## **2023-24 School Year Calendar Input** Winter 2022

Q1. Please select the role that describes you best:							
Responses	N	%	Percentage of total respondents				
Albemarle Community Member	45	2.28%					
ACPS Employee	535	27.12%					
ACPS Family Member	983	49.82%					
ACPS Employee & Family Member	262	13.28%					
ACPS Student	148	7.50%					
Total Responses	1,973		20% 40% 60% 80% 100%				

Q6. For future calendar planning, to what degree would you support starting and ending the school year earlier?							
Answer	N	Weight	%	Percentage of total respondents			
1 - No support	309	1	17.08%	%			
2	216	2	11.94%	%			
3 - Some support	438	3	24.21%	%			
4	305	4	16.86%	%			
5 - Fully support	541	5	29.91%	%			
Total Responses: 1,809		•	•	Weighted Score: 3.31			

Q7. Is it important for the ACPS calendar to have commonality with the City Schools?							s?
Responses	N	%	Percentage	of total	l respond	lents	
Yes	600	30.40%					
Unsure/No Preference	811	41.08%					
No	563	28.52%					
Total Responses	1,974		20%	40%	60%	80%	100%

Q2. How would you rate your satisfaction with draft 1 of the calendar?						
Answer	N	Weight	%	Percentage of total respondents		
1 - Very Dissatisfied	84	1	4.36%			
2	175	2	9.09%			
3 - Neutral	502	3	26.08%			
4	463	4	24.05%			
5 - Very Satisfied	701	5	36.42%			
Total Responses: 1,925		Weighted Score: 3.79				

## Comments specific to **Draft 1**:

- Seems familiar since it is broadly consistent with the current calendar
- Two full weeks for winter break is valued
- Consider what the two days prior to Thanksgiving break look like for students in schools
- Suggested changes:
  - o Move October 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> days off to Thanksgiving Break

Q4. How would you rate your satisfaction with draft 2 of the calendar?						
Answer	N	Weight	%	Percentage of total respondents		
1 - Very Dissatisfied	250	1	13.70%	6		
2	444	2	24.33%	6		
3 - Neutral	372	3	20.38%	6		
4	280	4	15.34%	6		
5 - Very Satisfied	479	5	26.25%	6		
Total Responses: 1,825				Weighted Score: 3.16		

## Comments specific to **Draft 2**:

- This calendar recognizes many students, and their families, already miss the two days of Thanksgiving week and maintains two weeks at Winter break
- Longer breaks can be a childcare hardship for parents and an attention hardship for students
- May negatively impact hourly employees by adding days to a month that already has a few non-instructional days.
- Suggested changes:
  - Add two days to the start/end of school to off-set the two days for Thanksgiving week, instead of taking them from Winter Break

General comments about the drafts and future calendars:

- Start and end the school year earlier, preferably ending before Memorial Day
- February and March have no planned days off, which could lead to burn-out
- Spread-out three-day weekends to be more evenly split between Mondays and Fridays off
- What would a calendar with 180 student days look like?
- Is it possible to plan virtual learning or asynchronous learning days into the calendar?
- Can the calendar be designed to better align non-instructional days with non-Christian holidays?
- Make a google calendar version that families can subscribe to and receive updates/changes
- Suggested changes for either calendar:
  - Move October 30<sup>th</sup> day off to November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Shift the use of 10/29 & 10/30 with 11/6 & 11/7
  - o Change September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> to align with Rosh Hashanah