

2021-22 Calendar Options

Option 1 – Regular start after labor day; full spring break

Option 2 – Regular start after labor day; shortened spring break

Option 3 – Early start before labor day; full spring break

Considerations

- Feedback from teachers was 50/50 on option 1 & 2 (we are doing a shortened spring break in 2020-21) & 60% yes, 25% maybe, 15% no on the early start (70% of teachers responded).

- Do we get more feedback on the early start option? Who?

- With Option #3, where do we put the mid-year professional development day for teachers? Has been on MLK day, but do we move it to...

1) before Christmas break (December 22)

2) before President's Day weekend (February 18)

3) keep it in January

- Input from Ag & FFA

1. MN State Fair - FFA weekend for our livestock exhibitors begins Thursday of Labor Day weekend. FFA members exhibiting at the State Fair for FFA will miss school Thursday and Friday. Additionally, FFA Advisor(s) will be required to chaperone, creating a need for substitute teachers the first week or two of school.

2. The school garden program has grown dramatically over the past five years. The end of August/beginning of September is prime harvest time for a number of crops in the school garden. By beginning school prior to Labor Day, student employees who typically work 4 hours up to 8 hours on delivery days will need to rearrange the harvest schedule to after school hours which may also interfere with sports practices now scheduled during that time too. Furthermore, the hours after school until dark (no lights at garden) may not be enough time to harvest all produce.

- Input from Parents

- Short Spring Break – 85

- Full Spring Break – 85

- Early Start – 115

- Short Spring Break Influence on Decision to Take a Trip – 87 yes; 198 no

- Will Pull Students From School No Matter What Spring Break Is – 90 yes; 189 no