think we should look at year round school with fewer day breaks and more two to three week breaks. The kids need the break as do teachers and a form of yearly school would fit our District's needs as well as parents and teachers.

Sept/Oct are the hottest months in SoCal. W/O air conditioning in each & every classroom I see no reason to subject our children to 2 or 5 extra days in a hot room. Let parents enjoy summer weather with our kids. Secondly an extended thanksgiving holiday week is an enormous challenge for households that do not have one stay home parent. Taking time off from work or paying for child care during the most expensive season of the year would be a huge financial disadvantage.

Any additional days prior to the AP tests would help our students be prepared to pass these very important tests. I don't care about 2 extra days off for Thanksgiving. We are going to have 2 weeks off the following month...I can make it until then to take a week off.

I support the change. I have a CdM graduate who took 7 AP courses over 3 years and felt she could have had more time to cover course materials before the May exams. For students who take AP courses it's valuable extra time, I fully endorse the change!

I would rather make my school site's instructional day a little longer, get out at 3pm instead of 2:20 (as we have a lot more to squeeze in these days), start the year 2 days earlier, and end the year earlier. I don't care about Thanksgiving being extended.

We live by the beach. Typically it doesn't start getting warm until mid July. By starting school earlier there is not a lot of time to enjoy the beach and the beautiful climate of so cal.

Silly to start school with a long holiday a few days later. Once the kids start lets keep them focused.

although it is a change from tradition, the longer week for thanksgiving would be nice for traveling and a good break for all involved.

Please don't mess with perfection. No changes please.

My only concern is that it might not get approved because many people fear change. This is a good change.

Our summer is already so short.

Adding more days off during Thanksgiving means working parents need to take time off then too.

I am concerned that there will be more school days then required. Our mandatory number of school days is 180 however, there have been a couple years that our district goes over that number. Maybe we can return to school as it states in the traditional calendar and still get out the second week of June. Someone should do the math and see if that equals the 180 required days.

Too many breaks in November with staff development Nov. 1, Veterans' Day Nov. 11, conference week in there for most schools, and then Thanksgiving whenever it falls.
Academically, this is a very fractured month.

Please change the calendar so that school ends earlier in June. I am very strongly in favor of that. Many camps are available in June, but not in August. Plus, students in AP classes benefit from starting school earlier because all AP tests are in May regardless of whether a school starts in August or Sept.

When I attend NMUSD, we started Thursday AFTER Labor Day and got out BEFORE Father's Day in June (I know this for a fact because my birthday is June 18th). I think we should eliminate some of the "in service days or half days and get out earlier. Our students get out earlier than most school districts. I am not sure what will happen with Common Core, but it has been that there is NO education given after Star Testing, just busy work. Goal: make every day count.

I see value to our family in starting 2 days earlier and expanding the Thanksgiving break. The other options do not add much value from our family's perspective - either starting earlier or ending earlier - those are a wash for us. But extending the Nov holiday would be a value-add.

Having the full week of Thanksgiving off would be great!! Let's get organized and utilize our current system. Make the first week start stronger and prepared. classes, books, and teachers ready for each class and every student.

If NMUSD would take a good hard look at how many early outs and non-student days (the day after Halloween? Seriously?) and flat out ridiculous holidays they have, they could start the Monday after Labor Day AND the kids could get out earlier in June. Like all the private schools, who can apparently fit just as many instructional hours as NMUSD in a shorter amount of time. And actually teach a lot more. SMH. Maybe we should be doing what's best for the students, not what's best for the teachers.

get rid of ski week/presidents week and get out of school earlier.

I would prefer NO Wednesday "early outs" so that the calendar would be fewer days in June....!

Great idea to start/end earlier. More in line with the rest of the county. Would be even better if semester breaks aligned with winter break, so kids didn't have piles of homework over that break.

I do not like your rankings that would indicate support for other options. Options 2,3,and 4 would be ranked a 0 on a 0-10 scale. You can make the numbers work however you like, forcing me to rank 1-4 is not fair.

I wouldn't want school to get out earlier or start earlier. I think it makes sense to start after Labor Day and get the most out of the hot months of summer on vacation instead of sweating at work.

There are too many vacation days with ski week/presidents week. I'd like to drop that week, only taking the Monday off and get out of school 4 days earlier.

In the new calendar year have from 2 to 4 days-off...followed by MLK day...followed shortly by ski week...followed shortly by conference week....followed shortly by spring break. It's a commonly held opinion that we could start the school-year after Labor-day, and end it five days earlier, if we eliminated the nearly THREE WEEKS of vacation/shortened days scheduled in the first quarter of the calendar year. Please consider these options vs. shortening the summer vacation!

Strongly opposed to option 4, school starts too early in August

Growing up in So Cal and attending UC Irvine makes the current NMUSD calendar feel right; it follows the pattern I have known. However, the bulk of the nation (HS and college) starts and finishes earlier, and we have a small - but real - disadvantage for our AP students. More travel time in November is a smaller bonus. I believe being in sync with other schools is appropriate and have voted to approve both changes - option 4.

End of August is the only time families can travel. Younger kids in summer programs (1500 from district in junior guards for instance) -

Going back early interferes with the Labor day holiday and the unofficial end of summer. We frequently take a long weekend or even a week before labor day, for vacation.

As an AP teacher, losing a week for Thanksgiving will not be helpful in the overall prep for the AP test. At least when we have two days that week all is lost. As a teacher/flag...
the May test. At least when we have two days that week, all is not lost. As a teacher of low readers, one week off and then two weeks for Winter break is also a challenge. This is why, if we were to change, beginning 5 days earlier gives me an extra week of school before the May exams, like many other schools.

214 862 If I have to use my vacation time for time off for Thanksgiving like I am forced to do for spring break I would rather use my vacation time in September for a later school start date. I don't feel a full week off at Thanksgiving is necessary. Please look into revising Spring Break to be closer to Easter.

215 864 I am a teacher in another school district that has had the options that you describe and had a full week off for Thanksgiving and the teachers voted to change back to having limited days off during that week of Thanksgiving after trying it for one year. Parents complained that it made it hard to get time off and that preparation for Thanksgiving was hard with students out of school.

216 865 I think extending the Thanksgiving break is a mistake, especially for kids who don't stay up with school work as it is. It's already ridiculous that there is a week long break so soon after a two week break in Winter. I don't mind having an earlier start and end date.

217 870 I think younger students would benefit from going to school two days, and then having three days off at the beginning of the school. I teach kindergarten, and last first week is long and troublesome for the children who are away from home for the first time. I think option 2 will help set a positive tone for the school year.

218 874 Why is Wednesday a minimum day? Why not Friday?

219 875 I strongly support moving the school calendar sooner, because it would have a beneficial effect on high school students: it would allow them to have more time with material in AP classes, before the AP test.

220 876 Don't start the school schedule before Labor Day. Start the school year that week, 4 days only, easing the kids back into the routine. Making holidays shorter throughout the year would be great as well, to end the school year earlier.

221 879 Option 5: Keep the start after Labor Day (that works really well), but also having a full week at Thanksgiving. Thus, end the school year a two days later.

222 885 Please don't change the current school calendar. It would interfere with family tradition.

223 891 November is a wasted learning month already between Nov 1 staff day, Veterans Day holiday, conference week (early out all week plus Wed off entirely) and Thanksgiving break. When you return, there are only a few short weeks until holiday break. Adding more time off in Nov is a terrible idea. They should get rid of weekly early out and early out the Fri before any break.

224 892 See above

225 895 Our family would like fewer days off in the school year and more time off during summer. It is harder for my children to continuously start and stop from all of the vacation dates already during the school year and they find it easier to focus when school time is consistent and isn't being constantly interrupted. More time in the summer would relieve the stress of "catching up" with the other schools that have already started the AP info. It also would allow for internships and jobs.

226 907 I just believe school should start the day after Labor Day. We Christmas Break and Ski Week I don't think they need an entire week off at Thankssksgiving. Leave calendar the way it is. There is no reason for kids to get out early. Our weather does not get to where it is too hot for them to be in school as in other areas.

227 913 I am also a parent of school aged children in another district. We rarely are able to take a family trip in the spring since our breaks do not coincide. It would be wonderful if there were some sort of common time off amongst the various districts in the area.

228 918 Part time employees will be going unpaid for two more days at Thanksgiving. The change at Thanksgiving will cause a hardship on part time Classified employees because of additional unpaid days.

229 921 I prefer to start right after Labor Day and have all of July and all of August off for summer. The weather is starting to get hotter thru the fall and I prefer to have my summers warm. Also camps seem to go from end of June thru end of August. I don't think we need more time off at thanksgiving. And I don't like when schools start for a few days and then have to take a break again for labor Day.
I am all for fewer vacation days so we can get out earlier. As an AP teacher, the late start-late end handicaps us. Students in special competitive programs (Business Academy, etc.) are also at a disadvantage compared to other schools state and nation-wide who have an earlier start time. Thanksgiving and Easter week are one additional day of only in many schools. If school actually started BEFORE Labor Day, it would be a real holiday instead of a self-imposed prep day for most of us!

I STRONGLY disagree with starting school earlier.

I like option three but wish that thanksgiving was normal length and the school let out even earlier for summer. Similar to Irvine’s schedule for 2015-16.

Why can’t we just start school later and add days to school year, I mean I really don’t care, as long as it isn’t gonna be like a stupid start in july end in june bull crap.

We don’t need a week at Thanksgiving, 5 days works for most. There are more family vacations in August and over Labor Day. Keep as is!

As a classified employee, I am given only a certain amount of "vacation days" to compensate for the time we must take off. With the extra days proposed during the Thanksgiving Holiday, we would have to either take it as vacation days and not have enough in the spring, or do the reverse. Either way, we would be short for those extra days. If we were given extra vacation days to compensate for it, then it would be great.

I will remove children for family vacation over labor day weekend, at least by 1 day. My kids get cabin fever around mid August. I like breaking from tradition. I am even for year round. This way kids will retain more, stay out of trouble, and help with child care for all our dual and single working parents. Maybe a month off during the summer only.

I would support a shorter summer break and longer holidays throughout the school year. I feel there is too much lost in the summer and that often September and part of October is lost in catch up.

Does the district realize that to have more classified employees returning to work in August, it costs them money for vacation time and retirement contributions? These classified employees would now be considered 11 month employees instead of 10 month employees. As a classified employee I don’t want to have to use additional vacation time for another 2 days at Thanksgiving.

I like ending earlier in June.

I have full-time custody of my daughter during the school year. Her birthday is June 20. If the school year ends before her birthday, I will never get to see my daughter on her birthday and her dad does not celebrate it.

No concerns.

This is not going to being it the students.

I strongly support the shift to an earlier start date. It is good for kids competing for jobs and internships - our kids are at a disadvantage if they start later than other districts. It is good for AP testing - more class time before May. I would strongly support staring 3 weeks earlier.

Students are used to having the full month of Aug. off and may not return from vacation in time to start school. The time between school starting & our 1st break is already the longest timespan between breaks, this will extend it further. An earlier return would be at the peak of our hottest season, requiring more energy use for AC, and be less conducive to learning. Students will be thinking of being at the beach or doing summer activities since it would still be summer & won’t focus on school.

I do like the additional time around Thanksgiving Day for Family with all the proposed changes. I do not like beginning school early only to get out earlier in June.

I strongly support keeping the tradition school calendar for 2015-16, starting academic year after Labor Day. Starting the school year before Labor Day, shortens our summer vacations, and interferes with our summer camps. We always look forward to our annual summer vacation, starting in late June. Please keep the tradition calendar for Newport-Mesa Unified students.

I would just liked to be kept informed either way so our family can plan appropriately. Thank you for asking for my opinion, I appreciate being included.
5/16/2014

K12 Insight - Textview

Please do not change

You fail to state if this a change considered for only year 2015-16, or for all years thereafter? When Labor Day is earlier, would you start school in August?

I think President's week off is frivolous and more consideration should be made around Easter. Early out on Good Friday and the week after Easter should be off so, those who observe have time to celebrate with family and rest. President's week is so people can go skiing and it's a waste of time off in my opinion.

Why do we need a ski week. Instead take that away and shorten the end of the year.

DO NOT CHANGE

No concern--I would like any of the 3 options!

change is hard and if you are going to change the schedule you may as well as make it worth the effort and all.

Moving towards more of a year round school so that the summer break and interruption of children's learning is shortened would be optimal.

school already starts early, 7:45 to me is a great time to begin school. If anything, school should start later.

I appreciate that you are taking a look at alternatives and being willing to explore different options - whatever they are.

I would love to see an earlier start and end date because of the weather. Our classrooms are old and have no AC which make teaching hard when the rooms are so hot.

I have no concerns about the changes proposed –other than concerns about increasing days off during the Thanksgiving break gives elementary teachers less days for working with students in November. Between Veterans Day, conferences, and a staff development day (and a full week off for Thanksgiving) we would see students only a handful of days.

The only change in the schedule I will support is the longer time for Thanksgiving. I believe a lot of people, but not me, take a longer vacation during Thanksgiving. By having the whole week, it would alleviate the problem of not having enough substitutes for a day before and after. I would hope that no one would go on Thanksgiving break before 3pm on the Friday before. I think it should be stipulated in the rules. That way we won't still have the problem of having an issue Friday before!

A better option would be Start the School Year the MONDAY AFTER LABOR DAY...6 Days later, and continue school 6 days later during JUNE GLOOM.

I would appreciate an opportunity to listen to a more in-depth explanation of the reasons behind these options and why they were selected rather than eliminating "ski week" and early-oiut Wednesdays. It is completely unnecessary to return to school before Labor Day Weekend just to have a full week off at Thanksgiving, especially when they are just coming off of Veteran's Day, Conference early out/no school on Wednesday etc.

We have enough vacation time already during the school year and adding more days around Thanksgiving will not benefit our students. They have too much time off in November and December as it is and we have difficulty keeping their focus.

Besides giving less time to not only payroll and human resources in prepping for the first big payroll of the school year it also will add more work to payroll by adding two more vacation days classified employees would have to take at Thanksgiving break and Payroll will have to account for. Plus it will add two more additional days classified will be off and may not have enough vacation to cover the time off with.

There are generally many students that take the week off for thanksgiving break. It would be helpful to have that week off.

I do not see a clear reason for this proposed change in the calendar. What is the motivation behind the proposed change (other than having more time to prepare for AP testing which only impacts certain students)? Why change something that does not need changing? I find this to be a waste of everyone's time.

SAUSD, the largest school district in the county, just approved calendars for 2014, 2015, and 2016 school year. Each were approved with a start date after Labor Day. This is the first non-August start date for students of SAUSD in years. The other county schools are similar. Why would NMUSD want to change now? The calendar NMUSD has traditionally had has
Why would NMUSD want to change now? The calendar NMUSD has traditionally had has been fine.

1095 I like the current calendar and option 2 is fine. One week earlier in summer is not ideal but better than August 11th for other OC districts. I do not agree with having young children in hot classrooms in the heat of the summer just to match up with some older kids AP testing. We have to think about the well being of our younger children.

1097 I love the ideas! We moved from another stat where school ended right after Memorial Day and the school year began mid august so we would not mind a change at all!!

1098 The only concern I have is that many of our rooms are painfully hot to work in during the first several weeks of school.Often the students are unable to focus or are becoming ill due to the extreme heat. Will something be put into place to help remedy this problem because we'll be starting earlier? It's already a problem now, and will just worsen the earlier we start during the prime heat time. Box fans are just not cutting it in a room with 40 students and minimal air flow.

1100 One week at Thanksgiving is nice, I still want presidents week, and spring break, and two weeks at Christmas.

1112 Adding the whole week of Thanksgiving would have my child home while I am working. I don't see the benefit of Option 2 a whole week off for Thanksgiving and still unequal instruction time for AP testing.

1113 I am not in favor of starting the school year earlier. The month of June is primarily a gloomy cooler month whereas the month of September is very warm and perfect for enjoying our beaches. While it would be nice to have a full week at Thanksgiving three days plus the weekend is plenty of time for a vacation along with two weeks in December for the holidays and one week in February for skiing!

1115 My opinion is if there is going to be any change, why not just do the "year round" school so there are breaks throughout the year and parents/students are only able to make vacations with extensive travel plans during the summer. I'd love to take my kids to New England states in the fall and take advantage of cheaper cost to travel too!

1116 Spring Break should be orchestrated to always fall the week after Easter Sunday. The 2% who object can stuff it. The U.S. is a democracy and the majority vote should win.

1124 Based upon child custody arrangements my family's vote is to NOT make any changes. Any changes to the school year start/end dates and or vacation dates would require us to return back to court which will cause additional hardships for my child and our family.

1132 Having lived in the school district for four years, I still don't understand why there has to be one full week off from school in February around President's Day. Why can't there just be a long weekend and then end school earlier in June? I also get frustrated that the spring break never falls consistently with the Easter Holiday, grrrr.

1137 This will just anger people and make things more complicated

1140 I think we should cancel the No Instruction Wednesdays during Parent-Teacher Conference Week. Let us have a full week of half days those weeks.

1147 This is awful! I do not support this.

1159 I have a high school student that spends the entire break doing huge packets or projects from EVERY teacher- this interferes with a break. It is healthy to set school aside for periods of time and I bet the teachers are not spending their time working.

1161 In NMUSD the weather is cooler in June then in September. Would be nice to keep kids in school later in June while it's cooler (especially for classrooms without air conditioning) and start with the traditional after Labor Day start date.

1162 It is an awful idea to start school earlier. It will just make people mad and there is nothing good that would happen out of starting school earlier. School is really good, but everyone needs a break. Summer has been the same length forever and shortening it would be a REALLY bad idea!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanksgiving is fine as is. It makes more sense to end school in June and start it in September

1165 August is a hot weather month, many children do not have air conditioning in their classes.

1166 We attend a school that has a whole week off for Thanksgiving...it is not necessary. If needed, shorten ski week. If this survey is being driven by unions, then we absolutely will
not support it. The union puts its selfish needs above those of instructional excellence, family values, and what is best for students. How quickly can we disengage from the unions and treat our teachers as the professionals most of them are? Thanks for listening. We are very grateful for Dr. Navarros leadership

286 1169 Shorten Presidents week and add to Thanksgiving break.
287 1172 Why are we looking at this now? Are we getting pressure because others districts get out early?
288 1174 No need to get out earlier in June - weather is lousy during June. Starting before Labor Day interferes with Labor Day trips. Weather is better in August/Sept and would rather enjoy THAT then June weather. Already envious of private school kids who start well into September. Please don't change a thing.
289 1178 My concerns are that kids won't get enough summer. They do not want to go back to school in the hottest time of year. I recommend looking at Private Schools who have successful schedules. Kids go back well after labor Day, get out early to mid-June and have a week off for Thanksgiving. It is the multitude of unnecessary minimal days that burdens our children and families.
290 1181 End of august best weather and vacation time, presidents week makes no sense. Drop that and end school earlier.
291 1183 Why don't they consider removing the February break and using those days to add onto Thanksgiving and the December break? Most school districts have three weeks in December allowing time for families time to travel. I feel the February break causes a hardship for many parents who have to find child care in the middle of the semester when every one is in school. We just get back into school and then have another disruption in instruction.
292 1184 Wednesday "short days" are creating a longer school year. I'd like to have a "normal" school week to shorten the year.
293 1193 I would like to start school later rather than earlier. We have our hottest weather in September and October. If we started later in September we would get to enjoy the nice weather. Going to school for the whole month of June wouldn't matter because we usually have June gloom and can't enjoy the beach and other summer activities as much. I really wish starting later was one of the options. Having a longer Thanksgiving break would be nice for travel reasons.
294 1194 I have a couple of issues with our Spring Break 1) Not being connected to Easter Sunday, we were unable to go out of town and be with our family due to Spring Break being April 7th - 8th and Easter being April 20th this year, it has also been an issue in the past, 2) during Spring Sports we had to play games during our Spring Break because the other schools we played were not on Spring Break and then had no games the following week because their schools were on Spring Break.
295 1196 quit disrupting educational consistency by having week off at thanksgiving
296 1203 We have an annual family reunion trip that runs the last week of August ending Saturday of Labor Day weekend. If any calendar change is made our children won't be in school the days before Labor Day any year.
297 1204 One of our children will be attending a charter school next year and his school starts the middle of August and ends by Memorial Day. This is also the case with our niece's school in Glendale. We travel out of state during the summer. If we go back during August, the children of our family and friends are getting ready to go back to school, so they don't have as much time to spend with our children. Personally, we would love to have the school year moved to start in August.
298 1206 Most schools end in late May or early June. It would be very helpful to start earlier and end earlier so that the AP curriculum is covered earlier in the year and CDM have a greater educational advantage on standardized tests in May and the first week of June SAT. All curriculum taught after June 7 is never tested by standardizd tests.
299 1207 Please make the change. Starting early would help students in AP classes as we are at a disadvantage because the AP Test dates are fixed nationally and CDM starts school weeks behind other states. Also, not much happens in the AP classes after the test because technically the instruction is over.
I would change support to strongly but only for option 2

Think its a good idea. It's really hard on kids taking AP tests to start so late. Also, HS sports tend to have them back in August anyway. Might as well start early and end early.

Option 4 makes most sense. I think some students ditch school the 3 days before Thanksgiving and/or the teachers don’t do much knowing that some students ditch school then so it would make sense to have the entire week off. I also like the idea of starting the school year sooner as my children take AP classes and it would give them more instruction time prior to taking their AP exams.

I believe that the kids already have a lot of time off. I would like to see them start a little earlier and keep them in school.

NO concerns. love the idea of increasing the Thanksgiving holiday.

summer already feels too short. please don't change it.

With most schools moving to a non-traditional schedule, it is nice to have vacation times that are not so busy with people.

It makes no sense to start school before Labor Day and then take off a long weekend for Labor Day. Keep the start date as is: the day after Labor Day!

Thanksgiving break is so close to the Holiday break in December seems like it is silly to extend it. Teachers and students who want to take the two days off of Thanksgiving week can do so if they want to get the full week off. Getting out earlier in June is appealing but I am not for starting before Labor Day.

I'd actually prefer to start later in Sept. and go later in June (when the weather is cooler).

I do not want extra days off for longer thanksgiving breaks

I feel we are lucky enough to have an entire week for President's week and on top of that, a Spring Break following. Thanksgiving is an American holiday and is not designed to be a week long food fest. California weather is optimal July and August and in to September. Many activities are planned and enjoyed during the August month.

Honestly, we already start too early. We need to expend when the weather isn't great and stay out when it is so hot in September. There are so many days we already take that could be eliminated and still be able to have Thanksgiving week off.

The proposed week earlier school year would tie in better with other school systems in other states and allow more time for travel/visitation with family and friends.

Thank you for this opportunity to give input. I know this is a big decision but it appears the process is good. Good luck!

The spring recess not landing near Easter causes many student absences.

The current Option 1 coincides with the days that I get off of work for holidays. I will have to find day care for those extra days off. The cost is prohibitive.

Is it a consideration to return to traditional Feb. holidays in stead of an entire week?

Option 2 and 4 concern me about the fact that students begin school on a Thursday. Their first days of school don't add up to even half of a week. Thus, it might distort the students who are currently climbing in their grades, elementary graders especially. Although if the students can overcome this, the week long Thanksgiving Break would be very beneficial for students so that they don't need to go through 2 school days before their 5-day break. Other than that, every other option is in order.

The weather is the nicest in August and September. In June, there is June gloom. Not a lot of reason to get out earlier in June. Most people vacation in August/September.

Why not get rid of late start and get out two weeks earlier?

For one of the breaks the students get 4 days off but not one day which I presonal don't understand that and the times for school are a bit too early for me but overall its pretty good. Thanks

We should have fewer days off during the school year and these should be added to summer recess. As little or no learning occurs the last two weeks of school, I strongly feel it
is unnecessary to extend the school year.

Starting school 2 days before labor day does not seem efficient. These days it is extremely hard to afford a family vacation. I have found with school start after Labor day helps, many mainstream vacation destinations, flights, and hotel are cheaper that last week of August. Having extra days at Thanksgiving is a waste because that is a main travel holiday, we can't afford to travel then. Calendar as is will help my kid stay in school more. Families are too spread out these days & $ scarce.

June is gloomy, summer should be sunny and hot. The warmest days are August and September, why would I want kids to begin summer camps earlier in the gloom. Labor Day is the last bit of summer time with family. Having the kids go to school for two days then have a three day weekend is a waste. What learning will be done? Why don't you have less modified days to make up for time in school. In the Elementary Schools why have Wed. off during conference week? Why have so many modified days

It's TOO hot as it is in September. The classrooms without air conditioning are already stifling hot!! No, no, no!!

I do not have any concerns. I hope that the calendar is changed to match other districts in Orange County.

See my comments above. I would like to see year round school in NMUSD. The summer vacation period is too long. It is a deficit to students learning. NMUSD needs to update itself and not live in the past. Students need longer hours and more student learning days; Not less.

We live in a community that depends on tourism. This proposed change would negatively impact local economics. Some states have gone so far as to legislate schools to require the start date after Labor Day to protect this much needed revenue. Secondly, it is much warmer in August than in June making classrooms less comfortable and unnecessarily increasing power bills.

My concern is with the length of summer. During the summer, I try to keep my kids thinking about school work but it is almost impossible. They end up forgetting much of what they learned the year before and to ramp them back up every year is a waste of school time. I would love to see a movement to longer "short breaks" and a much shorter summer. This will help with students retaining info and reduce teacher burnout.

Why not forgo Ski Week in Feb.? It's purpose only serves a few and it would be much better to have the traditional time off in honor of Washington's and Lincoln's birthday.

The trimester dates for report cards need to be adjusted to evenly distribute the calendar days.

School already ends way too fast!

many parents have children in college with move in dates at the end of august. this might make it difficult for them. and many summer/high school sports programs use august as their off period/rest for kids. those last two weeks of august are often vacation time for high school families. and it is so hot!

none - I like it

I have too many students taking 5 days for Thanksgiving. New lessons and standards cannot be introduced.

Any change to the calendar is long over due, in my opinion!! Has there been any talk of changing the totally unnecessary winter break to a friday/monday off (giving us a four day weekend) as an option?

Considering the weather and the lack of air conditioning in our schools, I prefer our children start back later in September.

I'm OK with current schedule but, if school ended earlier, I could take the classes I like in Idyllwild. Can we please schedule spring break to occur after the Christian religious holiday most celebrated by students and teachers in our district?

I would rather have no ski week and get out of school earlier for the summer break

September weather in Newport is 100 times better than June weather. Zero reason to change, it's been that way since I was a kid.
I do not support a change in the calendar. Already with spring break and ski week so close together we interfere in the curriculum. ...sept is more like summer weather than June do no need to get out earlier and start earlier......useless shift!

don't think the students should go back early. if it were up to me, I would have them out later in June, just before the 4th of July and have them start after Labor Day

Too many holidays off is hard on working parents already with little daycare options.

I don't think it is necessary to have a longer break for Thanksgiving.

I think extending the Thanksgiving holiday makes sense. Often we take the kids out 1-2 days for travel time. This would prevent absent kids from school. But I don't like the fact that it would shorten the summer recess.

We both work. Taking the entire week off at thanksgiving would be a hardship

Just remember when December 23 falls on a Friday, that day has to be the last school day before winter break, not Friday, December 16. That will avoid the Monday, January 2, fiasco.

Many families can only vacation in late August. Also, my kids are in the Junior Guard program and it goes all summer until middle of August.

If the main goal is to add vacation days to Thanksgiving break then is there a way to eliminate a day or 2 that is a day off already, for example; is it mandated that you have to take a veteran's day? Instead of a day off how about a program with students that would honor veteran's that might do more to promote a sense of patriotism and appreciation for our veterans. Most people who have family members in other states that start school earlier in August yearn for that traditionof starting after

It already seems like there are a lot of breaks around the end of the calendar year. No need to add more. Starting earlier in teh summer makes no sense since you are really just shifting things for what purpose? Leave it alone or switch to a year round schedule.

I would like to eliminate ski week in February and get out earlier in June.

The best thing about option 2 is starting school on a Thursday. This gives teachers & students a couple days to "get to know" each other, explain policies and procedures, and settle in before starting a full week instruction! If the other options are voted for, can you please consider starting midweek and ending midweek? It would make the beginning of the year more productive and the end of the year could have less "fillers" for the last week.

It would be nice to extend the Thanksgiving break because many people travel and miss that week anyway. I do not support making the summer longer (ending earlier in June)!!

I do not support any other options other than keeping status quo. There should be the option not to rank the other options.

I have a question. What is the purpose of changing the schedule in the first place???

As a parent of 3 children in 3 schools within the NMUSD for the past 11 years, I have built a schedule that works. It is unnecessary & disruptive to make changes to a schedule that works. As the parent of a young child, I cannot imagine the disruption of starting school, then taking a vacation, only to go back to school again. Most young children have trouble adjusting to school following summer vacation. This new proposal (especially the one that involves Labor Day) is ridiculous.

If school started on the thursday before Labor Day, the 2 days could be used as an introduction to school. This also gives students time to get supplies over the weekend so that the students are completely ready for the start of school. I propose that all teachers do not assign full classwork for the subjects until the first monday, so that the two days are fully used.

Earlier start of school year gives more time to prepare for AP exams and state testing and reduces dead time after exams in May/June. Many summer programs begin before our students are out of school. Many colleges begin in mid- to late-August, giving our graduates a very short summer between high school and college. We need a school year that begins and ends sooner, with the same number of instructional days. I would vote to start and end two weeks sooner if I could.

I know this is not on the agenda but I would like our spring break to be on Easter week or the week after. Always has been a concern for me. It makes it really difficult for child care as a working Mom.
Please take away the ski week vacation. It is right after Christmas holiday. Three days is good. Thank you.

As previously stated, my biggest concern is about the block schedule. Many other schools have returned to a tradition schedule and I believe that shorter daily classes, but more class meetings per week is in the best interest of the students.

I see no need for these changes and am concerned they are being proposed primarily for the district to add test preparation time. I see this as benefiting the district - NOT my students.

I see absolutely no strong reason to change, and as I said above, the weather is not conducive and I see no academic benefit.

I really like shortening the amount of days in June because we have mostly covered everything and its just review time. The students are mostly unmotivated and there is really nothing to work towards... June days are not very useful.

Year round would be better

The breaks we have work well with our family travel plans.

Why are you trying to add breaks during the school year? It is a hardship for working parents. I know it is not a hardship for teachers and staff, but it is for all the parents. As a parent you make plans for babysitters etc. for the summer and it is much easy to keep it going than dealing with all these extended random vacations. It is just too much! What happened to the old traditional school schedule. Start a week after Labor day and get out mid June, it was the best! 3 months off

I honestly think if a change is made, many may not show up until after Labor Day. Not too many PUBLIC schools begin prior to Labor Day that are not year round schools. Thank you for the opportunity to take a survey.

I don't think kids need off a week at Thanksgiving. They already miss several days in November and then they are off for Christmas. Also I think summer is tradition and it ends at Labor Day and then school starts after that.

I'd like to see an earlier start if it means we can give the SBAC testing closer to the end of school. It's going to be really hard to cover everything before testing.

Again I am irked that I am required to rank all the options. Why? The fact is I equally dislike 2,3,4. Now that I have to rank them, the info you gathered is inaccurate! PLEASE CHANGE THE WAY YOU DO SURVEYS, REQUIRING US TO RANK THEM ALL.

Have no concerns. I think option 4 is a fantastic idea!!

I think the change is long over due.

As the schedule already stands, it makes it difficult for full time working parents to take time off. Changing it will Only Make it even more difficult, especially for time off requests during the holidays. If it's not broke, no need to fix or change. Please keep as is.

The priority should be quality of instruction before quantity of time off. Having an extra week to prepare for AP tests would take pressure off teachers and students. How has change worked out in other districts? If change improves education delivery, do it. If it only enables more days off, pass.

I would rather end school earlier than continue to have a full week off for President's Week.

Newport Beach is beautiful in August/Sept.

President's week has to go. Don't even try to get a full week at Thanksgiving too! None of your options are any good. I don't appreciate being forced to rank them. People have to work and it makes it very hard. Not everyone lives in Newport.

why can we not have "spring" break around the Easter holidays, that week is filled with church based activities and we can't participate as a family at all due to school

Please no year round school.

No more days off! And get rid of President's week, that is the only change that should be made. No President's week and get out 1 week earlier for summer.
Interferes with working class parents who take the long Labor Day weekend with vacation the days the week before. Only a select few AP families would gain some perceived benefit and we would all suffer and lose the wonderful days of August and the end of summer traditions. School is already such a dominating force in our family life. So many family reunions and traditions will be blocked out completely. Please leave things the way they are.

I need to hear other’s perspective on a change as it makes no sense to me at all. Few countries start school in August. Are we trying to cater to the Mexican population where school starts typically start on the second to last Monday in August? If so, can we consider other countries where school starts in September, for example Canada, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Israel, Belgium, England and Greece)? I just think it is best to consider the change from a global perspective.

No concerns.

I see that having an extended Thanksgiving break would appeal to those whose holiday plans include travel, but personally, I think 3 days off is plenty, especially given that winter break is just around the corner. I suspect more vacation days during the year would likely pose a problem to working families who would have to find alternate childcare.

We (our family) prefers the current/traditional schedule. Once your in school it's not a big deal to stay a few more weeks. It's actually kind of nice because it can be a sad thing to leave your friends. Especially those who are graduating and moving on. But trying to come back early from summer is never fun! Also the fact that most families like to enjoy their last "hurrah" on labor day weekend before school starts. It's a mental "get ready" for school mind set. It works, why fix/change it?

Please consider the working parents and, especially those teachers who are working parents of children in other school districts with different schedules.

I feel that there are more non-instructional and break or holiday days during the school year than are truly necessary and that it is these days that have pushed the end of the year date out into late June. Specifically, the Presidents break adds a full week that was not part of a traditional school year. I say give the kids more contiguous summer break time for exploration. That said, I also understand what a handful these beasties are so I cannot fault anyone wanting to take these breaks.

We don't need a week off for Thanksgiving. SkiWeek...is too much time off as well. I would vote to bring back the 2 Monday's off to observe Lincoln and Washington Birthdays.

DEFINITE NO on ext. Thanksgiving. I work and already have a hard time managing the 30+ days off they have now. This wastes my vacation time on MORE random non-school days. I feel this option disrespects my schedule as a working parent. NO on early start for early end. This wouldn't be very productive. Weather is WARM (hotter in Aug than in June) and school is not air conditioned. Kids are UNCOMFORTABLE and can't concentrate. I prefer to have a longer summer & value the family time.

I don't want summer to be short

August is the best month in Newport. The tourist are mostly gone half way thru August and the fog has finally lifted! We don't need extra time off in June.

Why are we not looking to move the calendar to start earlier so we can end the first semester at Christmas/holiday break instead of having the break coming back for two or three weeks and then having finals? That is not educationally sound scheduling. We should be lining up with other schedules around us. College schedules end in May, other local area schools have already moved in this directions. It makes much more sense to have one semester before holiday break, not split.

It would be best to begin the school year 5 days earlier and end 5 days earlier in order to match up to what other school districts are doing with their calendars. I don't think it would be a good idea to extend Thanksgiving break and add vacation days.

I am in favor of the students ending the school year earlier in June, but not at the expense of starting in August. It would be more beneficial to extend the hours of the school day or cut the President "week" back to an extended weekend.

If school starts 2 or 5 days before Labor Day many families will take a day or two to expand the vacation. This would also put the district out of sync with other schools in area and cause hardship for families in multiple schools.
401 1679  none
402 1684  Just dislike early out in Wednesdays!
403 1689  I think with early elementary students a week break at Thanksgiving, 2 weeks at Winter Break and then a week each for Presidents and Spring is too much. They do better with more consistency. I would prefer to look at options around the Presidents recess if we were to add the longer Thanksgiving break.
404 1692  If any changes are made it should be later. For example, start the school year the week after labor day and end the last week of June. Get rid of Ski Week and go to a three day weekend for those holidays.
405 1694  This is a great proposal. It allows family to travel during Thanksgiving without missing school days!
406 1696  I would like to see NMUSD’s calendar to be more in line with other High Schools in the nation. I believe that the extended summer break was shaped by the ever influential NB Junior Guards program in order to give parents time for a summer vacation and to have their children enrolled for weeks on end at the beach. NB Junior Guards can be shortened! (1200 kids vs thousands of students). The NMUSD HS Students need to be have equal footing with other HS Students on College Prep work, etc.
407 1697  August and September are the hottest months of the year. Many classrooms do not have air conditioning.
408 1698  Here in Southern California our best summer months are August and September. June is not a great month to be off of school, as there are often gloomy days with lots of marine layer. My ideal calendar option as a parent, and an elementary teacher in NMUSD is to start 7 days LATER in September, and go 7 days LATER on June. That would give us more of September as it is the hottest summer month. Better for the kids to not be so hot in school. The September and August heat can be draining.
409 1699  Too many unpaid school breaks.
410 1700  What is benefit of another week holiday? There are two weeks for Christmas, then week off in Feb followed by another week off in April. The kids don’t need another week off school.
411 1708  If we were to support anything, it would be to end school 2 days later and extend Thanksgiving Break to a full week, otherwise, leave it as it is. Labor Day is a good weekend to prepare to go back to school.
412 1711  If we were to support anything, it would be to end school 2 days later and extend Thanksgiving Break to a full week, otherwise, leave it as it is. Labor Day is a good weekend to prepare to go back to school.
413 1712  I like that we start a little later and get out a little later. That last week couple of weeks before school starts are the best for enjoying our local tourist and visitor spots.
414 1719  My hope is that any decision that is made will be in the best interest of children. My concern is that this decision will be made based on the interest of teachers and staff.
415 1722  I would support a 5 day advance start as long as we stick with last week of August I do not support extra Thanksgiving time. It is a burden I would support one week earlier release in June
416 1723  many rooms on my campus are not air conditioned - last year I had 30 sweaty, smelly 4 and 5 year old kindergarteners in a room that got over 95 degrees, with fans - it was unbearable - we had to leave and sit outside under a tree, or go to the MPR every day for a couple of weeks - no real learning could go on in that miserable heat
417 1737  Ending school year earlier would prepare me for my ap tests and sat tests earlier which are in may and the first week of June
418 1749  We do NOT want the school year to start earlier!!! My children have gone to a school that started before Labor Day and we did NOT like it. It was too hot. The kids felt slighted because everyone else had more summer. I wouldn’t mind school starting later than it does now. Like when I went to school. I think there are too many days off already. Get rid of president’s week.
419 1754  My grandparents, parents, myself, and my children have all been raised in the NMUSD system with the same calendar. Please keep the same as always.
420 1755  Most parents are working parents, so if the school district has child care options (as some...
Most parents are working parents, so if the school district has child care options (as some districts do on conference days and other non-school days) it would make those non-school days easier to accommodate. Most child care options are on a scheduled/permanent arrangement...not easily scheduled around Thanksgiving week or other short term holidays. It would be really excellent to have more choices for this that are synchronized with the school calendar.

I'm surprised we don't have an option to add 30 minutes to the school day or change the early-out Wednesdays option. I would actually prefer a year-round school option. I've done some research and year-round schooling results in support better learning and knowledge retention -- especially for the underserved population that can't afford summer tutors. Please consider it as a viable option. The teachers would grow to like it too...a regular break would be refreshing! win-win

It would be nice to consider a calendar that goes all the way to the end of June, or even into July, and starts later, giving those classrooms without air conditioning fewer hot days.

We don't need a full week off in November. You'd have a week off in November, two weeks off in December, another week off in February, and another in April. It chops up student learning time. Also, it is much cooler in June than August. With no air conditioning, it is stifling in the classroom which inhibits student learning.

I have never been for the "snow week" full one week mandatory time period. Easter week is now moved as well. Classified employees are not supplemented for their required time off. It is unfair for classified employees.

Students are restless and bored by the end of summer. Having them start school earlier, in my opinion, is good for all. If families vacation on labor day they may continue to vacation. I believe students and families will appreciate the entire week of Thanksgiving. I would like to see school end a week earlier.

This current calendar is not "broken". We don't need to address this non-issue. What needs to be fixed is getting rid of bad teachers and hiring new ones! We need to FIX the problem of traffic flow in the CDM school pool parking lot. Respectfully, Frustrated CDM Parent

What do you mean by "too many vacation days"? Isn't the number of contract days the same, either way; just rearranged?

I think it is important we do this so the kids can get their AP exam study time as well as grades in earlier.

The way the calendar is set up now has a huge impact on the high school students and the teachers. After the AP testing occurs in May both the students AND teachers check out. I have had my students tell me that the teachers tell them they really don't have to come to school. Often times the teachers are showing movies or giving busy work that is not teaching anything. Our students are at a disadvantage with other students that start their instruction earlier.

I love the idea of starting earlier, having a full week off at Thanksgiving and getting out earlier!

I like that we can change the dates and start schools earlier, and get out earlier as well. I am concerned a bit about more vacations but around holidays it may not be too hard.

Not enough time for summer sports that practice in August. Thanksgiving does not need the whole week off when winter break is so soon. If anything, those extra vacation days need to be during a time when there is the largest amount of school days in a row without a break.

There were only 14 days that my kindergartener attended school in the month of November. I feel students are still adapting to the start of the school year in November. Having more vacation days during this month will only prolong the process. All of this will make it harder for students, teacher, and parents. Keep it the same!

Summer activities such as Junior Guards, most summer camps, etc, start the week after the last day of school, so ending school later would be a problem for those families that enroll in these programs. These programs typically end with enough time for families to take a one-week vacation before school starts again after the 3-day Memorial Day weekend. Starting school 1 week sooner would eliminate this option, and would have kids back in school during the best weather of the year! If the go
No concerns :)

Whole weeks off of instruction create an impediment to getting work done during the year (e.g., assessment timelines that do not stop during the weeks off). It is a big problem during the spring with the additional president's week recess and several of the proposed changes would add that obstacle during Thanksgiving during the Fall.

I don't have any concerns, I would like to have school start earlier than usual.

I do not have air conditioning in my classroom. The first week of school I got a heat rash. I could support any of the above changes if I had air. But under the current conditions, I will urge the union to fight them.

Seems odd to have a few days of school, only to be interrupted by a long-weekend holiday, when students haven't gotten traction with their new classes and are still adjusting.

PLEASE DO NOT START SCHOOL earlier. This doesn't make our life any easier.

No concerns.

I hope that with these changes, they also start looking at when a child is taking a final. I don't think it is good for students to be taking finals one week after a break. This happened twice this year.

I don't see a big need to extend Thanksgiving break to a full week. I'd rather start school 2-5 days earlier and end 2-5 days earlier in June. The last week of school is not that work intensive (not at all in elem. school).

I have always been in favor of a week off for Thanksgiving. It gives the opportunity to travel to family, when given the whole week off.

Too many vacation days in November. I really don't think we need the whole week off for Thanksgiving. We always have conference week that month and other vacation days and then December we have two weeks. It's all jammed together for vacations. I do like starting early and getting out a week earlier. Thanks for sharing this with us and letting us share our input.

This school year, in the month of November, our students had 14 out of 30 days off and 4 extra minimum days due to conference week. I believe November needs to have as many full school days as possible so the teacher can get the students on a regular schedule. Also, December has a lot of time off as well so extra days off in November is counter productive. As for summer the later we go back the better. Those classrooms are hot in September! Let's get out later in June & go back later.

None. I am a teacher in Orange County and we are switching our calendar also so this would align with my school calendar.

Option 1 is nice ONLY because you allow the children to have a full week off for Thanksgiving, this is wonderful! Thankfully you didn't list they have to go to school for a whole week ahead of the traditional schedule just to have the whole week of Thanksgiving off. School starting in September is important for my family as the weather is always nice during that time and the weather is always awful in June. I rather see the kids be off into September until they start.

I think the existing summer vacation is too long.

Too many people travel on Labor Day.

we need more break from school.

Two days earlier is not much of an issue, but please don't start any earlier. It's awful starting in Aug. when it's so hot. I'd much rather be in school in June when the weather is usually cool and overcast.

A full week off for Thanksgiving is not a positive change in my opinion. There are already too many days off/shortened days in November with the current schedule (conference week and Thanksgiving). I would also support discontinuing the President's week break in favor of a longer summer.

AP testing currently occurs too early in our current scheduled school year. It would be much nicer if we had more time to prep for AP tests. 5 days isn't much, but it is a start.

At the secondary level, our problem has always been the last month of each semester: in the Fall, there is a two week gap near the end where the actual semester break should be;
in the Spring, testing and athletics finish by the end of May, leaving June to feel like so much running-out-the-clock.

457 1916 We would love to have the week off of thanksgiving. We usually take the week off anyway with the kids to visit family during the whole week. Husband teaches in a district that gets the whole week off so we take the kids out of school that week so we can have a family week with their cousins in Albuquerque.

458 1918 See above.

459 1919 Going back to the old schedule where we did not have February break was not listed as an option. This should be considered. It would allow school to be dismissed earlier in June and would be beneficial for the division of semesters. As it currently stands, the semester end and the February Break pose a multitude of issues at the secondary level and generate child care issues for families with small children.

460 1930 I love the idea of giving a whole week at Thanksgiving, yet think the days should be added on to the end of the year. The reason which most affects my opinion is the lack of air conditioning in my classroom. The month of August, September, and October are the hottest for our area, and it is nearly impossible to teach. The kids are so miserable that the pacing of curriculum must be slowed down and water breaks are frequent. Give me air conditioning and I support any schedule change. Thanks!

461 1934 I would like spring break to be next to Easter so that our family can get together for the holiday. I think you could get rid of ski week and get out if school earlier. That would be my best option!

462 1939 Most schools are not going to want to start at the end August and and finish at the end of June when most schools that start at around the same time the 24th through the 27th end at school and may the end of May. And by giving students a later break and a little more time off of school they're going to leave for vacation even earlier missing even more days of school the administration cannot say that ending school later and starting school earlier adds more time for education because it will not.

463 1940 We never knew there was a problem with the schedule.

464 1948 School starts in September! Thanksgiving is already a 5 day holiday with Christmas vacation only a few weeks from it. Summer is Vacation! No reason to start school two days early, have three days off, then start again. I imagine many, many missed students at this time.

465 1951 Having once taught in a year round school, I prefer a shorter summer with more significant breaks during the year. Less opportunity for burnout, less chance of forgetting skills/habits over a long break.

466 1957 Block schedule would be great. I don't know why we ever switched to traditional.

467 1960 June gloom! If I had it my way summer vacation would start July 4th and kids would go back to school October 1st. That's not possible, but nevertheless June weather is generally dismal and September often better than July or August. The ideal proposal would be extending the Thanksgiving break and making up for it by adding days in June, not September.

468 1966 I know it's hard to please everyone but I wish there were more calendar choices. For example, start 2 days earlier, leave Thanksgiving as is, out 2 days earlier in June. Or start 5 days earlier, a week in Thanksgiving and 3 days earlier in June. Thank you for asking for input!

469 1971 I would personally hate if the school schedule got changed.

470 1974 Adding days to Thanksgiving are not critical. Sure it's nice to have but we already have the holiday break that comes quickly after and we do already get a 4 day weekend which really should be sufficient for Thanksgiving. Our best weather is in August, not June. Other schools start earlier and the best gem to travel, with less crowds, less cost, is the end of August. I would also think starting earlier in August will just add to the district costs for air conditioning vs June.

471 1977 As a student and 12 year old kid, I can tell you that most students do not like change and prefer to keep things the way they are (and because we start later than the other schools is gives us bragging rights to our friends from other schools.) Also personally I think it smart to start the time we do because it is the same schedule that our family from Florida has so we get to see them which is nice.
We should give up the February Break! No other district has it. Why wasn't that an option.

We are so happy that our last child through NMUSD will be the year that you might change the traditional schedule, because we don't like it at all! We have family members in LAUSD and they have switched to this new schedule, however, the kids and parents don't like it. You did not present why you would be changing the schedule, which is very important to understand if- is it to get more school in before State testing to improve your score? THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE REASON! Improve the teachers instead!

Too hot in August to be in classrooms without air conditioner

community revolves around outdoor activities/beach fiscal$ more beneficial having our vacation breaks differ from other districts gives us a break from crowds and we can enjoy our beaches, amusement parks, tourist attractions when everyone is back at school—start week after Labor Day

i want more time off in general

Fullerton SD has adopted a calendar which matches that of the college system—first sem. ends at Winter Break, the year ends mid-May, and school commences early Aug. I teach in Anaheim UHSD and we, too, will adopt this calendar in the 2015-2016 school year. I'm not pleased that this will severely disrupt my time off with my sons and force me to incur childcare expenses, however, if NMUSD has considered moving in this direction, it would be good to find out now so I could feel better about it.

I believe that if you count minutes... NMUSD has more than what is needed in this state or country. Look at Birmingham Public schools in Birmingham, Michigan. They start day after Labor day (state law) and get out around June 5th. They are ranked top in the state. They do NOT have early outs or "late starts" just a normal schedule. They do not have mandatory PE in High school since kids are active in this area...like us! Why do we need so many days? They have a Feb week break too!

Due to the fact I am employed by a nearby school district, I already have difficulty coordinating my schedule with my child's. Any of the proposed changes will cause additional stress in our lives., if these changes coincided with other local school districts and they were all in sync or within a few days of being in sync, then I may support them.

I feel my main concern would be AP testing. I would be in favor of starting as early as possible (even though this decision doesn't affect me) so that our students could be more ready for AP testing

It should be about the students, not the teachers. There is no reason to align with California Department of Education just because, there are advantages to having a different schedule. Option 2 is tolerable if the issue is that parents are taking the students out of school during Thanksgiving but Options 3 and 4 are too divergent of a change.

Please consider eliminating "Ski week" and end school 5 instructional days earlier!!! That is the best option!!!!

If School was to start late like this year, then I would say change. But Sept 2 is fine....

Non-traditional schedules cramp time for summer programs, and may reduce the ability to use summer school grades for fall class placement decisions.

Ap testing is the main reason I support a change

It's hard for the children to get into a routine with so many breaks on top of each other.

I was hoping the district would consider not starting school the day after Labor Day but rather two days after on Wed.

Any change from the current calendar increase the burden on classified employees that work less than full time. They will have to use their vacation time for the two additional days at Thanksgiving. All employees should be allowed every opportunity to work and not have to take vacation day. Also, the summer/beach traffic on Harbor Blvd and Newport Blvd will still be a factor, and transportation of students and supplies should be considered when they are delayed or stopped in traffic.

The current calendar works for Newport Mesa. I think starting the school year earlier would be a challenging change that probably wouldn't have that many more benefits to the academic learning of students.
I work in transportation and am curious to know how the proposed changes could affect our scheduling, particularly for summer school.

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Please leave as "STATUS QUO"

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It absolutely interferes with summer club sports. Get rid of "ski" week if you're looking for more instructional days.

Everyone I know is happy with the NMUSD schedule, including our February ski week. Please don't make changes! This schedule works in Newport!!!!

I don't believe that starting school for two days and then have a long holiday weekend makes sense (Option#2). Options #3 and #4 are reasonable, however I am not sure if there will be Camps offered for working parents during the Thanksgiving week (Options #2 and #4).

Me gustaria seguir teniendo el mismo calendario.

Dis not as dank as previously thought

yo man I don think there be a single omplaint that I can lodge against the new system proposed.

NEVER start school earlier!!!!!

Who is behind this and why?

Would really like to start earlier for AP courses. Also it would be better from an education standpoint to start early, not extend Thanksgiving, but complete first semester final exams prior to Winter Recess. This would be by number one choice if it was offered.

Would propose lengthening the instruction day (particularly on Wednesdays) to increase instruction time during the traditional school year. If the goal is to incorporate an entire week for the Thanksgiving break, or having school end a few days earlier in June, that might help to make up for lost instruction time during those two periods.

It would be nice to get out a few days earlier in June and still begin after Labor Day. Thanksgiving recess does not need to be extended. As a classified employee, I already do not have enough vacation hours to cover all the days off without pay. Would prefer that Presidents Week is changed to 2 or 3 days off.

If thanksgiving break was extended it would create the thought of children getting harmed in the days off and the plans that change for families.

Every option has pros and cons. My main concern is the the heat during August doesn't provide a great learning environment. I think any change would be managed just as well once in place.

Any time our district calendar does not match the calendar of my son's district (also in Orange County), I end up having to pay for daycare. The proposed calendar change would change our start and end dates too much from other districts and cost me more money. Our spring break is already different every year. Most other districts in Orange County already start the school year later than we do, so moving the start date earlier would create an even bigger time period for my son to be in daycare.

none

I support the idea of beginning school earlier, ending earlier and adding days to Thanksgiving break. I think this would be a welcome change.

see other above

I think changing the calendar to start school earlier is a great idea. As was mentioned in the briefing materials, other schools in Orange county start and end earlier, it makes sense to have NMUSD do the same. It doesn't make a difference one way or another whether Thanksgiving break is longer.

Seems fine.

Why get out earlier? The weather in June is terrible.
August is HOT and our schools do not have air conditioning. I would not like to be back in school or have my kids back in school earlier in August. Shortening summer interferes with our usual vacation plans and summer lessons/activities.

I always liked the fact that NMUSD was one of the latest to get out of school, but one of the last to start. The summer is usually the nicest at this time of year, and it seems like there are a few days to enjoy without the HUGE summer crowds everywhere (because so many schools already started). I don't want to do what everybody else does, I personally liked the fact that our district gives the family and the students a few days to wind down and to enjoy before the school year starts up again.

We have too many vacation days as it is. What about a year round calendar?

Please end 1st semester before winter break! Also school should change schedual to fit better with AP schedual because AP classes do nothing after AP tests wich is three weeks of pointlessness. School should end in May and start wherever to make that possible.

It's easy to find camps during summer for working parents. It is not easy to find child care for Thanksgiving week. The end of August is very hot, and I do not think students should have to be stuck in a classroom that is not air-conditioned. June is typically fine weather, and it's fine to be in class.

If anything, in Southern Cal., the school year should start later and end later. Why have school in session during the hottest time of the year? Families will take off because many plan trips during that time. Also, days in rooms with no AC are brutal during hot days, as has been evidenced during the heat wave we are having during the last week of April. Not much learning going on because the kids are just too hot and have a hard time staying focused.

I think a better solution if people want the whole week of at Thanksgiving is to only have early out 1 day a month or 2x a month, not every weds and 1 friday a month. These 5 half days are unnecessary and cause major inconvenience for out working parents,

The only option is Status Quo. Do not follow in the footsteps of other school systems. This is a detriment to the children, parents and the state's tourism industry. Michigan tried this years ago and the economy was hurt badly.

Please take notice of the temperatures. If you were asked to work in conditions well over 85 degrees for over 4 months of your work year, I'm sure you would not consider this acceptable.

YES! Start earlier in summer and end earlier in summer to be more inline with other schools in the US.

This is a very poorly conducted survey. Why don't you list the "benefits" in option 1? Changing the schedule for AP students is ridiculous (1% of the student pop.). Good luck filling up those seats in August- but then again the district is too concerned with attendance. Quit trying to be on track with the east coast - we are not the east coast - if you want to be like them turn in your California card and move!

If Thanksgiving break is extended - we as classified employees working 12 months don't get additional days off. This would be a hardship.

my concerns would be for classified employees...did anyone think about the impact this would be even on full time classified employees...we are all trying to work to pay our bills and NMUSD is behind in the COLA for years 12% at least...this new idea is great but only for a few and that would be students, families and maybe certificated. NOT CLASSIFIED...AND DID ANYONE DO A STUDY ON HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST THE DISTRICT TO HAVE US HERE DURING THE PART OF SUMMER THAT IS HOTTER...MORE AIR, WATER, ETC.

We would probably opt to not go to school until after labor day. The first few days of school are not as valuable as day farther into the school year. Why not cut the last two weeks of June all together. My children just go on field trips and watch videos and play board games after state testing is finished. Thanksgiving is long enough. They get two more week off Christmas break, 4 weeks later.

As of right now, I think that there are too many days off from instruction from the school system. In elementary school, there should be less half days and instructional days that the teachers take off. It's extremely disruptive to the students' schedule & learning process. I'd like for the administration to look at possible year round calendar if you are going to talk
It is nice that we have an extra day before Thanksgiving as a day off. The extra day gives us time to travel if necessary. I do not think an entire week off is needed.

I only wanted to rank Option 1 as #1. I provided rankings for the other three options only because the system forced me to do so. As a working parent, having Thanksgiving as another full week off is just more time I need to make other arrangements for my children.

When the changes are made, it will cause the students to have one less week of summer for that school year.

Starting school after labor day is the best option. Moving it up doesn't make sense. The breaks all work really well right now because we never have to go to long without them. Lengthening Thanksgiving break would be a bad idea. We already have a lot of time off during that time. Summer break is more enjoyable than an extended Thanksgiving break.

It would be nice to get out earlier because many other schools in the area do. Also, many schools start earlier so it wouldn't make sense to not follow the same schedule as schools nearby. It makes things easier for many siblings who have younger/older siblings that go to different schools.

In a home with 2 parents that work- having our child's academic schedule align with educational camps etc is important for our family logistics. Attendance is already poor around national holidays- starting school before a national holiday weekend- just increases the likelihood of spottier attendance.

No change.

As a parent, I'm very happy with the school schedule as it is.

We are located in an area where beaches, water sports, and other outdoor activities are very popular in August and September. I think the earlier start dates would be wasted/inefficient teaching time - too hot, too much more fun being outside - and who is going to go home and want to do homework?

What about doing away with "ski week" or President's week and ending school even earlier in June? This break really seems to be a disruption in academic instruction, following so shortly after the winter break and so shortly before by the spring break. Thank you.

Adding days at the beginning of school year and taking days off later fits calendar around the AP testing schedule a little bit better.

Many of the students are involved with summer programs that would not be supported be these changes.

If the calendar changes then please put air conditioning in all classrooms, not, just the portables!!! Kids do not learn best when it is 85+ degrees inside their classrooms. Their attention span is shorter and they are uncomfortable. Why would you begin school in the heat of August? It is best to go until the end of June because usually the weather is lousy and more overcast then and no so hot!

Colleges/Universities are starting classes in late September / early October. Moving NMUSD schools schedule earlier than it is will make it more difficult for parents who have children in K-12 schools and children in college. Also, we (as many other parents) work in the private industry sector (not the public sector) so we do not get 1 week off during Thanksgiving - which would mean for many parents "finding a day care" for the additional days the school will be closed !!!

Primary interest to change schedule would be to align with other schools in the area. There are no great issues with leaving the schedule the same if there is resistance from the teachers.

When both parents are working prolonging vacations such as thanksgiving causes kids to stay home alone more and I do not appreciate it.

The labor day holiday is a big holiday for many families and vacation conflicts could arise. The proposed options don't seem to make too much sense. 5 instructional days doesn't seem to be enough to make a positive educational impact on our students. I feel if we as a district are thinking about changing the calendar we should look at the state testing window and change it according to that.

It would be beneficial to make Spring Break a little later in the year, so that there is less
It would be beneficial to make Spring Break a little later in the year, so that there is less time after Spring Break, without a vacation "interruption" except for Memorial Day.

Starting earlier is unbearable for a teacher at a school with no air conditioning. Classroom getting up to 90 degrees is a terrible working environment.

Let's have the kids go a week longer on June. ZERO support for starting school earlier than they already do!!! Thanks!

It is difficult to find child care when parents work full time and students receive entire weeks off during the middle of the school year. During summer I know that I have to make alternate plans.

Maybe I would be more accepting if Labor day fell late this year. But being right at the beginning of September is great. Its too hot to come back in August. Most families go on vacation at the end of August. I also don't think its the right thing to do for the kids by giving a full week off at Thanksgiving and 2 weeks off at Christmas.

Keeping middle school and high school vacation, holidays, etc the same is helpful for those parent with multiple children in different schools.

Instead of doing all this what really should be done and proposed is for less school hours.

On Option 4, what is Admissions Day for the Presidents week because no other district uses it? The 2 days, Thurs 18 and Fri 19 should be used for the 2 days before Labor Day extending the summer. This Presidents week is a burden every year due to child care, sports programs and other districts do not observe it so stick to the 3 and or 4 day weekends. School year should not go past Father's Day Sunday in June because summer programs /jobs begin, and we need a full week at Thanksgiving.

Option 3 and 4 should not be on the table. The reason for starting 5 to 7 days earlier because of the AP testing pertain to a very small group of students...

1. Summer break should be summer months during summer weather - June is not summer weather - August is. 2. As a Classified employee, adding 2 extra days to Thanksgiving week - would this be Holiday pay? Or, if Vacation pay, will we receive 2 additional paid Vacation days to cover this time? 3. Classified 11 month employees - would this mean that 11 months worked will be mid July through mid June? it would have to move from August 1st to mid July to allow for prep time for new school year.

we need to end later in june and start later in September because the weather is traditionally cooler in June than in September. I do not have air conditioning and last September was brutally hot in my room. why would you come up three alternatives none of which included a later start and later end????? none of these options are what I would suggest and based on the talk in the teacher's lounge there are plenty of people who feel the same way. tradition june gloom is cooler than September.

Option 1 has to many short holidays and options 3 & 4 disrupts family vacation plans. I think option 2 works well for everyone when it comes to vacation and holidays..

August is a very hot month and kids are just not ready to be back at school. Even if they get out earlier, it appears to shorten their vacation. No one should be running around buying school supplies in late July or early August! I think it works JUST AS IT ALREADY IS!!

I would really like to see the district get rid early out Wednesdays. Once in a while is fine but not every week. I don't think there are many schools across the US that give students an early out day every week. If we got rid of some of those then we could get out a little earlier in the summer. You should also push for a full day kindergarten. This is where other districts seem to be moving. It is silly to make parents have two different pick up times when you have multiple kids.

My family and I would love to have Option #2!!

Please explore this option in the future: Quarter 2 should end in December, instead of January. I am in favor of starting the school year earlier in August.

Too many vacations for all the options, including the current option. I like the idea of beginning earlier and ending earlier, but with about 5 fewer vacation days.

In general I would prefer a shorter summer vacation and more breaks in the school year. (year round schedule)
565 2289 no additional vacation time interrupting school!!!
566 2290 On option 2,3,4 what happens to winter recess and presidents week
567 2292 If all classrooms were air conditioned, my support could change.
568 2294 We don't need a week off at thanksgiving. Not everyone can afford to go on lavish vacations in the middle of November. Thanksgiving is 1 meal!! If people can't handle the 3 days before at work, they should look for other jobs! Also, it's too dam hot in August. Unless you plan on outfitting EVERY classroom with A/C, you are inhumane! The classrooms reach 85-86 degrees!!
569 2295 It's already too hot. You cannot learn, function, breathe, think or process in a classroom that is 85-86 degrees!!! Put A/C in the rooms 1st!!!! Then, maybe. Also, there is no need for the whole week off in November! Not EVERYONE needs to travel at that time. If they do, they can afford to take a few days off of work and travel.
570 2299 What about considering shortening the President's Week that we have off in February? Can have 2 long weekends for the President's Days and extend Thanksgiving break with the extra days in February.
571 2302 Our current calendar seems to work fine. August is hot! Classrooms are sweltering! Outside is sweltering! Parents/families/staff will still take their vacations in late August & send their children students later to school, what is the consequence? One week or several days earlier will not make any difference in the learning environment, if anything, it will just make families, staff, students angrier. Give me a break, lets discuss more serious issues here! Stop wasting our time w/ this BS!
572 2304 The existing calendar does not give enough time for the teachers to get to know the students and assess their skills during the first marking period.
573 2306 The week off in November is too close to the two week winter break. In addition, here's already a day off after Halloween for Staff Development, a day off for Veteran's Day, and a day off for Parent Conferences in November.
574 2313 If we choose to make a big change, then we should create the biggest majority impact. The ability to enjoy a full Thanksgiving holiday with family and their children who get a complete week of vacation sounds wonderful, getting a few less days on the back end of Summer, (but still have a 3 day Labor Day weekend) sounds good; having both implemented for the investment of 7 days, seems to justify a district wide change. "Go BIG, or... (you get my point).
575 2326 My primary concern is that MNUSD school year ends quite late (3rd week of June) comparing to other districts' school year. My primary consideration is that MNUSD school year should end in the 2nd week of June, similar to other school districts. If we keep adding more vacation days to other Holidays, we might as well go for year-round school.
576 2328 I've already mentioned eliminating Ski Week for a 4 day President's Day weekend.
577 2335 The option we would prefer is not proposed: End school yr earlier without shortening summer vacation days. Too many vacation days during the school year. Take ski week off the calendar and let school out earlier at the end of June.
578 2338 Thanks for the opportunity to vote.
579 2347 I think this is a terrible idea, my kids place sports and they never get to do anything during the breaks because the sports teams REQUIRE them to practice. Why have early out and late starts if you want to finish the year earlier or have longer thanksgiving.
580 2352 The kids are out of school way too much! They already have early out every Wednesday which is ridiculous. I would like to see a Wednesday before Labor Day start (even half day) and get out of school a few days earlier. I would much rather get rid of ski week!!! Give the kids two three-day weekends for the Presidents birthdays and add those onto getting out earlier in June.
581 2357 Option 4 is the best option. Lets do it!!
582 2364 I would love to see fewer half days and have the kids start later in September. The month of November is a joke. There is hardly a full week of school.
583 2365 Why is there no proposal to do away with ski week and ending the school year earlier in June?
584 2371 Too many kids already suffer hit days in the fall. Don't add anymore OR provide air
The classroom I work in has no A/C. Coming back earlier in the summer means my students and I will have to suffer through sweltering heat for longer in the school year. November and June see normally cooler weather, so I support keeping school open during those days. I'd fully support an earlier start date if the district can guarantee A/C for every room in all our schools.

No concerns, I firmly believe the additional time to prepare for the AP Exams is critical for the students. I have a child who attends OCSA (Santa Ana USD) and I believe her to have an advantage over the NMUSD students in regards to the AP Exams.

Please see my note above in 'Comments'.

So ridiculous to have the kids start school just before Labor Day weekend for a handful of days and then be off on Labor Day. You'd be interrupting the momentum and I guarantee you'd see a rise in absenteeism the first week of school.

I would be more in favor of a calendar closer to Early College High School. Allowing the 1st semester to end at Winter Break. Creating a Spring Break that would occur at the end of the 3rd quarter. End the school year at then end of May/early June. I understand the concerns raised about running schools in August conflicting with the Newport Beach/Costa Mesa summer activities, but it's time for our community to adjust towards a calendar that is academically serving our students' best interests.

We need to get out of school earlier in June for students who want/need summer jobs.

Having the week for Thanksgiving Break allows for longer trips to visit family further from my home. I believe it would reduce the number of staff taking time off around that holiday to visit with family or take vacations. This option allows for the least interference of the traditional calendar but allows for a change that most would be glad to see.

I would like to do away with the so-called 'ski week' in February and have the standard 3-4 day weekend that all other districts have for the president's birthdays. I think if you polled this idea, you would find that the vast majority of parents absolutely hate ski week (president's week). That way we could knock another 3-4 days off the end of school. I also think that a week off for Thanksgiving is a horrible idea. We already have very few school days in November.

As stated above, parents strongly agree that they would rather have children attend a full week of school and be released earlier for summer vacation.

I would suggest if you want to add days to the schedule, start later in September and work through later into June.

As a parent of high school students at CDM which will begin further emphasis on AP classes, I feel that school should start earlier in the summer to allow for students in those classes the extra classroom instruction time rather than self-study as required by some AP teachers. Also, with the AP exams in early May, many students (and teachers) have the attitude and expectation that most class time after the exams will not be very instructive which foster and encourage a very unproductive June.

The calendar is too long to begin with. Too many dead hours and days during the school year. We start before and end after many schools. The late start Wednesdays seem like a good place to start looking. Also the day off after Halloween. I'd much rather get out a day earlier in June than excuse the kids from being responsible on a school night and giving them the day off after Halloween. It seems that a good look at the schedule may yield other opportunities.

don't change it or lets not go to school

Would rather have longer summer and less vacation time.

I would like to see Thanksgiving as a full week off as HB City does this as well as the district I am employed in.

It would make it harder to schedule time off work etc for the kids during the dates off during the year.

I do think a longer Thanksgiving holiday would be beneficial for those who are traveling, but I am not fond of starting school earlier. The warm weather in California starts late and I don't want to sink the students away from the end of August. I would be more
don't want to give up the great summer weather at the end of August. I would be more inclined to end school at the end of June instead, since we usually have June gloom!

i like having the extra week in Feb. and also a longer summer. i vote to keep the calendar the same. it allows family time in less crowds to keep it as is.

Two days earlier is a good start if changes are made and Thanksgiving break out of town family sounds super.

I think the school year goes too long into June. I support any option that would allow our kids to get out of school earlier.

I am concerned about being "Forced" to use my own personal vacation time or comp time to make up the extra days during Thanksgiving. If the longer option during Thanksgiving came with more Vacation days given to Classified employee's then it would be a benefit.

Being a classified employee, the changes proposed are insulting. They are geared towards teachers. Of course I would like more days off for Thanksgiving, but only if the District provided at least 4-5 more vacation days to cover all this extra time off from work. Being forced to use my time saved.

if you are going to start early at least make it a good amount of time not just 2 days.

Notice early on regarding any calendar changes will be very helpful in allowing us to make changes to the summer program calendar. Thank you.

Would cost too much in the way of extended daycare for my children and financially burdensome. My holidays already do not line up with neighboring districts, district that my children attend, and cause scheduling difficulties. I do not see a reason for change.

Financially taxing as my children attend a neighboring district and we already don't line up for many holidays and district days. What is the benefit to changing the calendar?

Adds two days to the school calendar that many Classified don't get paid for.

We already have an additional break in February that most school districts don't have. Two days off at Thanksgiving has worked just fine for years and years and years. Why try to fix something that isn't broken? Makes no sense to me.

No good choices...start school later in September so we can enjoy our city after Labor day when it is most beautiful. College kids are off in May and its too hot still to be in a classroom in September. Our kids should be in school til end of June with break in May!

I personally think that kids need a nice long summer break to wine down and enjoy their summer and fun activities. This is the time that they can spend time with family and friends, go on vacation, or simply explore life without the pressure of school.

Please don't change it is fine how it is

let the students speak let our voices be heard!

What is the purpose for the change?

Interferes with work scheduling and proper daycare arrangements for the additional days off, including but not limited to money for said expenses.

Summer is summer. School should not start in August. It is bad enough that it is so warm during the months of September and October. Most of the schools do not have air-conditioning. Why consider making the kids sit in classrooms for another month when it is historically warm?

August is our summer, especially since it's the warmest month of the year. We always take our vacations during that time as well.

This strongly affects classified staff such as myself. Having to take a whole week off at Thanksgiving, and having to use my vacation days in order not to lose money, would cause a financial hardship for me. If I was a less than an 8 year employee, then I would be in an even worse position as not enough vacation days would be earned to cover even the one day (Wednesday) that presently is not paid. It seems grossly unfair that teachers get so many vacation days already, why not classified staff??

Since I've worked for the district over 12 years, this does not affect me but if break is extended, it adds 2 more days during the school year that classified staff may not be paid. Currently we have 14 days that we have to use vacation time or the 1 floating holiday to cover. With 16 days, a 10 month employee would have to be in their 9th year of service to be
able to cover all the days off during the breaks. I've been told that taking non-paid days off affects your pension years worked.

624 I believe Option 4 is the best choice. Earlier start of the school year will coordinate better with community colleges for students who want to take enrichment courses (I have a child starting 9th in the fall) as well as recreational activities that start earlier in June for my younger children in elementary school. This also means Fall semester finals will be BEFORE winter break so that the whole family can enjoy their winter vacation without the worries of finals after the break.

625 EXTREMELY AGAINST STARTING BEFORE LABOR DAY! It would have a huge negative impact on family vacations. AP testing is not until May, they have 8 months to prepare. If 5 days more preparation for AP is so vital then cut February break or start AP in mid May so they can self pace over the summer. August is HOT and not all classrooms have AC, while June gloom keeps the temperature down.

626 As SDC employees we tend to work during the summer and I hate the idea of not having a full month off in the summer (August).

627 No concerns. We would love to have the whole week at Thanksgiving as our family travels EVERY year at this time.

628 Cuts into older students summer job obligations.

629 I would like to see us move to a calendar where the semester break is at the winter break, and school year ends in May upon completion of the State tests.

630 It's a good idea to start earlier because it gives students more time to prepare for the AP exams. Also, a lot of other schools near nhs start earlier than we do and get out earlier.

631 Ski week is unnecessary! Starting summer earlier in June makes more sense!

632 No concerns

633 Shared above

634 I would vote to start after Labor Day, drop the extra days during ski week, add them to Thanksgiving, and end a day earlier in June. I can take days off easier during Thanksgiving week than in February to be with my children and family.

635 Definitely like a full week off at Thanksgiving!!!!

636 If the school didn't take so many half days, days off for teachers, days off for conferences, extended Presidents' Day vacation (really? Need the whole week off just a month after Xmas break). You could start after Labor Day and end in late May, early June like other schools around the state and country! So many days off all the time? Half days every Wednesday???? WHY??? Thank you!!

637 It puts a burden on working parents to find care for the entire Thanksgiving week. The President's week is hard enough.

638 Personally I would love to end earlier. I think the 3 days for Thanksgiving is good. Would it be possible to shorten Presidents Recess (ski break) to 3 days. We've just gotten 2 weeks off and then we're off again.

639 June is terrible in Newport, keep them in school!!! Labor Day is the boaters holiday!!! Let them start after labor day!!! I only agree to option 1. No to the rest, bad ranking system, I rank all others as no.

640 Labor Day is traditionally the end of summer. Starting school before Labor Day would deter families from enjoying the holiday together.

641 None

642 It's always cool in June here and HOT in August. Kids don't want to be dressing for school during the hottest month of the year!

643 I fear that starting school before Labor Day, having the day off and then returning to school may prove to be difficult for some students to adjust to the school routine. However, having a longer break over Thanksgiving would allow for more family time during the school year.

644 Why not just start school the first week in September not withstanding the holiday? This year it's September 1st, next year it's September 7th or an entire week later! Doesn't make any sense to follow a moving holiday. My children have been in schools in Michigan and Arizona. Our favorite has been Arizona with starting early in August and getting out of school before Memorial Day weekend. It's nice to have family time for a few weeks before school starts after a long break over the winter holiday.
before Memorial day weekend. It too is a moving holiday, but summer seemed longer that way, not sure why.

645 2685  It seems that most of the country and all private schools are at least one week earlier than NMUSD. I think it would be good to match that up.

646 2687  Don’t change it! It's great the way it is! It's hottest in Aug, not June. Better for kids to be on vacation in Aug & Sept versus June as most classrooms don't have A/C. My kids have been moved out of their classrooms in Sept. for past 2 years at Davis because classes were too hot. This is distracting to their learning & their not always moved. Sometimes they suffer the heat.

647 2692  I feel like our children are never in school. They are always on Vacation. Like for example; President's week or ski week. What is that? Presidents day is enough to have off already. They don’t need a whole week, plus most parents are working anyway. I just always feel like they have a "holiday" or "no school because of this" always.

648 2695  Option 4 (or even option 3) would be a godsend. We have four children in two school systems, and finally, after years, we could take spring-break and/or Thanksgiving vacations! We have never been able to take a spring break trip. And we have to wait a week for CDM to get out to begin summer vacation. We VERY much hope for change!

649 2700  Honestly, since you’re asking, it just doesn’t work in our family’s summer plans to end/start early. We have a running commitment that keeps us from being able to travel until the middle of July, and if you start the school year early that is reducing our window of possible travel time. Also, the weather around here is usually not so great in June and is much better toward the end of the summer. I realize these concerns are specific to my family, but you asked.

650 2701  if we give it a try and hate it....please don’t make it impossible to go back to the old way! If it ain’t broke don’t fix it!

651 2713  August is way too hot for kids to be indoors with no air conditioning.

652 2730  Any consideration to a 4 day school week instead?

653 2733  The week of vacation in February should be changed as well. Why did that get left out?

654 2736  As a teacher, whose children attend school in HBCSD, I struggle already with different spring breaks and slightly different vacation days. To start before Labor Day when HBCSD doesn’t start until the Wed. after Labor Day, it really would be a childcare nightmare. It also limits the amount of time I can spend with my children before returning to work. If NMUSD would allow my HB kids to attend in NMUSD, that would make my life a lot easier! I suppose that's a whole different discussion though.

655 2743  Our shared child custody arrangements were determined by court orders and changing the school schedule would require us to return to court to have new custody arrangements determined which would cause additional emotional and financial stress on our family (especially our child).

656 2744  Option 2 is damaging to time Families Spend Together @ the end of the Summer (CASE CLOSED).

657 2749  Summer is the only time my child gets to visit her father - I do NOT want to take away from that

658 2766  We do not need more time off in the fall. If we get Thanksgiving off in less than a month we get 2 weeks off. No need. I have zero desire to get out earlier. June is bad weather, I would rather start later and go later. September is a beautiful month of weather. Also the Nmusd doesn’t have air conditioning and sept is very hot, kids should be off. June is not very hot.

659 2774  Too much time off for students. Not conducive to education

660 2780  My input of leaving the schedule alone is based upon coordinating my work schedule around the school schedule.

661 2783  Option 2 sounds like the best option if it is going to change at all. Traditionally the month of July and August have been summer holidays, weather is better. By going inn the week earlier, don’t think that this would be a productive week with the Labor Day holiday still to come. The real kick off for the school year will still be the day after Labor Day and families with travel plans might just have kids miss those days of school.

662 2791  We should have the end of the 1st semester before Christmas break and start second
semester the day we get back from Christmas break

663 2796 It's too hot at end of August beginning of sept, no air conditioning, kids don't learn in heat.

664 2799 How about go all of June and have Sept off.

Most NMUSD schools are NOT air conditioned. The temperatures in August can be too hot to have kids forced to stay inside in non-airconditioned classrooms. Nothing is learned when students are too hot to think.

665 2804 I like the idea of having a full week for Thanksgiving. Starting school in August is a bit odd as the weather is at it's hottest late August and not that hot in June. I would support a two day change to allow a week long thanksgiving. More than that would be getting the students to go back to school at the hottest time of the year which should be beach time instead. A couple of days would not really interfere with labor day weekend travels but if you are a week into school it would.

666 2805 Completely against starting school earlier!

667 2815 forget it! It's too hot in August. Totally unfair to make me sit in a classroom with NO air conditioning. I hope you get sued for heat stroke and dehydration if you try starting in August.

668 2818 the schedule now is reasonable and works good, you guys must have nothing to do,why not try to do something to improve school!!!

669 2830 I don't like Labor Day weekend changed. And kids don't need to be off a whole week during thanksgiving.

670 2832 waste everyone's time... go do something useful!

671 2833 This is nuts to start in August. It is too hot! I would demand air conditioning. I hear lawsuit waiting to happen. Have you ever heard of heat stroke? What about those parents who go to jail for keeping their kid in hot car: hot classroom, hot car . . . what's the difference?

672 2836 THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST IS ALMOST ALWAYS MUCH, MUCH HOTTER JUNE. LET THE KIDS ENJOY THE WONDERFUL NEWPORT-MESA WEATHER AND STAY IN CLASS THROUGH THE JUNE GLOOM. OPTION 5 WOULD BE MOST PREFERRED. - START ON TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY - CANCEL 'SKI WEEK' AND CONDUCT CLASSES INSTEAD LIKE MOST DISTRICTS - END SCHOOL ONE WEEK EARLIER IN JUNE

673 2838 how this affects 11 & 12 month employess if school starts earlier

674 2839 How would this affect classified staff that begins in early August, would we be coming in 2 days earlier than what our normal return date is? This is the area of concern that I have. Also, will district be in support of adding air conditioning to classrooms that don't have them. These are usually very warm days that students would be returning to school?

675 2845 Shortens being off in summertime

June gloom, September is beautiful.

676 2848 Living in Newport Beach one of the best times of year is the last week of August when all other schools have gone back to school and we have time to relax and enjoy our city with amazing weather and less people. Please do not take away our best week all summer!

677 2850 The way this link is set up, you cannot take the survey unless you scroll to the right in the browser. Many people who are not tech savvy will not be able to figure this out!!!! Would you please send a mass email informing all participants about how to reach the "Take Survey" button? Thank you!

678 2853 I have no concerns about changing the school calendar. I am in favor of starting the school year earlier and ending it earlier as well. Thanks!

679 2854 I would much prefer to have the full week of at Thanksgiving and start just a couple of days earlier.

680 2859 Too many Holidays in Fall semester and since our son plays Water Polo, he does not get a week off for Thanksgiving. Further the best summer months are August and September and cuts into our vacation time, by starting school earlier.

681 2863 I think it's a brilliant idea.

Like over half of the students in NMUSD, we have a two-household family. Summertime is much more precious than any extra time around Thanksgiving. In addition, a full week at Thanksgiving will require a re-thinking of our current holiday custody schedule - which is
both time consuming and expensive as legal contracts require lawyers to modify and submit to the family court system for approval. It is my strong recommendation that the calendar be kept as it is currently configured. thank you

Biggest concern is with the heat in August and no air conditioning in the rooms. Also an option to cut short ski week and add it to thanksgiving would have been nice.

I like a longer summer. I would rather start after Labor Day and get out end of May but I know the are state requirements so that is not possible.

Personally, I love having the last week of August off - I take vacation from work, and the kids are sill out of school, so we can do a nice vacation before starting the school year where places are not so busy because other schools are back in session.

I like the idea of having more prep time for the AP testing. That reason is the only reason I support option 3. Extended Thanksgiving break is difficult for those needing full time child care during the day.

I would strongly support a change as any of the proposed changes would more closely align my childrens school calendars - one of whom is at OCSA. I know several parents who will have or currently have children in NMUSD district and other children outside of the district who struggle with NMUSD's comparatively later start and end dates to the calendar year. I believe that correlating these would increase school attendance as parents can more easily coordinate vacations and summer schedules.

Having the whole Thanksgiving week off would make those two weeks in December completely useless. If the district wants to add breaks in the school year, I suggest looking to the long slog periods of September-Thanksgiving, or April-June.

Why not take 2 days off the February Break to add to the Thanksgiving break? Have 2 three day weekends to celebrate President's Day.

Don't want change!

The most important thing to me is to have a longer Thanksgiving break. I also think school should end sooner, it seems like we are so close to July when we finish that many people are already leaving on vacation. Thanks!

Keep as is - no change.

prefer to sync school start date so that end of quarters match up closer when school breaks start; need to try to avoid having tests after school breaks

The end of school as it is now is a colossal waste of time. I've watched it for 11 years now. Option 4 makes the most sense. Even another option keep Thanksgiving as it is and let them out even earlier in June like other schools is good.

Finding daycare is difficult. would rather have same schedule as my own children

My thoughts have to do with the current weather trend. The kids don't get the opportunity to enjoy a warm summer because June is now so cold. I think if we moved the start of school back the kids wouldn't be stuck in a hot classroom in August/early September!

We have enought vacation days.. I anything would want to get out in June earlier.

I am a high school counselor and we generally go back to work before teachers so these changes would greatly effect us as well. Also there is no option for counselor on the top of the survey

While school is a vital part of educations, it is still only a part. Summer, in it's present length and place in the year gives students the opportunity to educate themselves practically in their community. Summer is a time in which teenagers can learn vital skills such as driving away from the pressures of the school year. Summer, in it's present length and place in the year gives students the opportunity to participate in programs that teach leadership and applied skills necessary in adulthood

It's not broke, don't fix it. Just like everything else

Too hot in classes!

Anymore, both parents must work and child care is very costly as well as some childern live in 2 homes / divorced parents.

Presidents week- ski week should be looked at when doing the upcoming calendar.
Eliminating this break would be more beneficial to the students learning.

Would rather see Presidents/winter break shortened for extra time during Thanksgiving.

Living near the beach is best in late August/early September when all the vacationers go away. I'd rather have them stay in school later in June and start back up a few days after Labor Day. However, it may be better to start a couple days earlier rather than THE DAY AFTER Labor Day as this is just a really inconvenient day to start school. Our neighborhood has a huge Labor Day party and it's just really difficult for the entire family to rally for the first day of school after weeks off.

No concerns. I think this would be a great change.

As noted above I support a different approach with the elimination of "ski week"....I think just having spring break week is fine...especially if we can get them out earlier in June.

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I like the idea of having Thanksgiving break being a week long. However, I don't want to start school earlier because of it. If anything, I'd prefer to get out of school in June later. It's still cold in June....June Gloom! I'd rather have more warm weather time in August and September.

They get out way to late in June. I think it might be too hot to go back in August?!! Especially the schools without air conditioning!!

Presidents Week needs to be done away with. Just celebrate Presiddnts Day. Add those days to winter break and thanksgivings break.

5 days earlier on both ends with no change in thanksgiving works great!

I would like to get rid of Presidents week. No other districts do this. If the AP exam is one of the reasons to push the calendar back in August and support our high school students so they may have enough time to prepare for AP exams and college apps, we should look at eliminating President's week. If we eliminate the days we have for President's week, we could have our students and teachers end earlier as well. In Winter, students have too much time off! Winter & Spring brk only pls!

Don't change the Calendar!!

I think it would be great to have Thanksgivings week off -

The biggest issue will be the heat though. The district needs to consider what they will do to help with this. Classrooms get extremely hot...up to 91 degrees.

As a teacher and a mother, I can tell you that if you only add two days before a three day weekend, your attendance for those two days will be very low. Also, if the calendar changes so that school is let out earlier in June, there will be child care issues that arise.

Parents work!

Great change, I like that it's similar to other school districts.

It's a great idea to start early and finish early. Beginning of June is better for travel. Also the kids DO NOT get any work done during thanksgiving week. As a parent it is hard to watch! They just have celebrations and free play and they are distracted.

I agree with starting school earlier to help the students prepare for AP testing. I don't see the need to add time at thanksgiving. There are already a lot of non instructional days leading up to the holidays.

I believe that a change in the calendar will have a negligible effect on the classroom temperatures. There are hot days in June, and August, and they will balance each other out. I would like to know what the average outdoor temperature has historically been in recent years. I think secondary high school students need the calendar moved up one week for fall athletics, and AP courses. I believe it will also help keep Early College HS in line with the other high schools' calendars.

Would like the school to end earlier in June similar to many other school districts

people wont come back in time. i know i wont.

If we start 2 days earlier, it would be better to get out 2 days earlier, not add in days in the middle and get out the same time. Students are tired and anxious to get out in June, so
getting out earlier would help with that.

728 3117 Start time for school, especially Middle School should be later - ie 8:30 or 9:00am. Studies show children benefit from later start times in the morning.

729 3119 Why would you want that many days off for thanksgiving? We already have a nice long weekend for that Holiday.

730 3121 Would like to see more unity in different districts throughout the county so teachers who are parents have fewer daycare issues. I work at an unairconditioned site. Don't want to work in August due to heat. I like the idea of a 5 day Thanksgiving break.

731 3123 See comment above. Summer break is to short. Forget all the nonsense days off, let the teachers do their in service days over the summer and reduce ski week to only president's day. Give the kids a larger summer break.

732 3125 Longer summers are very expensive for single parents such as myself, as the cost of summer camp is astronomically high compared to the cost of afterschool care during the school year. That said, I'm all for having a shorter summer with longer breaks in the school year, especially because my children need the time off from the routine during the year. A longer Thanksgiving break would also make it easier to fly out to visit family, without taking time off school. I'm all "4" option 4!

734 3140 With family in TX and NC and family friends enrolled in private schools in Los Angeles it seems that we are among minority starting school after Labor Day. I think a calendar change would be good to introduce.

735 3161 We have a standing family trip every summer at the end - returning on Labor Day and a change in the schedule would impede it. It is also important to me that my children at different NMUSD schools (one MS & one elementary) are on the same schedules for vacationing purposes.

736 3167 I do not see a benefit for the kids going back to school a week earlier. Temperatures in August are brutal and most schools are without AC. It will be unbearable to sit in a classroom during the hottest time of the year and kids are exposed to full sun without much (if any) opportunity to play in a shaded area during recess. I also do not see the benefit of getting out earlier in June. What's the point? Please do not make any changes to the NMUSD school calendar! We need to protect our kids!

737 3168 I would like to see an option to eliminate the week-long winter break, to allow the school year to end one week earlier. This option would benefit working families.

738 3173 GET RID OF SKI WEEK in Feb. It lengthens the year too much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

739 3180 The other option is to start one day late. Take one day off after the labor day so it will give time for students to get ready for school after their labor day weekend

740 3181 I completely support the change and hope that this goes through!

741 3195 Wish we could implement this in the Fall I completely support getting out earlier in June! This is SO OVERDUE, I am hoping there is good support for this and I am looking forward to hearing about the results.

742 3204 None

743 3215 I really don't prefer adding more days off around Thanksgiving. I just want the days in June shortened, as I'm sure the teachers do, the kids are not able to pay attention those last two weeks. They have completely lost interest and are ready to get out the first week in June. There are so many one-day-off holidays in November, parents don't get a full week of the kids at school that month at all practically. Very opposed to adding more time to the Thanksgiving week.

744 3216 We don't want to start early. We only want a split schedule.

745 3218 It would be nice if Spring Break would coincide with the end of the 3rd Quarter.

746 3220 Honestly it would be better to start later in September. August and September are usually
Honestly, it would be better to start later in September. August and September are usually the hottest months. Many classrooms do not have air conditioning. Students are miserable and cannot focus. June traditionally is cooler, and getting out later in June would mean less hot days stuck in the classroom.

My husband and I both work full time and the current calendar works great with our schedules.

When are we getting cooler rooms? It's absolutely wrong to have teachers and students in sweltering conditions, while the district office folks and those who are lucky enough to have a classroom with AC feel cool as a cucumber while the rest of us suffer. I CHALLENGE the district to either buck up or turn EVERYONE's AC off -- INCLUDING THEIR OWN AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE on all days that it's over 80 degrees air temperature.

We like the idea of having Thanksgiving week off so we can travel. Thank you.

I strongly feel we should end earlier. It is ridiculous how late in June we are still in school

I would like to keep the same schedule, but if we do change I think it would be fine as well.

I do not know why the schedule needs to change. This schedule has worked just fine for our school and families within our school. If it is changed this would be a huge inconvenience to us and not appreciated.

No reason to change it. No reason to extend Thanksgiving when they hardly go to school in November as it is. Would rather have summer break stay the length it is.

I'm not going to school in August unless there is air conditioning! I'm going to hang at the beach until it cools off in Sept.

It is unreasonable to expect students to learn, focus and concentrate in overheated classrooms without air conditioning. It is a waste of everyone's time.

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I strongly support NOT changing the calendar schedule. We traditionally have plans that extend before & through Labor Day weekend & it's more important to us for them to get out later in June than have them go back to school any earlier. It is also not important to us that they have a longer vacation for Thanksgiving. Thank you for considering our feelings on this important topic that could affect our family.

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I think the change is a very good idea. Gets our kids more with East Coast schools and colleges.

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why do they need week off in Feb?? when they just came back from one

I like to see more school days for kids to learn and less days off. We already have too many days off. U.S. students rank one of the lowest among the developed countries. We don't need more days off, we need more learning/school days.

The district has been giving the week before off, which doesn't make sense, because many laws and October will not have their kids go to...
doesn't make sense, because many Jews and Christians will not have their kids go to school on these Holy days. In our view it's poor judgement on Districts part.

I have little faith that the board actually will take in concerns of the parents, community and most of all teachers. Weather is a HUGE factor! Starting school mid to late August is a joke for schools that don't have air. Having an entire week of in November is a waste of important school days given it's time of year, assessing, conferences and winter break being right around the corner.

Due to the weather changed(gaining hotter in late summer season), I really don't want to change. However, I like to have 1wk the thanksgiving vacation.

I have no concerns starting the school year early.

Please look at total calendar including February break and offer the option of shortening that.

Longer Christmas please Change curriculum to be more environmentally knowledgeable

Let's start the school day no later than 8:30 am at all NMUSD schools and release the students at a slightly later time if necessary.

I would support a slight modification to the school schedule but not a change of 7 days. I would also like to see school begin slightly later... such as 8:30 am and release the kids at a slightly later time if necessary.

Please don't change the school calendar. It's perfect the way it is. I don't want to go back to school in August when it's really hot and we can't play outside at recess because it's too hot.

T-giving does NOT need to be a week. That is ridiculous! We have a ski week in February so please! Let these HS kids have more time for AP tests, give all students the month of June off in their summer vacation! Still don't know why we can not get rid of early outs (how many districts have this in the USA) OR late starts! Our HOURS are fine...chop off a week in June in addition to this new schedule

Feels like the kids would be in some options in school during the hot summer days, because school begins earlier. Since we do not have ACs this feels wrong.

I have three children in three schools and the holidays never completely coincide.

I would like to have a school calendar that starts earlier and ends earlier; it would get us on track with other cousins in school who start earlier and end earlier.

I like the idea of starting school on a Thursday rather than a Monday. I really wish we could have a year-round school schedule like some schools in Irvine. It gives the kids a nice break up of the school year but not so long of a break that they are bored or forget what they have learned the previous year.

I propose a fifth option which would change the daily schedule from 8am to 2 pm daily with no short day on Wednesday.

It would be great to have our Spring Break aligned with Easter. More than 95% of your students celebrate Easter with family. We could at least have Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday off. What I really found appalling is three of my son's teachers gave tests on the Monday after Easter. That was such great planning, wow the students felt the love. When I was a student in Newport/Mesa and a teacher in Southern California we had the week before or after Easter off.

You can't please all the people all the time. Some are happy now, some will be happier with a change.

Pay more for getting less?

I wish we had a Spring Break that aligned with Easter so I would not have to miss school
when my parents go visit my grandparents.

I don't see any reason for these changes. I think with all these new administrators they feel the need to change a district that has always shown success with poor, middle, and upper class students. Let's focus on real problems; coaches, drugs, alcohol, etc...

They do not need to change.

Too many days are missed in November as it is.

weather may be too hot for classes which are not air conditioned.

I remember as a kid looking forward to Labor Day Weekend as the last Hurrah marking the end of summer and back to school. I do like the idea of school getting out earlier in June. What if we only have 2 days off in February for Presidents Birthdays...like a Friday and a Monday. That would be 4 days off (including a Saturday and Sunday)...a good break. Just not the entire week. Then get out earlier at the end of the year?

I would love to see NMUSD consider making the switch to year-round calendar - 6 to 9 weeks on and 2 to 4 weeks off, year round.

It would be nice to get out earlier in the summer, but we also enjoy that "extra week" of summer when many of the tourists have gone home. An earlier start would greatly limit teacher/staff members plans for Labor Day. I also worry about possible schedule conflicts for kids with working parents who don't get a full week off work at Thanksgiving.

I think we should change it

Option 4 would allow us to spend time with out-of-state families during the Thanksgiving holidays.

With advanced notice vacations and other events can be modified. My biggest concern is that I teach in a non air-conditioned classroom. It is unpleasant for me to do setup in the end of August, usually the hottest part of the summer and if students would be expected to learn and focus in those conditions I feel that it would be a waste of instructional time. As is the first week or two for kids is very difficult in the heat of my room. If I had AC I would be more willing to agree to a change.

warmest days are now in school, cooler days in June on vacation

This survey cannot be valid. You are able to take it more than once per person. I look forward to the next survey going out mentioning how many classrooms DO NOT have a/c and reach 86-87 degrees. Not a learning environment even for the coveted AP student!

"More days off" should not be the focus of the district, certainly not a priority. What a waste of time and resources that are desperately needed in other areas. I grew up in the area attending NMUSD schools all my life and our son attends now. If NMUSD has issues like a "cheating scandal" and "Draft for Prom Date" at CDHMS, (my alma mater) it is my opinion, the district should pay close attention to that, NOT days off. I have great concern about the leadership in NMUSD. Thank you very much.

Both parents work and the change would affect our summer plans, child care, and getting more time off work for Thanksgiving. Please do not extend the week in November!

Prefer to have the days off during the warmer months

The current schedule has elementary teachers using the Labor Day weekend to prep for the first week of school, while not ideal at least it gets done, because there is just not enough time during those first 3 days back- they are so filled with training and housekeeping. Also in Kindergarten we have an orientation day on the Friday before and gives kids a chance to meet us with out the pressure of knowing they are starting the next day.

If there is a change, what affect would it place on College bound Students, i.e. Testing for, picking, getting picked, moving to, etc.

I think we should start later and end later. Keep the breaks the same.

I would rather start later in September because: 1. We have no air-conditioning (which August and September are our hottest months) 2. I teach kindergarten and our students would be even younger coming in at an earlier date. We would love for them to have the opportunity to mature even more through to the middle of September.:)
AC needs to be a factor for this decision. I do not know of any other surrounding district that has classrooms without air conditioning in California!

We don't need less days of school. Just better quality.

Many summer opportunities for students begin before the NMUSD school calendar ends, and our students cannot participate due to the late June dismissal. Ideally the school calendar would begin and end 5 or 10 instructional days earlier than the current calendar. That would also balance the school year a little more with the two week holiday break closer to the middle of the school year.

If anything start later in September I would be happy to extend holiday breaks, only if classified staff would be given at least 4-5 day more paid time off. The change does not benefit classified staff, as is.

The concern I have is that I will have to use my vacation days for the additional days off during Thanksgiving. This would be less of a concern if we are given extra days of vacation to make up the difference.

My children will be out the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving regardless whether the schedule changes or not. Thanksgiving is a very special Family holiday. With the price of airfares so costly, many families drive and need the extra days. Thanks!

I believe the existing program offers the best calendar for our children and the mind set of Labor day end of summer and back to school. Many will be missing school even if it opens early, why waste the funds on a half attended program?

We don't need a full week for Thanks Giving. Too many vacation day during the year. Extend summer break instead!

Many part time classified employees will have too many unpaid days off, causing financial hardship.

All of the other vacation days work out fine. The Thanksgiving break should not be any longer, because it is the perfect amount of time off! We head to San Francisco at this time most years and don't feel slighted in terms of time. Also, the kids are off for the Christmas break soon enough.

All of the other vacation days work out fine. The Thanksgiving break should not be any longer, because it is the perfect amount of time off! We head to San Francisco at this time most years and don't feel slighted in terms of time. Also, the kids are off for the Christmas break soon enough.

In a time when education budgets are being slashed it doesn't make since to have more breaks, or maybe it does to the schools because they won't have as many expenses. If that is the case then that needs to be made clear. In our school when there is a break, the 3 days before are wasted as well with kids leaving early, movie watching, etc. so it doesn't make sense to have more breaks when learning is the cost.

As a classified employee, what might be difficult would be the amount of vacation time that would have to be used during that extra 2 days off during Thanksgiving.

Provide more vacation time.

President's Recess is so close to Winter break and Spring break that I would recommend doing away with the President's Recess and getting out earlier for summer vacation.

Starting on a Thursday would be amazing! Review rules, discipline, routines, students "get their feet wet" being back at school and then get a weekend break.

I like the week off for thanksgiving break to allow for travel. a lot of people travel then anyway. I like ending year earlier in June.

In Newport Beach the best weather is in august and June can be gloomy and cold. I don't want to change holiday break either. More difficult for working parents. There is enough conference days and presidents weren't off that presents enough of a challenge for working parents. The Labor Day holiday is a great way to end the summer and help the kids recognize that it is time to shift gears to the start of school. I support NO change strongly.

Starting school two days early does not add to the academic value. Students will not take these two days seriously. Although having a whole week off during Thanksgiving allows more family time but then again this would translate to another 9 day break for the students (no academic value). Top priority should be academic, and not vacation or convenience.
If people that are employed do not have enough vacation time to take they will now have to PAY for daycare for younger children that are out of school. Traditional days reflect well with employers since many companies may only have 5 paid holidays in a calendar year and new employees may only have 5 vacation days in their first 5 years with the company. I think there have been too many holidays bunched into long recesses already. Example being Presidents Week. Grandmas might not handle 5 days.

This is a start of date for teachers but not for classified staff that are ten month and 12 month employees. Is the change been submit by classified or certificate?

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Por que quieren hacer cambios

Use what you have better, especially the first week of school.

I don't trust the school district to use this to the best of their abilities, when they currently don't use the time they have.

I would rather see better use of the existing first week of school!!!!!!!

While there is value in additional time for test prep, option 4 will bring students back during the hottest part of the year, to mostly unairconditioned classrooms.

I REALLY wish we could accomplish finals prior to Christmas break, since that long break damages the previous learning for finals.

Starting just 2 days before labor day would just make people start late but the 7 day earlier start would make them come to school on appointed day.

Many families have obligations with scheduled summer activities such as swim teams and junior lifeguard programs, which run into the first week of August. Much of an earlier start reduces the available time for family vacations and traveling. As a result, some students may miss a portion of the start of the school year.

Please see all notes above.

I don't want to trade cool days for scorchers with no A/C in the majority of classrooms. I would love a full week for Thanksgiving, but not at the expense of starting earlier. Take the days from President's week in Feb!

I feel strongly that the current calendar is sufficient and has been working for all of this time so there is no need to change it.

The school calendar has been in place all of these years and has been working well so there is no reason to change it.

I generally prefer having more days off during the school year and less summer vacation. So I prefer to extend the Thanksgiving holiday. What I would really prefer is some time of year around calander.

The biggest issue with this survey is that there was no "Option 5" which should include the option for starting later in September and adding an additional week in June. For many many years there have been more complaints about having to return from summer early and it always impacts labor day weekend. In Southern California we have historic June gloom, and this has been an advantage for our kids to be in school later.....and get the best weather in August and September.

I don't mind going to school through June, and I want to go back to school 5 days later in September....Best weather is August / September.

There are so many early release dates throughout the year. I would like to see less early release dates to allow the children to end the school year earlier in June. There are already so many breaks and school holidays that we do NOT need any more.

I have no concerns. I guess my only concern is that my vacations and breaks never coincides with my son's district's end of the year and breaks.

Sept is hot! This interferes with learning. Sept = Santa Ana's Santa Ana's = crazies! June is ugly! School should start later and end later. What is the problem you're trying to solve for?
High absenteeism at Thanksgiving? Many business worlds slow down in summer bc people across the country are on vacation. Sending kids to school when it's easy for parents to use vacation time makes no sense. Please fix this.

If changing the school year I would like to see the vacation/time off more equally distributed throughout the year rather than so much during the fall. Also think changes need to consider working parent schedules, providing for coverage when school is not open, i.e. staff development days. If making changes I would like a quarter system considered. My ranking is not accurate since I don't favor options 2, 3, 4. Maybe I don't understand the proposed changes after all!

We are in support of this change at all!! September is one of the most beautiful, warmest months in Southern California. We consider September to be our summer so we are actually in favor of starting later in September and staying in school until the very end of June.

We are full time working parents and adding more vacation days during the school year is an added burden to us. Changing the traditional calendar is a terrible idea for our household.

The weather is nicer in August than June- I would rather have kids off school and in camps when the weather is nicer. With working parents...it's really hard to accommodate child care that is not consistent and broken up...

Our household strongly opposes options 2, 3 & 4. I am a full-time working parent and it is very difficult for me to get vacation days and/or full-time child care during the school year. We also consider the month of September to be one of the most enjoyable months of the year and we do not support more school days during September. Actually, our family would love to see the school year start later in September and end at the very end of June. Please consider adding that idea as Option #5!!

Our family always takes a vacation around labor day weekend. School should not start before Labor Day!

My favorite thing to do in September is go to the beach & play outside. I do not think we should go to school in September at all! Especially earlier. I think that school should start later like at the end of September.

Some families have extended vacations during the last days of summer vacation and some student don't return to school on the first day they come back to school after a week or few days. That is why our school year should start on the day after labor day.

Would prefer fewer days off during school year and longer summer. Do not like the idea of returning to school before Labor Day weekend only to have a holiday weekend break.

Just leave it as it is......doesn't the district have better things to worry about than adding and changing holidays around?? We already have "no school November" early out on every Wednesday, and "ski week"......half day weeks for conferences, it's getting ridiculous! Have more education days and LESS or no homework!!! That's the big interference.

I like the idea of extending the Thanksgiving break to a full week instead of only having 3 days.

Leave it the way it is.

1 of 2 comments. You need to provide better options as there is no option to end Winter recess and end school a week earlier in June If such option was available it would be my #1 choice. Most districts do not have this week off in February. 2 of 2 comments. The summer weather is always better (and hotter) in August than June, so keeping the kids in school longer in June and not starting until September is much better situation - therefore Option 1 Status Quo.

I would enjoy having more time to spend with family and friends at the Thanksgiving break so i would enjoy seeing the break extended to 5 days rather than just the 2 days offered now.

I am strongly opposed to more time off in June, when it is colder, and less time off in Aug/Sept. when it is warmer. I would support a later start, with a later end to the school year (but no later than July 1). I consider options 3 and 4 to be totally unacceptable and option 2 to be unnecessary.
I have a daughter that has the whole week off for Thanksgiving, and with my oldest daughter living across the country, it would be so nice to have the option to visit at Thanksgiving.

I attended a school that started 1-2 days before Labor Day and they were always a waste. The first couple days we dedicated to watching movies and extended recess because the teachers did not want to start real instruction until the "first week of school" after the holiday.

Repeating my comments above: starting school AFTER Labor Day is perfect -- everyone can see that coming and not have to change sports, vacations, etc. District already gives, Halloween, an extra day at Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, Columbus Day, over 2 weeks for Christmas/New Years, a week over Presidents Day, a week at Easter, not to mention the conference short schedules. I think that's enough already. Keep the kids in school where they belong. Give the Teachers a raise.

Love it if it would change!

It is fine the way it is people have had set things in their schedule due to dates.

Full week at Thanksgiving is NOT needed.

Full week off at Thanksgiving is NOT needed

Get rid of Ski Week so there aren't so many vacation days - it's a waste and interrupts too much!

Please leave the schedule alone.

I would like to have spring break on or after Easter. 2 weeks earlier makes it hard with children in a different district. I don't understand why we all can have the same spring break.