

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

1	It allows children to be children, to enjoy pursuits outside the academic realm. It allows family to spend quality time together, during a time in Bloomington that is calmer, quieter without the extra traffic from I.U.	Nov 7, 2012 5:22 AM
2	It provides students the opportunity to participate in extended and focused activities that support their physical and intellectual well-being.	Nov 7, 2012 5:17 AM
3	I really don't know what the advantage is, it's just the way things have always been done.	Nov 7, 2012 5:02 AM
4	not sure there is an advantage	Nov 6, 2012 7:00 PM
5	Allows for travel with AAU basketball and opportunities to visit colleges through elite camps and campus visits	Nov 6, 2012 6:32 PM
6	I don't see any advantage of the current traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 6:09 PM
7	we don't live in the 1800's, we should not have a long summer break, it would be better to have more breaks throughout the year!	Nov 6, 2012 5:59 PM
8	All of the above!	Nov 6, 2012 4:28 PM
9	they need the summer break for summer activities 4H and others	Nov 6, 2012 4:05 PM
10	All of these are extremely/equally important to me	Nov 6, 2012 3:55 PM
11	I think the top 3 choices are all big advantages. If staff were paid more they wouldn't need to have summer jobs though.	Nov 6, 2012 3:06 PM
12	It allows summer camp	Nov 6, 2012 1:50 PM
13	It provides a lengthy enough break to allow students to participate in many activities, such as camps, travel and work.	Nov 6, 2012 1:45 PM
14	It gives families more time together for summer vacations.	Nov 6, 2012 1:29 PM
15	It is closely/conveniently aligned with the IU calendar AND the first semester ends prior to winter break/and the new year.	Nov 6, 2012 1:15 PM
16	i feel i get to plan on more time with my kids. putting them in school was a huge step for all of us and i don't see them nearly as mich now.	Nov 6, 2012 1:06 PM
17	dont really feel there are any	Nov 6, 2012 12:27 PM
18	All of the aboveboard	Nov 6, 2012 11:33 AM
19	Can visit their relatives in another country	Nov 6, 2012 11:31 AM
20	I don't think there is an advantage	Nov 6, 2012 11:05 AM
21	None really.	Nov 6, 2012 11:05 AM
22	ALLOWS FOR FAMILY VACATIONS OVER THE EXTENDED BREAK	Nov 6, 2012 11:04 AM

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23	All of the above!	Nov 6, 2012 11:00 AM
24	childcare for summer is easier because of camps, etc that don't work for shorter breaks	Nov 6, 2012 10:33 AM
25	Not sure there is one	Nov 6, 2012 10:33 AM
26	im fine with the way it is	Nov 6, 2012 10:14 AM
27	All of these are big advantages, it is also a time for students/staff to have extended experiences.	Nov 6, 2012 10:10 AM
28	All of the above, with the possible exception of "first semester ends..."	Nov 6, 2012 10:02 AM
29	no advantage	Nov 6, 2012 9:59 AM
30	I do not see any advantage	Nov 6, 2012 9:51 AM
31	they can visit family members who lives out of country	Nov 6, 2012 9:17 AM
32	Absolutely all the above and many more	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
33	longer summer breaks give more time for relationship building, as well as more time for other kinds of learning not taught in schools.	Nov 6, 2012 9:00 AM
34	No advantage	Nov 6, 2012 8:58 AM
35	convenient with the IU calendar, a lengthy summer break provides a great opportunity for students to travel the world at a choice season and learn about global perspectives, as well as to stay physically active in good weather, and explore nature etc that is not opportune during cold weather months	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
36	Consider all of the options selected - Alignment with IU calendar, rest/rejuvenation, summer jobs, and ending the first semester before winter break	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
37	It's easier to arrange child care for children during the summer rather than various times throughout the year.	Nov 6, 2012 7:13 AM
38	Summer camps are convenient for working parents. Taking out the summer break will make it tough to find sitters/activities that fill those short breaks.	Nov 6, 2012 7:01 AM
39	Provides students with an extended break	Nov 6, 2012 6:29 AM
40	swimming pools in indiana lol	Nov 6, 2012 4:40 AM
41	the break is too long	Nov 6, 2012 3:17 AM
42	available to travel abroad during summer break.	Nov 6, 2012 2:19 AM
43	I can find care for the entire summer and not worry as much through the school year about finding childcare	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 PM
44	no advantage just used to the routine schedule	Nov 5, 2012 5:50 PM

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45	Both the alignment with IU and additional work in summer.	Nov 5, 2012 5:47 PM
46	It allows my child time to go summer camp which he looks forward to every summer.	Nov 5, 2012 5:44 PM
47	My children are in 4-h and show livestock, a shorter summer break doesnt work for this	Nov 5, 2012 5:15 PM
48	Both answers 2 & 3. Pay teachers more if you don't want us getting 2nd jobs. ALready hard enough with the long day and no planning. I am at work most days 10 hours!!!	Nov 5, 2012 5:05 PM
49	I do not see any advantage	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
50	It enhances social skills and promotes family connections.	Nov 5, 2012 4:13 PM
51	it provides an opportunity to go to summer camp	Nov 5, 2012 3:58 PM
52	I don't if any of the above make sense or there any advantage either way.	Nov 5, 2012 3:27 PM
53	It does provide kids with a rest and kids that do extra curricular activities can participate in camps etc	Nov 5, 2012 2:54 PM
54	It provides younger, and older students and staff an opportunity to volunteer, work, and experience activities that require the extra weeks that the calendar currently offers.	Nov 5, 2012 1:32 PM
55	There are several reasons why it works best for our family: it is closely aligned with the IU calender, and it provides an extended break, which I do feel is necessary. On top of this, for us, that break means my daughter can spend most of the summer visiting her father, who lives in another state. This is easier on us than transporting her back and forth at the end of every nine weeks so that he can spend his time with her.	Nov 5, 2012 1:20 PM
56	None	Nov 5, 2012 1:08 PM
57	No advantage to this calendar...too long for kids to be away from school. Out most needy students are without education and safety for this long summer break.	Nov 5, 2012 1:05 PM
58	Summer camps are available. Good childcare options are hard to find if you follow the Project School model.	Nov 5, 2012 1:00 PM
59	all of the above	Nov 5, 2012 12:57 PM
60	I think that if we maintained our current traditional calendar, students and staff would be provided with time to spend with family members (especially those who live outside of the country), time to engage in prior commitments, as well as time to prepare well for the new school year.	Nov 5, 2012 12:55 PM
61	Work and parenting schedules don't allow and it is a good time for kids to get involved in other activities/jobs	Nov 5, 2012 12:52 PM
62	Good time to go on family vacation	Nov 5, 2012 12:32 PM

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63	This answer is not as simple as one answer. The summer break allows students to pursue other interests outside of what the school offers. My children have used the summer to travel with bands, record albums, work for wildlife centers, volunteer, travel with IU pre-college harp program to Warsaw for master classes, attend the Heron School of Art for summer sessions, travel to Europe attend Cornell Summer School. I would be very disappointed if the school calendar changed as I feel that my children receive a more well rounded education by having time to pursue other areas of interest that the school can not offer.	Nov 5, 2012 12:21 PM
64	summer travel sporting events	Nov 5, 2012 12:10 PM
65	tradition. We've always done it that way.	Nov 5, 2012 11:28 AM
66	I can't think of any when considering what is best for student learning.	Nov 5, 2012 11:26 AM
67	no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 11:15 AM
68	family reunions are easier to plan	Nov 5, 2012 11:09 AM
69	Not sure it has an advantage, it's just how it's always been	Nov 5, 2012 11:06 AM
70	i see no advantage when other schools have already gone to the new calendar	Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM
71	No big advantage exists to make the traditional calendar worth it.	Nov 5, 2012 10:42 AM
72	None	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
73	It provides students and staff the opportunity to engage in other activities that occur over the summer - this is including additional employment but not limited to it. ALL students benefit from the opportunities afforded by the extended amount of time given in a large break.	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
74	It allows children to have important summer experiences like camp and swim teams.	Nov 5, 2012 10:31 AM
75	All of the above are great advantages!	Nov 5, 2012 10:30 AM
76	The kids enjoy the summer break and are used to it.	Nov 5, 2012 10:28 AM
77	More time with family	Nov 5, 2012 10:05 AM
78	This way doesn't interfere with our sport.	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
79	None, unless you're another country watching US education and intelligence fall farther and farther down the list	Nov 5, 2012 9:56 AM
80	few advantages	Nov 5, 2012 9:51 AM
81	None	Nov 5, 2012 9:40 AM
82	It provides students and families with the sufficient time to allow for family vacations and long distance family time.	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM
83	both extended break, which is necessary for rest/rejuvenation and provides	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM

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	students opportunities to work outside of the school.	
84	all of the above	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
85	There are no advantages to this tradition	Nov 5, 2012 9:30 AM
86	it provides students with an extended break for additional learning opportunities, such as internships and summer camps	Nov 5, 2012 9:26 AM
87	Only that it is "traditional"	Nov 5, 2012 9:24 AM
88	I don't see any advantage	Nov 5, 2012 9:24 AM
89	I see none.	Nov 5, 2012 9:11 AM
90	I see no benefit with the current calendar	Nov 5, 2012 9:03 AM
91	Children should have a chance to enjoy the summer and be children.	Nov 5, 2012 8:56 AM
92	Allows our child to attend an 8 week annual summer program that is necessary for her religious training.	Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM
93	staff needs the extended break as well as students	Nov 5, 2012 8:49 AM
94	Students can visit non custodial parents that live out of town for extended time since they don't get to see much of them during the school year	Nov 5, 2012 8:48 AM
95	doesn't affect my family either way	Nov 5, 2012 8:43 AM
96	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 8:37 AM
97	it provides staff and student s opportunity to work and also rest and rejuvenation it will also have a positive impact on my family's regular and traditional activities	Nov 5, 2012 8:30 AM
98	Provides and extended break for lengthy travel and other summer enrichment activities.	Nov 5, 2012 8:29 AM
99	In my family it allows for 4H, fair, vacation, family time and extra income opportunity.	Nov 5, 2012 8:12 AM
100	no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:56 AM
101	no opinion on this	Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM
102	It allows parents to use college students for childcare during the summer. I don't know who I would find to care for my children if breaks were randomly scheduled during the year	Nov 5, 2012 7:49 AM
103	The kids get a long break	Nov 5, 2012 7:45 AM
104	my daughter goes to summer camp.	Nov 5, 2012 7:31 AM
105	My visitation increases and my vacation aligns with my daughters, so she can be with me.	Nov 5, 2012 7:29 AM

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106	rest, rejuvenation, summer jobs, camp and travel opportunities	Nov 5, 2012 7:28 AM
107	It doesn't allow much time for summer enrichment activities	Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM
108	Extended time to do other activities - travel sports	Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM
109	Most of the schools we deal with at the Career Center have a traditional schedule which allows for a degree of consistency between HHCC and the sending schools.	Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM
110	The schedule aligns with the current daycare offerings in the community.	Nov 5, 2012 7:05 AM
111	The first three choices. Plus: it is convenient to arrange child care when there is no school.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
112	No big advantage.	Nov 5, 2012 6:46 AM
113	Depending on which group you are addressing, all would apply	Nov 5, 2012 6:45 AM
114	These are all advantages.	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
115	It provides a longer opportunity for family time and that can include long distance family	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
116	None of the above are valid reasons to keep the extended summer break. "Big Brother IU" doesn't dictate what direction MCCSC goes. Serious discussion of 12-month school is warranted.	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
117	child care for working parents	Nov 5, 2012 6:39 AM
118	It provides opportunities for summer enrichment, camps, etc.	Nov 5, 2012 6:31 AM
119	an outdated idea to follow the farm season	Nov 5, 2012 6:29 AM
120	It allows for vacations; however, I think it is just tradition and we have set our lives around it. It does work well with the campus schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 6:19 AM
121	Allows students time to participate in summer activities through Blgtn Parks and Recs and other organizations. Able to schedule family vacations to match family members in other areas.	Nov 5, 2012 6:12 AM
122	Allows a summer baseball program	Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM
123	Aligns with IU and also gives parents and familys the opportunity for long distance vacations	Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM
124	I don't think any advantage in lengthy break.	Nov 5, 2012 5:55 AM
125	All of the above statements are true in regard to keeping the traditional calendar with a long summer break.	Nov 5, 2012 5:48 AM
126	i think all is an advantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:43 AM
127	None	Nov 5, 2012 5:42 AM

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128	It is the easiest schedule and most convenient for the numerous working parents we have in this community.	Nov 5, 2012 5:41 AM
129	It works well and doesn't need to be changed. Students need time to transition between grades, to explore, travel, and experience things that a few weeks won't cover.	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM
130	Allows individuals to explore other opportunities besides school.	Nov 5, 2012 5:35 AM
131	Child care arrangements	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
132	no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:29 AM
133	All of the above are true	Nov 5, 2012 5:28 AM
134	Students who have non-custodial parents who live in another state can spend a long summer break visiting with the other parent.	Nov 5, 2012 5:25 AM
135	It is not broke so don't try and fix it	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
136	there arent any true advantages other than tradition and this is what we are used to	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
137	None of this are of any specific advantage to me	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 AM
138	It allows students to participate in extracurricular enrichment outside of school (summer camps).	Nov 5, 2012 5:14 AM
139	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 AM
140	It provides TEACHERS with an extended break, which is necessary for rest and rejuvenation!!!	Nov 5, 2012 5:06 AM
141	I don't believe there are advantages with such a long break. I feel like they spend the first part of the new year trying to review what they covered the year before.	Nov 5, 2012 5:06 AM
142	"4H" countu fair, student who help their family and have to work	Nov 5, 2012 4:55 AM
143	Alignment with IU's calendar, an extended break which provides work opportunities for youth and staff, and a semester break BEFORE the winter holiday break.	Nov 5, 2012 4:19 AM
144	I don't see many advantages	Nov 5, 2012 3:57 AM
145	Allows students time to pursue other interests that may not be available or practical during the school year.	Nov 4, 2012 8:33 PM
146	Students learn so much outside of classrooms. They need longer break in summer to learn from community service, travel, and family gathering.	Nov 4, 2012 7:49 PM
147	kids have off for the entire 4-H fair	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
148	traditional	Nov 4, 2012 6:08 PM

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149	No advantage	Nov 4, 2012 5:56 PM
150	there is no advantage-crazy schedule	Nov 4, 2012 5:43 PM
151	No advantages	Nov 4, 2012 5:34 PM
152	Allows visitation with out of state family	Nov 4, 2012 5:27 PM
153	None of the above. Who cares about iu break if your not affiliated with iu	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
154	summer activities, but I'm sure the community would adjust if a non-traditional schedule was adopted	Nov 4, 2012 5:12 PM
155	Every reason on the list.	Nov 4, 2012 4:59 PM
156	Summer enrichment	Nov 4, 2012 4:24 PM
157	none	Nov 4, 2012 3:23 PM
158	For some students it is hard to get back in and out of the groove with multiple breaks vs. the transition from summer break to the new year. My child does better with fewer breaks and the long summer break whether than the constant transition back and forth.	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
159	it gives the kids to much time off for the summer to get into trouble .usually both parents have to work.	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
160	It provides students an extended time to pursue other interests in depth. Being in school full time does not allow for that kind of in depth study.	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM
161	no advsntages to this calendar	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM
162	time to play and go on vactaion	Nov 4, 2012 2:00 PM
163	I can't think of any advantages when we are doing what is best for students and their education.	Nov 4, 2012 1:37 PM
164	It allows parents who need babysitters to send children to camp or to another location. If we have time off periodically can be a daycare nightmare. The bisggest concern will be children left home to take care of themselves.	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
165	It's what we are used to	Nov 4, 2012 12:36 PM
166	allows for necessary family travel out of state	Nov 4, 2012 12:18 PM
167	In concert with the first two options, a minimum two months summer break also affords those students splitting time between parents' homes ample parenting time, especially for vacation travel, visiting out of state family as well as participation in summer camps and like seasonal activities.	Nov 4, 2012 12:12 PM
168	I see no advantage	Nov 4, 2012 12:00 PM
169	All of the above. They are all crucial.	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 AM

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170	I have more time to decompress from a very stressful job.	Nov 4, 2012 10:46 AM
171	I don't believe that there is really an advantage.	Nov 4, 2012 10:02 AM
172	There are no advantages that I see	Nov 4, 2012 8:53 AM
173	Attendance dollars in being aligned with IU	Nov 4, 2012 8:52 AM
174	none	Nov 4, 2012 8:21 AM
175	Not only is it aligned with IU of which I have two kids there and one at DePaul, but I would have to go through a costly court battle with my ex husband over a new visitation schedule for the one in high school. He also plays football and what about those kids who rely on making money for college during the summer when the IU kids are gone and jobs are available . Family vacation time would be a thing of the past because a lot of mccsc kids go to IU and siblings go to mccsc. Think about the impact.....	Nov 4, 2012 7:10 AM
176	I see no true educational advantages with the traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break.	Nov 4, 2012 6:56 AM
177	it allows for lengthy camps to develop other interests (music language)	Nov 4, 2012 5:33 AM
178	Opportunity for Longer vacation and camps.	Nov 4, 2012 4:29 AM
179	It allows some kids to do extended summer camps which enrich the kids and are crucial for working parents.	Nov 4, 2012 3:36 AM
180	I do not agree that the traditional calendar provides an advantage	Nov 3, 2012 8:01 PM
181	No real advantage	Nov 3, 2012 5:37 PM
182	All of the above	Nov 3, 2012 4:50 PM
183	it's summer, and the warmest, sunniest time to be off - I don't want extended vacations when it is cold out and I can't afford to go on vacation	Nov 3, 2012 4:37 PM
184	all of the above	Nov 3, 2012 4:08 PM
185	Aligns with vacations for working parents.	Nov 3, 2012 4:01 PM
186	None	Nov 3, 2012 1:49 PM
187	none	Nov 3, 2012 1:16 PM
188	Easier to plan summer time off in longer durations.	Nov 3, 2012 1:09 PM
189	There is none.	Nov 3, 2012 11:54 AM
190	there is no advantage	Nov 3, 2012 11:45 AM
191	Summer break just barely permits surgery recovery for those students who need it.	Nov 3, 2012 11:29 AM

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192	rest/rejuvenation and professional development	Nov 3, 2012 10:39 AM
193	Gives extended family time for visiting & vacations during the summer.	Nov 3, 2012 9:54 AM
194	opportunities for different kinds of learning experiences (eg, travel, camps, etc.)	Nov 3, 2012 9:53 AM
195	My child visits her father out of state on summer break, this is the only extended parenting time he has with her	Nov 3, 2012 9:44 AM
196	It matches up with ECAs, practices and other schedules throughout the school year.	Nov 3, 2012 9:41 AM
197	no advantage	Nov 3, 2012 9:32 AM
198	I see no advantage, it is just what we have become accustomed to.	Nov 3, 2012 9:14 AM
199	this calendar is archaic, we need more days in school and shorter breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 9:12 AM
200	Even IU doesn't start in the beginning of August	Nov 3, 2012 9:05 AM
201	The current calendar allows for children to participate in various extracurricular activities that help balance the LENGTHY school day with a variety of learning experiences.	Nov 3, 2012 8:58 AM
202	It is better than having multiple moderate length breaks where students and staff have re-start and get going over and over again. There is something to be said for routine.	Nov 3, 2012 7:42 AM
203	None	Nov 3, 2012 7:24 AM
204	Childcare. What would I do with my kids with more frequent breaks?	Nov 3, 2012 7:18 AM
205	Working parents need consistency.	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
206	I would agree to all the above	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
207	None	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 AM
208	no significant advantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:50 AM
209	I don't think any of the above are particularly adv for our kids	Nov 3, 2012 6:48 AM
210	I am able to set up care that is the same for the whole summer. And children are able to be outside and play in the good weather.	Nov 3, 2012 6:07 AM
211	It makes it easier to hire baby sitters for a longer period of time instead of constantly throughout the school year.	Nov 3, 2012 6:06 AM
212	There is no advantage to the current calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 5:33 AM
213	Break is during a time of year when children can easily be outside since it is a warm time of year.	Nov 3, 2012 5:19 AM
214	planning for childcare is easier	Nov 3, 2012 5:12 AM

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215	I teach at South HS where semester breaks do not fall with vacation breaks. My partner works at IU and the calendar at MCCSC does not need to be the same.	Nov 3, 2012 4:39 AM
216	Allows for intense cleaning and construction projects	Nov 3, 2012 4:03 AM
217	allows for extended learning, educational opportunities outside the school academic setting	Nov 3, 2012 4:03 AM
218	ALL OF THE ABOVE....THE KIDS NEED SUMMERS OFF!	Nov 3, 2012 4:00 AM
219	I'm not too attached to current schedule	Nov 3, 2012 3:53 AM
220	All of the above AND allows time for family activities that are generally done in the summer months.	Nov 3, 2012 3:44 AM
221	I dont have to line up sitters multiple times a year, but only one for an extended period of time.	Nov 3, 2012 2:32 AM
222	Well timed to family schedule	Nov 3, 2012 2:20 AM
223	No strong advantage.	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 PM
224	Easier to find child care for an extended period of time versus random weeks off.	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 PM
225	No advantage for us.	Nov 2, 2012 7:50 PM
226	It coincides with out of state summer learning opportunities and camps in other states.	Nov 2, 2012 6:58 PM
227	We are new to the school area and year so it is all new to us.	Nov 2, 2012 6:57 PM
228	Need to be off during summer to finish 4-H animal projects	Nov 2, 2012 6:46 PM
229	If the summer break is reduced to 6 weeks, I would only get 1 week off during the summer....	Nov 2, 2012 6:34 PM
230	I see no advantage with the current schedule	Nov 2, 2012 6:30 PM
231	tradition	Nov 2, 2012 6:10 PM
232	It provides students and faculty the opportunity to pursue time working and spending time with family.	Nov 2, 2012 5:55 PM
233	summer enrichment opportunities	Nov 2, 2012 5:46 PM
234	It is summer break as a summer break should be!	Nov 2, 2012 5:40 PM
235	nothing	Nov 2, 2012 5:32 PM
236	It provides a break all at one time where children can explore personal interests and care for working families is manageable.	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
237	None	Nov 2, 2012 5:28 PM

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238	It allows students to work, as above, and possibly travel to summer programs abroad,etc,	Nov 2, 2012 4:28 PM
239	it allows kids to be kids	Nov 2, 2012 4:26 PM
240	All of the above, poorly worded question	Nov 2, 2012 3:57 PM
241	Long summer break allows for students of all ages to explore other(often more creative) learning opportunities in-depth, even something as simple as building a fort in the woods with your friends. Boredom can be the catalyst for creativity.	Nov 2, 2012 3:54 PM
242	none	Nov 2, 2012 3:44 PM
243	none of these are advantages for us	Nov 2, 2012 3:43 PM
244	none, leave it like is	Nov 2, 2012 3:40 PM
245	None	Nov 2, 2012 3:29 PM
246	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 3:19 PM
247	Long teaching break to rejuvenate and work on house.	Nov 2, 2012 3:18 PM
248	I don't see any specific advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 3:16 PM
249	It provides teachers with an extended break, which is necessary for rest, rejuvenation, and to clean up from/prepare for the next year. Teachers use one or two week "breaks" to work on catching up/preparing for instructional units. A teacher's summer break is essentially 4 weeks, with the wrap up, professional development, and preparation included in unpaid 'summer' time.	Nov 2, 2012 3:09 PM
250	It isn't a lengthy summer break, and it is time to move off the agrarian calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
251	don't really see an advantage to the current (traditional) schedule. I think it is outdated and in need of redesign.	Nov 2, 2012 3:01 PM
252	Routines are easy to keep with minimal transitions from school times and vacation times.	Nov 2, 2012 2:57 PM
253	I would have checked the first three had I been able to choose more than one.	Nov 2, 2012 2:51 PM
254	none	Nov 2, 2012 2:47 PM
255	There is no obvious advantage	Nov 2, 2012 2:47 PM
256	No reason to keep the traditional schedule	Nov 2, 2012 2:35 PM
257	I feel it's easier to get childcare during summer break then to have it stretched out all year. But maybe providers would start to make exceptions?	Nov 2, 2012 2:27 PM
258	I work in another school system with a similar calendar	Nov 2, 2012 2:20 PM
259	gives time for extended vacations & breaks for the students rejuvenation/to do other things than having to focus on school	Nov 2, 2012 2:16 PM

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260	It allows us to have some extended family time.	Nov 2, 2012 2:13 PM
261	It provides my children time with their other parent who lives out of state	Nov 2, 2012 2:05 PM
262	There is no advantage for our family at this point.	Nov 2, 2012 2:00 PM
263	The current traditional calendar (with a lengthy summer break) is essential in aiding students to prepare for the next academic school year by reviewing familiar as well as new material; also, it is closely aligned with the IU calendar, which provides many conveniences. As well as the aforementioned reasons, students as well as school staff can utilize the lengthy summer break for enrichment, family time, and rejuvenation.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
264	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:43 PM
265	Helps with equipment replacement and maintenance	Nov 2, 2012 1:38 PM
266	None	Nov 2, 2012 1:33 PM
267	none	Nov 2, 2012 1:33 PM
268	None	Nov 2, 2012 1:30 PM
269	It allows for a block of time to take classes in order to renew teaching licenses.	Nov 2, 2012 1:26 PM
270	For working parents it is easier to maintain a routine	Nov 2, 2012 1:23 PM
271	I do not believe there is a benefit.	Nov 2, 2012 1:18 PM
272	I don't really think any of these are truly huge advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 1:15 PM
273	All the above!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 1:11 PM
274	It perpetuates an antiquated, agrarian culture.	Nov 2, 2012 1:10 PM
275	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:03 PM
276	There is NO advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
277	Too many advantages to name	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
278	It allows for extended family vacations and much needed rest from the school/extracurricular schedule. I certainly do NOT want a break in the dead of winter!	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
279	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
280	You don't have to worry about child care all year long, just in the summer. It is easier to find child care for an extended period than for short terms more frequently.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
281	Students benefit from summer activities: swimming fun and classes!, sports!, vacations! camps! visiting grandparents! Reading, relaxing and just plain ol' playing!!!	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

282	Allows for family travel without interrupting school.	Nov 2, 2012 12:51 PM
283	I see no advantage to it other than parents being able to schedule childcare	Nov 2, 2012 12:47 PM
284	It allows visits with out of state family members	Nov 2, 2012 12:41 PM
285	not helpful at all	Nov 2, 2012 12:39 PM
286	I'm not sure these advantages outweigh the decrease of knowledge retention that occurs with our students over the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
287	No real benefit to my family	Nov 2, 2012 12:32 PM
288	not a huge impact, my kids are ready for the school yr after summer break	Nov 2, 2012 12:31 PM
289	I don not feel there is any advantage. It is a learning loss for young students.	Nov 2, 2012 12:29 PM
290	It provides TEACHERS with an extended break, which is...	Nov 2, 2012 12:28 PM
291	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 12:27 PM
292	Both of my boys play travel baseball in the summer. It's important to our family. It currently begins end of May and concludes beginning of August. We also like the boys to get a summer vacation in, where they can relax - free of school and free of baseball.	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM
293	I do not see one.	Nov 2, 2012 12:20 PM
294	I do not see any advantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM
295	It enables me to do my civic duty with the Monroe County Fair in late July/early August.	Nov 2, 2012 12:17 PM
296	All the reasons described above.	Nov 2, 2012 12:17 PM
297	I agree it provides for an extended break that is needed and reduces the time spent on reviewing after each short break	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
298	Gives time for summer sports w/out worrying about homework.	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
299	It aligns closely with other schools in our area and district.	Nov 2, 2012 12:12 PM
300	I am able to work a second job at a summer camp with kids.	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
301	there is no real benefit	Nov 2, 2012 12:07 PM
302	Stability of child care	Nov 2, 2012 12:07 PM
303	1 long break makes it possible for working parents to plan for child care	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
304	I am a mother and enjoy time with my children	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM
305	Our school day is TOO LONG!	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

306	having too many long breaks will result in more unfocused days of school for students (i.e. the week before and after a break)	Nov 2, 2012 12:00 PM
307	Aligns with college calendar for students to take dual credits	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
308	no advantage, too much wasted time in summer	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
309	I do not see any advantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
310	All of the above, not to mention the number of community agencies and programs dependent upon the MCCSC calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM
311	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:55 AM
312	Both my children do softball & it's better to have the summer off for that	Nov 2, 2012 11:51 AM
313	It is aligned with all children's activities offered by many community groups, such as churches, YMCA, Parks and Rec., etc...	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
314	Allows for continuing ed. opportunities for license renewal.	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
315	No advantage - it's just how it's always been	Nov 2, 2012 11:49 AM
316	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
317	Allows for staff to engaged in professional development, and students to participate in jobs and other organization (camps, 4-h, athletic)	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
318	allows for non custodial parent's visitation	Nov 2, 2012 11:45 AM
319	Less transition for my kids (consistent school or camp)	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 AM
320	Summer camps , jobs,travel	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 AM
321	The children get to spend real time with their dad in another state	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 AM
322	I can't say I believe it has big advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM
323	Plan long vacations	Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM
324	Allows for travel and other enrichment opportunities.	Nov 2, 2012 11:38 AM
325	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:33 AM
326	None, really.	Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM
327	It allows students adequate time to engage in other activities, such as attending sleep-away summer camps, taking enrichment classes, traveling, or working to earn money. For younger children, it allows extra time for playing outside/getting exercise when the weather is warm.	Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM
328	It provides a time for family activities that are not options during other times of the year. Vacations, summer activities such as 4H that help children earn towards college that they would lose with another calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

329	It allows students to participate in other types of learning opportunities outside of traditional schooling. Also, the first semester ends prior to winter break (survey wouldn't let me check two advantages, so I just wrote both of them in "other")	Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM
330	Vacations can be lengthy	Nov 2, 2012 11:24 AM
331	i see no particular advantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:13 AM
332	I do not believe there is a benefit to our current calendar.I	Nov 2, 2012 10:53 AM
333	I don't feel it is advantageous.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
334	We take educational, extended family vacations over summer break. Missing that opportunity would be devastating to us. When not traveling, our children get enrichment at the YMCA and Wonderlab camps.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
335	no big advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:38 AM
336	None of the above	Nov 2, 2012 10:33 AM
337	None. Need more breaks during year!	Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM
338	Only 1 long break to find childcare for in summer, not several times a year	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
339	It teaches self discipline, prepares students for the kinds of scheduling in college and regular work world.	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
340	No advantages!	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
341	Not necessarily in favor of a longer summer	Nov 2, 2012 10:25 AM
342	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
343	older students are able to have summer jobs to help with their insurance or car. We tend to take 2 vacations in the summer when the weather is good instead of other seasons.Those of us that have a pool will sit empty of activity during the day which makes it almost useless to have.	Nov 2, 2012 10:22 AM
344	I can't agree with any of the above choices	Nov 2, 2012 10:16 AM
345	I am in favor of switching.	Nov 2, 2012 10:14 AM
346	I don't see an advantage to a long summer break...no corn fields to plow.	Nov 2, 2012 10:13 AM
347	ALLOWS FOR EXTENDED TRAVEL AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION IN SUCH EVENTS AS THE 4-H FAIR AS WELL AS SPORTS PREPARATION.	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
348	Simply, if you shorten it and it conflicts with vaca, the student will be absent. Leave the break long!	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
349	Allows for summer camps and vacations.	Nov 2, 2012 10:10 AM
350	None.	Nov 2, 2012 10:07 AM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

351	It doesn't conflict with summer travel sports.	Nov 2, 2012 10:06 AM
352	My part time work at a preschool goes by the MCCSC calendar	Nov 2, 2012 10:06 AM
353	I see no benefit	Nov 2, 2012 10:05 AM
354	scheduling babysitting	Nov 2, 2012 10:04 AM
355	I don't know of an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:02 AM
356	I do not like the current traditional calendar I don't there are any good advantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:54 AM
357	Allows time for travel sports w/o interfering with school work	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
358	It is too long	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
359	We're able to help my elderly father on his farm.	Nov 2, 2012 9:46 AM
360	I really see no advantage to our present calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:42 AM
361	provides students an opportunity for other activities-sports, 4-H	Nov 2, 2012 9:41 AM
362	too many transitions from school to childcare.	Nov 2, 2012 9:38 AM
363	My kids can attend family vacations and camps planned with out of state attendees	Nov 2, 2012 9:33 AM
364	Summer enrichment and job opportunities	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
365	No real advantage, but makes travel softball a little easier.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
366	None. I would like to see year round school.	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
367	Child care and camps	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
368	Shared Custody mandates the children are in Seattle for six weeks of summer. This is not uncommon. Any change to the traditional calendar I will Fight strenuously as it destroys what little summer with my children remains.	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM
369	I do not see an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:28 AM
370	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:28 AM
371	The extended break allows for summer trips and other traditional activities	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
372	Aligned with IU. Allows my kids to focus on out door sports that would otherwise disrupt school nights.	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
373	extracurricular/sporting activities in the summer months	Nov 2, 2012 9:24 AM
374	Family time together	Nov 2, 2012 9:23 AM
375	All of the above. It should have been a choice.	Nov 2, 2012 9:22 AM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

376	Easier to plan childcare for young children	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
377	Parents work schedules as well as a longer break for the students and staff to relax	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
378	There is no advantage whatsoever.	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
379	no opinion here	Nov 2, 2012 9:20 AM
380	Allows for other educational opportunities and continuity	Nov 2, 2012 9:19 AM
381	none, I don't like it	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
382	Monroe County Fair - we show animals at the fair and is a big week for us!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
383	All of the above- but the opportunity for summer employment is key for students with difficult schedules during the school year.	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
384	It is easier to just to maintain status quo	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
385	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
386	it it easier to obtain daycare for whole summer rather than a few weeks here and there	Nov 2, 2012 9:13 AM
387	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
388	All of the above. IU families stay together. Transplanted families get time to travel to build relationships with their distant extended families.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
389	all of the above answers apply and are equally important to our family	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM
390	a chance to visit grandparents for a summer that live far away and give parents a break	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
391	none of these are an advantage to me	Nov 2, 2012 9:07 AM
392	None apply	Nov 2, 2012 9:04 AM
393	I feel it would be better to have more frequent breaks throughout the year than one long break	Nov 2, 2012 9:01 AM
394	Summer baseball	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
395	allows the children to participate in extracurricular activities which are extremely beneficial to their development.	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
396	Opportunities for sports travel	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
397	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
398	No great advantage. Some will say community camps etc but those would change if school calendar changed.	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

399	YMCA Summer camp, which my girls love.	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM
400	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:53 AM
401	The summer childcare options are able to employ IU students who are off on summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM
402	No definite advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:51 AM
403	Our family takes advantage of all the summer programs that I.U. has to offer. Swim lessons, baseball camp, soccer camp. I would be disappointed to lose those oppurtunities with I.U.	Nov 2, 2012 8:51 AM
404	I see no specific advantage.	Nov 2, 2012 8:51 AM
405	Worried about what child care options.	Nov 2, 2012 8:50 AM
406	All of the above....	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
407	hate current calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
408	More flexibility for family vacations and Club travel (my daughter goes to AAU in June every year and wouldn't want her to miss school for a week).	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
409	I have had experience with both calendars and prefer year round schooling	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
410	Vacation opportunities with family	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
411	Child care options for those that work full time.	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
412	It is what is familiar	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
413	familiarity	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
414	It works	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
415	easier to arrange childcare for summer as well as take advantage of summer opportunities -- camps, etc -- especially important for families where both parents work	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
416	Im not really sure how I feel about it.	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
417	there is no benefit	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
418	ALL OF THE ABOVE!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
419	All of the above are absolutely critical!!!!!!!!!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
420	It provides students with an extended break, allowing them time to explore and persue other avenues of enriching their lives.	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
421	I only have to figure out a plan for extended care once - the summer. The alternative being several small chunks throughout the year. But, I'm sure it could be worked out.	Nov 2, 2012 8:33 AM

Page 2, Q3. The biggest advantage of the current traditional calendar with a lengthy summer break is:

422	It's not disruptive to routine! Childcare is easier to obtain. Do not like the idea of constantly starting and stopping school. Long summers allow for quality family time. Please don't change!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
423	Allows time for extended travel.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
424	The community has vast resources during the summer to care for the children not in school. If MCCSC went to more of a year round schedule, I question whether camps and programs that are needed during the breaks would be able to find enough qualified people to staff them.	Nov 2, 2012 8:28 AM
425	I dont think there are many advantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 AM
426	It allow the kids to attend fun camps I.e. science camp or camp rock	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM
427	Allows for travel & visits with family out of state	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM
428	International families are able to return to own country before new school year.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
429	I no longer see clear advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
430	Other schools have similar calendars	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
431	It is easier to arrange childcare during time off from school, for parents who work.	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
432	The kids are home long enough to drive me completely nuts?	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
433	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
434	its toooo long	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

1	none	Nov 7, 2012 6:28 AM
2	Their isn't a disadvantage if the parents are involved.	Nov 7, 2012 5:46 AM
3	H	Nov 7, 2012 5:33 AM
4	I do not see a problem with the current traditional calendar. A non-traditional calendar actually creates more challenges for parents seeking childcare options and increases the costs of that childcare because more weeks are spent out of school than over a typical summer break. I might add that there are already numerous programs available for parents over traditional summer breaks, so childcare should be easier for most families during this time than any other.	Nov 7, 2012 5:22 AM
5	I don't think there IS a disadvantage to the current schedule	Nov 7, 2012 5:21 AM
6	I like the current calendar	Nov 6, 2012 7:01 PM
7	none	Nov 6, 2012 6:36 PM
8	it is too hard to go without more breaks throughout the year, kids get wornout and burntout with the current calendar, lets have more breaks throughout the school year to rejuvenate ourselves!	Nov 6, 2012 5:59 PM
9	Long trips can only be taken in summer, and kids get bored before the summer ends.	Nov 6, 2012 5:07 PM
10	I think the traditional calendar is a good fit for most families	Nov 6, 2012 5:00 PM
11	not being able to have summer activities	Nov 6, 2012 4:05 PM
12	Support staff cannot find employment during the summer break, and MCCSC does nothing to help.	Nov 6, 2012 3:49 PM
13	I do not see a disadvantage.	Nov 6, 2012 3:19 PM
14	There is no disadvantage of the regular school year. It has worked this way for years.	Nov 6, 2012 1:44 PM
15	I see no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 1:20 PM
16	Numbers 1, 2, and 4 seem equally disadvantageous.	Nov 6, 2012 1:15 PM
17	I value family time more than anything...the summer extended break allows my children to enjoy time with their extensive family but I realize that some children may not have a relationship with their extended family and then i assume that childcare could become a challenge but then again in Bloomington so much extra curriculum is provided by the Y or IU (music school, science etc...) that it could very well be enriching for the children to have the opportunity to explore other things.	Nov 6, 2012 12:26 PM
18	no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 11:53 AM
19	There is no disadvantage.	Nov 6, 2012 11:25 AM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

20	No disadvantage - don't rob kids and families of summer!	Nov 6, 2012 11:00 AM
21	none	Nov 6, 2012 10:51 AM
22	No disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 10:42 AM
23	I do not see any disadvantages to the current calendar, personally.	Nov 6, 2012 10:31 AM
24	I am personally happy w/ current calendar	Nov 6, 2012 10:22 AM
25	There are many disadvantages to the current system including all those listed here.	Nov 6, 2012 10:16 AM
26	All of the above. "Biggest disadvantage" is going to differ tremendously among families.	Nov 6, 2012 10:02 AM
27	With limited time for vacation, rates are always highest and crowded.	Nov 6, 2012 9:58 AM
28	I believe short breaks for travel only a disadvantage if families have the means to travel. Childcare may be difficult for some but I believe it will be more difficult with sporadic breaks.	Nov 6, 2012 9:55 AM
29	All of the above	Nov 6, 2012 9:51 AM
30	it continues to reflect a community that places instructional minutes before developmentally appropriate practices for children	Nov 6, 2012 9:42 AM
31	None	Nov 6, 2012 9:27 AM
32	No net disadvantages	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
33	no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 9:11 AM
34	I am against to shortening the summer break	Nov 6, 2012 8:55 AM
35	It is not in the "sexy" category of educational trends	Nov 6, 2012 8:47 AM
36	You are never going to please everyone - childcare may be an issue, but people need to consider that when they decide to have children. Travel over Holidays is not realistic, volumes / full loads and weather makes it a poor choice of times to travel the world.	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
37	none because we supplement academic instruction in the summer, childcare in Bloomington is cheap and available. Maybe some students have unstable lives, but I am not sure school helps that much with that problem.	Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM
38	I see no disadvantage to the traditional calendar	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
39	no disadvantage, traditional calendar works well	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
40	I do not find a disadvantage to the current traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 7:13 AM
41	I am not at a disadvantage do to the traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 7:07 AM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

42	Students lose some learning AND childcare is a challenge	Nov 6, 2012 6:29 AM
43	Leading questions with pre assumptions where are the do not agree choices	Nov 6, 2012 6:02 AM
44	no current disadvantages	Nov 6, 2012 5:55 AM
45	None	Nov 6, 2012 4:33 AM
46	There is none	Nov 6, 2012 4:25 AM
47	None	Nov 6, 2012 4:21 AM
48	all of the above	Nov 5, 2012 10:06 PM
49	None	Nov 5, 2012 7:09 PM
50	nothing	Nov 5, 2012 6:58 PM
51	No disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:44 PM
52	see no disadvantage to current calendar	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 PM
53	prefer this calendar	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 PM
54	Too long of a school day for children 5-1. They should only have a 6.5 - 7hour day.Otherwise the traidtional calendar is great. But great job writing a leading question....	Nov 5, 2012 5:05 PM
55	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:01 PM
56	I don't see any big disadvantages with the traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 4:23 PM
57	None	Nov 5, 2012 3:59 PM
58	Leave itm alone	Nov 5, 2012 3:40 PM
59	No disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 2:29 PM
60	I can't spend as much time with my kids, as I have summers off. Plus, finding childcare would be more burdensome!	Nov 5, 2012 2:24 PM
61	None	Nov 5, 2012 2:02 PM
62	None	Nov 5, 2012 1:47 PM
63	There is none, but I think we should keep the long summer break, and lengthen others.	Nov 5, 2012 1:29 PM
64	There is no downside	Nov 5, 2012 1:25 PM
65	No disadvantage to traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 1:19 PM
66	none	Nov 5, 2012 1:03 PM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

67	not many things are really large disadvantages from the normal traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 12:57 PM
68	There are no disadvantages of the current calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 12:55 PM
69	I am fine with the calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 12:36 PM
70	I feel that the current calendar is actually fine. I think the days are too long for the younger students and that they are being robbed of important unstructured play time.	Nov 5, 2012 12:21 PM
71	I see no disadvantage.	Nov 5, 2012 11:24 AM
72	All of the above. Research shows a long break in the summer is not good for student learning.	Nov 5, 2012 10:42 AM
73	Any break is a challenge for some families with regard to child care and stability so I don't see a lot of shorter breaks as any better for these kids. There should be support for these kids in a way that does not negatively affect the other kids.	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
74	For us personally, there are no disadvantages to the current calendar	Nov 5, 2012 10:30 AM
75	We find no problems with the current "traditional" calendar (in fact, we think the school year starts too early)	Nov 5, 2012 10:08 AM
76	There is no disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 10:05 AM
77	There is not a disadvantage. Please keep the calendar the same.	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
78	I don't see any of the above reasons relevant	Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM
79	no disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
80	I see no disadvantages to current traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 9:47 AM
81	I do not see a disadvantage to this calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:46 AM
82	No disadvantage to having a break and being able to concentrate on personal goals outside of school.	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM
83	the biggest disadvantage, if you want to call it that, may be the loss of learning. However, from personal experience, I can also say that having time off over the summer actually helped to give time to process all of the information learned during the previous school year.	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
84	None of the above	Nov 5, 2012 9:15 AM
85	I see no disadvantage. Outdoor activities, review is always a part of education, school is not childcare, or substitute family	Nov 5, 2012 9:09 AM
86	We do not have any significant challenges.	Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM
87	it does not have any disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 8:49 AM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

88	I don't find any of these significant disadvantages. The problem with summer childcare would simply be transferred to the new off times and at least there is an offer of camps and other activities for children during the summer that can make childcare less of a problem.	Nov 5, 2012 8:37 AM
89	both 1 and 2 of the above	Nov 5, 2012 8:30 AM
90	none	Nov 5, 2012 8:17 AM
91	none	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
92	The school day starts too early	Nov 5, 2012 8:12 AM
93	none	Nov 5, 2012 7:44 AM
94	I do not see a disadvantage to the current calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 7:41 AM
95	None	Nov 5, 2012 7:35 AM
96	I can't think of any	Nov 5, 2012 7:34 AM
97	no disadvantages to the log summer	Nov 5, 2012 7:30 AM
98	If our sending schools go to a similar year round configuration we are out of sync.	Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM
99	kids need a break	Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM
100	It should end by June 1 and not begin before Labor Day weekend	Nov 5, 2012 7:12 AM
101	No disadvantage experienced	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
102	There is no disadvantage. Don't re-invent the wheel. The current schedule is best for families who are employees at IU. Or, students at IU. Changing the existing schedule would prove to be difficult. Remember, IU is a major part of our community.	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
103	I have no problems with the current calendary, because it aligns with the daycare available.	Nov 5, 2012 7:05 AM
104	it might fit summer camp schedule that student specialy want to concentrate	Nov 5, 2012 6:59 AM
105	Not really.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
106	Children get bored when they have 9 or 10 weeks off.	Nov 5, 2012 6:46 AM
107	These are all disadvantages.	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
108	Lose info over summer & not long enough for breaks during fall and spring	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
109	The Wednesday late start time	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
110	Many families are mixed families, siblings may go to different districts, it would be best for the breaks to incorporate so they can have time together	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

111	None	Nov 5, 2012 6:20 AM
112	A significant disadvantage does not exist.	Nov 5, 2012 6:13 AM
113	I think all of the 4 stated ideas previously are true.	Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM
114	I do not see a disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 6:06 AM
115	There is no disadvantage with the traditional calendar. It should be labor day to memorial day	Nov 5, 2012 5:56 AM
116	Learning is lost during long break/students get tired of school during long periods of school with no breaks, i.e. after spring break	Nov 5, 2012 5:52 AM
117	The calendar is sprinkled with individual days off (including staff days) that make it difficult to establish and maintain routines.	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
118	I don't find there to be a huge disadvantage to the traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 5:41 AM
119	Biased answers much. Why don't you stack the deck completely for non-traditional? The traditional calendar works well if you stop shortening the summer and having the school year start earlier in August	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM
120	None; the summer break is already TOO SHORT	Nov 5, 2012 5:36 AM
121	Do not see disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:35 AM
122	I see no disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
123	I like the traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
124	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:22 AM
125	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 AM
126	None	Nov 5, 2012 5:10 AM
127	No disadvantage.	Nov 5, 2012 5:00 AM
128	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 4:20 AM
129	none	Nov 5, 2012 2:38 AM
130	no disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 6:46 PM
131	I see no disadvantage. Our public school system is not responsible for summer childcare or instability in the home, I would hope that a huge decision would not be based, even a little, on either of these listed "disadvantages." In any case, a non-traditional calendar would seem less stable to me.	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
132	There is a lack of consistency in what is asked of students and teachers. During the long summer, there are no expectations; then in the school year there are too many expectations making it difficult for everyone to succeed.	Nov 4, 2012 5:36 PM

Page 2, Q4. The biggest disadvantage of the current traditional calendar is:

133	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
134	I don't see a disadvantage to the traditional calendar and do not want it changed.	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
135	None.	Nov 4, 2012 5:17 PM
136	I see no valid disadvantage for a long summer break.	Nov 4, 2012 5:02 PM
137	None of these reasons are at all valid.	Nov 4, 2012 4:59 PM
138	No disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 4:24 PM
139	None	Nov 4, 2012 4:22 PM
140	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 4:08 PM
141	Besides students losing what they learned over the long summer, the lack of real breaks throughout the year leads to fatigue for both students and teachers. Having a 2 week break between each quarter with a 3 week break in the Winter allows for re0juvenation for students and teachers as well as planning time.	Nov 4, 2012 3:43 PM
142	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 3:00 PM
143	none	Nov 4, 2012 2:56 PM
144	I don't feel there is a disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
145	nothing wrong with long summer	Nov 4, 2012 2:00 PM
146	I don't see a disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 1:48 PM
147	current structure is not a disadvantage.	Nov 4, 2012 1:24 PM
148	I do not see anything wrong with what we are doing right now. Why fix something that is not broken. We are an A school with this current calendar. Must be working.	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
149	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 12:00 PM
150	None of these suggest outright that the current calendar is at a disadvantage to the non-traditional calendar. There are caveats for all of these which do not place the current calendar at a clear disadvantage to the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 AM
151	dont see any disadvantage,leave alone	Nov 4, 2012 8:01 AM
152	The current schedule has very minimal problems because people know what to expect and have done so for generations.	Nov 4, 2012 7:10 AM
153	I don't see a disadvantage.	Nov 4, 2012 6:50 AM
154	Don't like finishing at Memorial Day prefer more time in August	Nov 4, 2012 6:42 AM
155	no disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 3:27 AM

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156	No disadvantage	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 PM
157	I like our calendar- except Wed late day	Nov 3, 2012 6:32 PM
158	summer break is too important for you to shorten!!!!	Nov 3, 2012 4:40 PM
159	none	Nov 3, 2012 3:40 PM
160	N/A	Nov 3, 2012 3:12 PM
161	The long summer break is crucial to my ability to function during the school year. I NEED the extended travel time!	Nov 3, 2012 1:45 PM
162	no disadvantage for our family	Nov 3, 2012 1:11 PM
163	No disadvantage, I prefer the traditional calendar. Not only does it correspond to the IU calendar, it corresponds most other school calendars around the country, making it possible to visit relatives etc. I do not find there is an issue with reatining material over the summer. Also, with longer breaks throughout the year, child care could become an issue.	Nov 3, 2012 12:16 PM
164	If there are frequent longer breaks teachers will still have to review.	Nov 3, 2012 11:34 AM
165	I haven no known disadvantage with the current calendar	Nov 3, 2012 10:46 AM
166	I see no disadvantages with the current schedule. If there were to be any adjustment then I would be in favor of starting school later in August and extending further into June if necessary.	Nov 3, 2012 10:45 AM
167	None	Nov 3, 2012 10:29 AM
168	None	Nov 3, 2012 9:41 AM
169	see below	Nov 3, 2012 9:36 AM
170	We think it's great---no disadvantage.	Nov 3, 2012 9:25 AM
171	Short breaks in the fall, at Thanksgiving, and in the spring are not long enough for travel and other activities.Long breaks may contribute to instability for children for whom school is the most stable aspect of their lives.	Nov 3, 2012 9:12 AM
172	None.	Nov 3, 2012 8:58 AM
173	I see no disadvantage to the current calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 7:51 AM
174	No disadvantages	Nov 3, 2012 7:22 AM
175	none	Nov 3, 2012 7:21 AM
176	There's nothing wrong with it.	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
177	I believe all are possible reasons/excuses	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
178	no disadvantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:59 AM

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179	there are none compared to if you change the school year yet again	Nov 3, 2012 6:49 AM
180	none	Nov 3, 2012 6:31 AM
181	Nothing.	Nov 3, 2012 6:07 AM
182	Answer 1 and 4 say it best.	Nov 3, 2012 5:33 AM
183	I do NOT favor a non-traditional calendar	Nov 3, 2012 4:45 AM
184	I do not see a significant disadvantage. Childcare and unstable family situations would be a problem whenever the students are out of school.	Nov 3, 2012 4:40 AM
185	I agree with all of these and would select them all.	Nov 3, 2012 4:39 AM
186	I think the summer break isn't long enough and they shouldn't have to go back to school until after Labor Day.	Nov 3, 2012 4:35 AM
187	I do not feel there is a "disadvantage" to current calendar	Nov 3, 2012 4:21 AM
188	NONE APPLY	Nov 3, 2012 4:00 AM
189	None.... If its not broken.. Don't "fix" it	Nov 3, 2012 3:44 AM
190	Parents need to take responsibility of their kids and let them be kids such as doing summer jobs like working on a farm putting up hay or other jobs like life guards at local beaches and pools let them be kids and give them a summer break a lot of parents just want to pawn them off to school and that's a bunch of bs	Nov 3, 2012 3:03 AM
191	no disadvantages	Nov 3, 2012 2:32 AM
192	It seems as though some feel the absolute need too follow the scheduling of IU. Let's get away from this thinking	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 PM
193	None	Nov 2, 2012 7:58 PM
194	none	Nov 2, 2012 7:40 PM
195	None	Nov 2, 2012 7:15 PM
196	Since this is a new thing for us we are still figuring things out.	Nov 2, 2012 6:57 PM
197	I do not see a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 6:30 PM
198	There is no significant disadvantage that is catastrophic with the current calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 6:26 PM
199	the calendar year interupts summer break, i think it should start around labor day.	Nov 2, 2012 6:09 PM
200	None	Nov 2, 2012 5:46 PM
201	There are no disadvantages to a traditional calendar. Students and their families	Nov 2, 2012 5:40 PM

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should be able to enjoy their summer. There is ample time to travel for spring and fall if needed. In families where both parents work, a traditional calendar is easy to balance.

202	There is no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
203	I don't a disadvantage to the schedule	Nov 2, 2012 5:25 PM
204	I think the traditional school calendar is most advantageous.	Nov 2, 2012 5:07 PM
205	do not do it	Nov 2, 2012 5:06 PM
206	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:56 PM
207	None	Nov 2, 2012 4:36 PM
208	I like summer breaks	Nov 2, 2012 4:34 PM
209	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:33 PM
210	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:30 PM
211	Restarting in August is hard for any child who finds transition very challenging, like my autistic son.	Nov 2, 2012 4:08 PM
212	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:00 PM
213	There are NO disadvantages. This is a biased survey!	Nov 2, 2012 3:57 PM
214	none, leave it like it is	Nov 2, 2012 3:40 PM
215	There are no disadvantages that outweigh the advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 3:36 PM
216	We do not have an agrarian society and is out of date.	Nov 2, 2012 3:18 PM
217	Leave calendar as it is now!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 3:11 PM
218	I don't think there is a disadvantage. After smaller breaks (like a week or even a weekend), students also need "review" to come back up to speed.	Nov 2, 2012 3:09 PM
219	none	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
220	I feel that for the younger learners it may be more difficult to have extended breaks throughout the year with constant review.	Nov 2, 2012 2:51 PM
221	None	Nov 2, 2012 2:37 PM
222	None	Nov 2, 2012 2:34 PM
223	none	Nov 2, 2012 2:31 PM
224	There are no disadvantages, other than the earlier start time.	Nov 2, 2012 2:26 PM
225	None	Nov 2, 2012 2:23 PM

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226	I don't really see a disadvantage to the current traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 2:23 PM
227	I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A BIG DISADVANTAGE	Nov 2, 2012 2:16 PM
228	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 2:00 PM
229	Fatigue for students and staff. If there were more breaks, maybe it would help with loss of interest	Nov 2, 2012 1:59 PM
230	There are no disadvantages of the current traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
231	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:36 PM
232	it is not a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:27 PM
233	I don't think there is a disadvantage.	Nov 2, 2012 1:26 PM
234	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
235	there is NO disadvantage of the current calender	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
236	All of the Above	Nov 2, 2012 1:06 PM
237	Like it the way it is.	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
238	There is not any proof or valuable statistic to say that the traditional calendar has resulted in disfunctional or less educational children! None of these above could be a valuable reason. The last reason is the most ridiculous one.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
239	None.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
240	I don't see any of these as outweighing another- each issue has come up for us at one time or another.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
241	Students start to get bored and want a break from school.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
242	We do not see a major disadvantage in the current traditional calendar. There is help available for students that need summer academic review.	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM
243	none	Nov 2, 2012 12:53 PM
244	I think the school calendar is fine!	Nov 2, 2012 12:51 PM
245	well, In Bloomington, the school days are longer. If you want to change the current calendar year and like to reduce the summer, please pay attention to the school timings and not only 180 days. Kids are exhausted due to long day and still have to do the homework. For those parents who are both working, longer time is good because they do not have to pay for babysitting, but that is also hurting children and family life.	Nov 2, 2012 12:48 PM
246	There are no disadvantages in my opinion	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
247	x	Nov 2, 2012 12:37 PM

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248	Undecided	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
249	What students lose but also it would be so worthwhile to have longer fall breaks to get more organized and planned for our lessons. I feel like I am drowning and an extended break would help with that tremendously.	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
250	The school year starts too early in August -- it is not aligned with the summer break in the rest of the country.	Nov 2, 2012 12:35 PM
251	breaks distributed throughout the year are needed for all to rejuvenate	Nov 2, 2012 12:33 PM
252	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM
253	We're accustomed and for our family, there isn't a problem. We have a summer routine and a school year routine. It's tough to have several long breaks and have to accommodate to new routines more than we are now.	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM
254	Breaks aren't long enough to secure extra employment. Teacher salaries need to go up or the number of contract days need to increase to help teachers attain economic stability.	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM
255	It is fine the way that it is currently	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
256	NONE!	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
257	I don't have a problem with the current school schedule	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
258	I like it fine the way it is.	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM
259	You LIED about the last survey about the school day!	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM
260	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
261	there is no disadvantage for us	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
262	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM
263	No real disadvantage noted for our family	Nov 2, 2012 11:54 AM
264	For me there is nothing wrong with the calendar as it is.	Nov 2, 2012 11:51 AM
265	Don't see any	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
266	I don't see disadvantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:43 AM
267	Summer break is needed for rest, rejuvenation, spending time with family and allowing teachers to make income because our pay is not enough to pay bills. There are no disadvantages to the traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
268	No disadvantage...students need a break	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM
269	too many instruction days required, school isn't the only education children need	Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM
270	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:38 AM

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271	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:34 AM
272	I see no disadvantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:20 AM
273	There are no disadvantages - for my family, at least.	Nov 2, 2012 11:19 AM
274	I am happy w/ traditional 9 month school calendar	Nov 2, 2012 11:17 AM
275	The traditional calendar seems fine to me.	Nov 2, 2012 11:16 AM
276	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:05 AM
277	none	Nov 2, 2012 11:05 AM
278	no disadvantages. We like the calendar the way it is.	Nov 2, 2012 10:56 AM
279	I agree that the first and last statements here are likely true, but we work to keep educating our kids throughout the summer and have a stable home life, so it doesn't directly impact my kids (though I don't feel other children should suffer).	Nov 2, 2012 10:49 AM
280	There is no disadvantage. I like the current calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:45 AM
281	I like the traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
282	No disadvantage whatsoever. School is NOT childcare and should not refashion itself as such.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
283	I see no disadvantage, the changes made in recent years seem to help only a small % of the student population.	Nov 2, 2012 10:40 AM
284	I really do not have any issues with the above.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
285	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:30 AM
286	What about summer camps? This will be a nightmare with all camps wanting to come at the same time her at IU. That won't happen as we don't have enough space.	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
287	I see no significant disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
288	No disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
289	None - I would like to see a longer summer break	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
290	Nice to spend time with your kids!	Nov 2, 2012 10:27 AM
291	I do not feel there is a disadvantage to the current traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:25 AM
292	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM
293	for us, none. the current calendar is perfect.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
294	I do not see a disadvantage to the current calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:17 AM

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295	I don't see a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:12 AM
296	long times without a break	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
297	High School Students who participate in sports do not get enough rest, period.	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
298	Its fine, leave it alone!	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
299	Learning is lost over the long summer period.	Nov 2, 2012 10:07 AM
300	no disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:05 AM
301	I like the current calendar as it is. no needcto change it!	Nov 2, 2012 10:02 AM
302	there is no disadvantage to me. we have built our lives around this schedule	Nov 2, 2012 10:00 AM
303	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
304	For some children school in the most stable place, however, they will be out of school for the same amount of weeks each year, just in smaller amounts which would be worse. At least with a long summer break they could be in summer school.	Nov 2, 2012 9:52 AM
305	None, I think the traditional calendar is best.	Nov 2, 2012 9:52 AM
306	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:49 AM
307	short breaks are not sufficient for rest/recuperation	Nov 2, 2012 9:45 AM
308	I don't have a problem with the current schedule	Nov 2, 2012 9:38 AM
309	no disadvantage!	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
310	NONE	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
311	There is no disadvantage. Too bad this survey is so poorly designed.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
312	I like the calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
313	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
314	There isn't a remarkable problem with the current calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
315	Early start times and weird schedule on Weds	Nov 2, 2012 9:25 AM
316	There is no disadvantage. Should have been a choice.	Nov 2, 2012 9:22 AM
317	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
318	I prefer the current year to the new due to childcare with my work schedule!	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
319	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
320	Never thought of it since it has been this way for years!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM

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321	the current calendar is fine	Nov 2, 2012 9:17 AM
322	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
323	i have no disadvantages with current calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:13 AM
324	the traditional calendar is best.	Nov 2, 2012 9:12 AM
325	It's not perfect, but it's better than year round programs.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
326	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:10 AM
327	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:10 AM
328	none of these apply	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM
329	no real disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
330	NONE! love the summer days!	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
331	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:06 AM
332	Like the current schedule	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM
333	theres not any	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
334	I think the current calendar is the best choice	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
335	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:59 AM
336	Currently pleased with current calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:58 AM
337	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
338	current calender works very well	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
339	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM
340	I do not see a disadvantage for a High School Student	Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM
341	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
342	nothing	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
343	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
344	I don't see a disadvantage of the current traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
345	No disadvantage to traditional schedule	Nov 2, 2012 8:44 AM
346	Teachers already do NOT honor a break as a break from schoolwork making it difficult to plan family activities.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
347	School has different starting times depending on the days of the week. hard for	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM

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	children and parents to try and get kids ready when their schedule is not consistent.	
348	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
349	I would click all the above reasons	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
350	There are none. I believe the school year starts too early as it. This is a university town, and a shortened summer would cause many families a major disruption.	Nov 2, 2012 8:40 AM
351	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
352	I dont see a disadvantage, its been this way for years.	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
353	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
354	I do not see a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:37 AM
355	intentionally blank	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
356	All disadvantages are miniscule. Every single one of these things listed have much better solutions than changing the school calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
357	No disadvantage EXCEPT Wed. morning start time-INCONVENIENT!	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
358	I like the current/traditional calendar. It works for us.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
359	Can't really think of any.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
360	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
361	Challenges related to parenting time when one parent lives in another state.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
362	None. We want it to stay the same	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
363	No disadvantage. This has worked for many many years	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
364	No disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
365	No disadvantage to my family	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
366	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:20 AM
367	All the above apply	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
368	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM

Page 2, Q5. The biggest advantage of adopting a non-traditional calendar is:

1	Align MCCSC with RBB	Nov 7, 2012 6:29 AM
2	I see no advantage	Nov 7, 2012 6:28 AM
3	I see NO ADVANTAGE WHATSOEVER	Nov 7, 2012 6:03 AM
4	No advantage!	Nov 7, 2012 5:54 AM
5	none	Nov 7, 2012 5:46 AM
6	G	Nov 7, 2012 5:33 AM
7	I do not see an advantage to a non-traditional calendar. Other States have tried it and are now returning to traditional calendars.	Nov 7, 2012 5:22 AM
8	It is unclear that there is any advantage to adopting a different calendar.	Nov 7, 2012 5:17 AM
9	I would need to see more proof of these outcomes.	Nov 6, 2012 9:09 PM
10	I like the current calendar	Nov 6, 2012 7:01 PM
11	none	Nov 6, 2012 6:36 PM
12	I don't have enough knowledge of the subject to say.	Nov 6, 2012 6:09 PM
13	No advantages. i think it is a terrible idea. The traditional calendar is excellent for all the reason on number 3. above	Nov 6, 2012 4:28 PM
14	Students Will lose the routine and structure of yearly concepts.	Nov 6, 2012 4:02 PM
15	I don't agree that any of these are a BIG advantage	Nov 6, 2012 3:55 PM
16	Do not see an advantage.	Nov 6, 2012 3:19 PM
17	I don't see a big advantage.	Nov 6, 2012 3:06 PM
18	I do not see an advantage.	Nov 6, 2012 2:50 PM
19	No advantages	Nov 6, 2012 1:44 PM
20	It provides no advantage for my family, only negatives.	Nov 6, 2012 1:20 PM
21	Again, numbers 1, 2, and 4 seem fairly equal to me. Number 3 - our family will adapt. Number 5 - I know this claim has been made but I haven't seen it supported by research.	Nov 6, 2012 1:15 PM
22	n/a	Nov 6, 2012 1:06 PM
23	I can get more work done while the school is looking after my kids...I will further delegate my parental responsibility...that's perfect, isn't it?	Nov 6, 2012 12:26 PM
24	no advantage and international parents will never get chance to travel and be with a families.	Nov 6, 2012 11:53 AM

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25	I don't think it will impact achievement or retention as much as people seem to think it will	Nov 6, 2012 11:33 AM
26	There is no advantage.	Nov 6, 2012 11:25 AM
27	no advantage	Nov 6, 2012 11:00 AM
28	None	Nov 6, 2012 10:51 AM
29	no advantage	Nov 6, 2012 10:42 AM
30	I currently do not see any advantages to a non-traditional calendar over a traditional calendar	Nov 6, 2012 10:31 AM
31	I think it would be disruptive for our family	Nov 6, 2012 10:22 AM
32	There are many advantages including all these.	Nov 6, 2012 10:16 AM
33	All of the above.	Nov 6, 2012 10:02 AM
34	I believe it may help with vacations in fall, pending sports do NOT make practices mandatory during these breaks. I am no in favor of 2 week breaks if my family is forced to stay local (in cooler weather) for sports! And all of my kids are involved.	Nov 6, 2012 9:55 AM
35	There is not one. This is another example of Tony Bennett's efforts to standardize public education while claim autonomy for schools is "best." There is nothing "kid first.family first" about these options. It's about testing.	Nov 6, 2012 9:42 AM
36	None	Nov 6, 2012 9:27 AM
37	None that I am aware of.	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
38	No net advantage. An experiement by bored educators. Yes I mean bored. There are many REAL, improvements that could (should) be made that are less adverse and cost no money.	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
39	don't see an advantage over the current system	Nov 6, 2012 9:11 AM
40	It has been shown (empirically) to increase learning and achievement (which should be the primary goals of any school system)	Nov 6, 2012 9:04 AM
41	some of these ought to be listed as disadvantages	Nov 6, 2012 8:59 AM
42	I am against to shortening the summer break	Nov 6, 2012 8:55 AM
43	It will cut the massive 10 week summer break all the way down to 8	Nov 6, 2012 8:47 AM
44	make the transition from school year to school year less problematic for support departments	Nov 6, 2012 8:22 AM
45	I don't agree that any of these are an advantage to adopt a non-traditional.	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
46	None cor us.	Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM

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47	NONE! Leave the schedule alone! children need time to work jobs and socialize with their peers during the summer	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
48	I do not see an advantage	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
49	I don't feel there is an advantage	Nov 6, 2012 7:13 AM
50	none	Nov 6, 2012 7:07 AM
51	I have no idea. No longer based on the seasonal farming calendar?	Nov 6, 2012 6:37 AM
52	there is no real advantage you are trying to fix something that is not broken.	Nov 6, 2012 5:55 AM
53	I don't know.	Nov 6, 2012 5:30 AM
54	None of the above	Nov 6, 2012 5:02 AM
55	I do not see an advantage.	Nov 6, 2012 4:56 AM
56	all the above	Nov 6, 2012 4:40 AM
57	None	Nov 6, 2012 4:33 AM
58	I hate this idea, and see no valid reason to change the calendar	Nov 6, 2012 4:25 AM
59	None	Nov 6, 2012 4:21 AM
60	no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 9:04 PM
61	I wouldn't go as far as maximize, but yes I think it would increase students chances of retaining what they are learning, as well as allowing staff to rest and re-energize throughout the year.	Nov 5, 2012 7:21 PM
62	Don't see any advantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:19 PM
63	None	Nov 5, 2012 7:09 PM
64	nothing	Nov 5, 2012 6:58 PM
65	None	Nov 5, 2012 5:58 PM
66	No advantage, this is a crazy idea	Nov 5, 2012 5:44 PM
67	see no advantage to non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 PM
68	NONE, need prof it will enhance anything	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 PM
69	None. Again great leading question. I can tell a decision is already made. If you like the traditional calendar then there is no way for me to vote to keep it based on this questionaire.	Nov 5, 2012 5:05 PM
70	nothing	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
71	It is an utried entity so how would we know from experience?	Nov 5, 2012 4:23 PM

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72	I don't see any true advantage. The slight loss of some knowledge can be easily made up in the fall with review.	Nov 5, 2012 4:13 PM
73	None	Nov 5, 2012 3:59 PM
74	None	Nov 5, 2012 3:40 PM
75	i don't see an advantage	Nov 5, 2012 3:26 PM
76	No advantage	Nov 5, 2012 2:29 PM
77	none	Nov 5, 2012 2:24 PM
78	None	Nov 5, 2012 2:02 PM
79	None	Nov 5, 2012 1:47 PM
80	Only benefits are to give staff/teachers regular breaks. No net advantage otherwise.	Nov 5, 2012 1:32 PM
81	There is no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 1:25 PM
82	nothing	Nov 5, 2012 1:19 PM
83	none	Nov 5, 2012 1:03 PM
84	I don't think there are really many advantages to the non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 12:57 PM
85	The non-traditional calendar does not seem to provide any advantages other than what we already have with our traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 12:55 PM
86	I don't see any... It will be hard, confusing, disruptive...	Nov 5, 2012 12:36 PM
87	I can not see an advantage of this new schedule- It seems like it would be very challenging for families and in the end the children of parents who are both working would pay the price of being in sporadic short term childcare or left alone for the day while their parents worked. Not good in my opinion for the population you might be trying to help.	Nov 5, 2012 12:21 PM
88	NO ADVANTAGE LONGTERM	Nov 5, 2012 12:11 PM
89	I do not see an advantage to using a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 11:26 AM
90	I have found no evidence that suggest that a balanced calendar provides any benefit.	Nov 5, 2012 11:24 AM
91	None	Nov 5, 2012 10:50 AM
92	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 10:42 AM
93	I do not see an advantage at all.	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
94	not sure	Nov 5, 2012 10:34 AM

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95	I don't see any of these as real advantages resulting from a non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 10:30 AM
96	I do not see any advantages of adopting a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 10:17 AM
97	do not see the big advantage	Nov 5, 2012 10:09 AM
98	A non-traditional calendar would be fraught with disadvantages and inconveniences for both children and parents. We find no advantages in the adoption of a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 10:08 AM
99	I absolutely hate the idea of changing the school year. I think it will negatively affect my children who are bright and excellent students.	Nov 5, 2012 10:05 AM
100	It will have a negative impact on my family's regular and traditional activities (vacation, involvement in sports, camps, etc.).	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
101	Use the school days more efficiently and then we could keep our long summer and also have longer small breaks and maybe just go to school 165-170 days.	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
102	if i don't do enrichment in the traditional summer breaks, i probably won't do it in other breaks either. I don't see any advantages.	Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM
103	disagree with all of the above	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
104	I do not see any of the above apply to my family. Looks rather hectic and costly for working parents - if childcare is a challenge in the summer, it will continue to be so on the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
105	I see no advantages	Nov 5, 2012 9:47 AM
106	Vacations will not have to be taken in the summer months.	Nov 5, 2012 9:46 AM
107	It will push our children and high school will have less percentage of graduation.	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM
108	at this point I dont see an advantage,	Nov 5, 2012 9:38 AM
109	I do not believe there is an advantage with a non-traditional calendar that would out-weight all the advantages for the traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
110	none. There are many disadvantages. Look at the schools that have switched back after taking this misstep.	Nov 5, 2012 9:15 AM
111	no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 9:03 AM
112	i don't know if it will enhance academic achievement but if it will, that would be only advantage I could see --and would have to be substantial to be worth the costs	Nov 5, 2012 8:57 AM
113	This would be very disadvantageous for our child.	Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM
114	none that I can think of	Nov 5, 2012 8:48 AM
115	No advantage	Nov 5, 2012 8:46 AM

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116	N/a	Nov 5, 2012 8:44 AM
117	I do not see a big advantage. Kids need routine. Stop changing things!!!	Nov 5, 2012 8:43 AM
118	I don't see an advantage	Nov 5, 2012 8:37 AM
119	both 1 and 3 of the above	Nov 5, 2012 8:30 AM
120	i'm not sure if any of these apply	Nov 5, 2012 8:24 AM
121	none	Nov 5, 2012 8:17 AM
122	There is no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 8:17 AM
123	I don't see any advantage.	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
124	Not for it	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
125	it will provide stability and food for needy students	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
126	There is NO advantage	Nov 5, 2012 8:12 AM
127	No advantage	Nov 5, 2012 8:09 AM
128	Until I see what the non-traditional options are, I can't comment on tis. I am sure that each option has different pros and cons.	Nov 5, 2012 8:08 AM
129	no opinion on this	Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM
130	NONE OF THE ABOVE	Nov 5, 2012 7:51 AM
131	I think it will BOTH help students retain knowledge and provide much needed breaks on occasion	Nov 5, 2012 7:45 AM
132	none	Nov 5, 2012 7:44 AM
133	I do not see any advantage to adopting a non-traditional calendar. All three of my children have went thru school with the traditional calendar and have enjoyed lengthy summer breaks. Because the weather in nice during the summer, they can go outside and exercise and play with their friends. If we have longer breaks during the winter time, that will just give kids more time to sit in front of a video game or TV because the weather will not be nice enough to go outside. My students have never had a problem retaining what they have learned over the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 7:41 AM
134	None	Nov 5, 2012 7:35 AM
135	I don't think any of the points above would in any way be borne out with breaking up the year more	Nov 5, 2012 7:34 AM
136	there are no advantages.	Nov 5, 2012 7:30 AM
137	There is none for me.	Nov 5, 2012 7:29 AM

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138	I believe the only advantage is to create more consistency for students who have little support from home.	Nov 5, 2012 7:19 AM
139	I don't think it is an advantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM
140	For the Career Center there isn't any unless our sending schools adopt a similar calender.	Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM
141	I do not see any advantages	Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM
142	I see no advantage. Doing what surrounding districts do is not justification for changing. If the educational research is strongly shows advantages for all populations then do it, I'm highly dubious of calendar changes enhancing learning...we heard it about modular scheduling, block scheduling, and where are those now.	Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM
143	None-strongly disagree w this calendar	Nov 5, 2012 7:12 AM
144	Opposed to this calendar	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
145	No advantage. Students move at their own pace anyway. Having the current schedule with longer summer break is helpful to everyone. Allows everyone to spend quality family time together and rejuvenate. We never had year round school as children and we have turned out just fine...with advanced educational degrees etc.	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
146	I see no advantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:05 AM
147	it might good for nomal student, but some of special talented student might be inconvinient to fit their schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 6:59 AM
148	non of the above	Nov 5, 2012 6:55 AM
149	I don't see significant advantage.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
150	I think it will make it more difficult for childcare issues!	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 AM
151	I think all of these are important.	Nov 5, 2012 6:48 AM
152	Depends on which non-traditional calendar is adopted.	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
153	Don't see anything positive about the non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
154	It will serve as a year round child care, which is not a good reason. Children grow and learn during the summer in more natural ways. The value of "free time" seems to be slipping away.	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
155	I don't agree with the non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 6:20 AM
156	Not sure since I haven't seen this schedule in action.	Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM
157	I do not see an advantage	Nov 5, 2012 6:06 AM
158	There is no advantage to this calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 5:56 AM

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159	ALL THE ABOVE!	Nov 5, 2012 5:52 AM
160	none of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
161	That is a loaded quest designed to make it seem like I see an advantage to switching. I emphatically do not.	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
162	There isan't a huge	Nov 5, 2012 5:41 AM
163	Again. Stacked answers for the non-traditional. This is not a good idea to go non-traditional but you keep wanting to do things your way (different start times for Wednesdays, etc. without parent involvement)	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM
164	NONE: lengthen the summer break!	Nov 5, 2012 5:36 AM
165	Convenient way for working families to save money on childcare	Nov 5, 2012 5:35 AM
166	i dont think there is an advantage i think it is overwhelming for students.	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
167	I cant believe we are even thinking of this! No Advantages	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
168	I came from this schedule in Florida and it only lasted 2 years. Did not work well with families	Nov 5, 2012 5:29 AM
169	I can't think of any advantages.	Nov 5, 2012 5:25 AM
170	NOT in favor of this.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
171	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:22 AM
172	I see no real advantage to a non-traditional calendar	Nov 5, 2012 5:16 AM
173	I don't feel that it should be changed	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 AM
174	None	Nov 5, 2012 5:10 AM
175	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:06 AM
176	Child care will be a nightmare.	Nov 5, 2012 5:00 AM
177	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 4:20 AM
178	None of the above	Nov 5, 2012 4:19 AM
179	none	Nov 5, 2012 2:38 AM
180	i see none if there is no consistancy in the short breaks,	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 PM
181	I like the traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 7:45 PM
182	I can't think of any advantage to the non-traditiona calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 7:30 PM
183	no advantage	Nov 4, 2012 6:46 PM

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184	I believe all apply here.	Nov 4, 2012 6:28 PM
185	While I can see the attraction of frequent breaks, I do not want want our summer reduced to a possible 6 weeks. Throw in snow days to make up, and the summer could be reduced to 5 weeks or less some years.	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
186	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
187	I DO NOT believe that there is an advantage academically in a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
188	None.	Nov 4, 2012 5:17 PM
189	There would be no advantage for my family only frustration	Nov 4, 2012 5:02 PM
190	These reasons are all absolutely laughable.	Nov 4, 2012 4:59 PM
191	I do not identify a big advantage.	Nov 4, 2012 4:54 PM
192	No advantage	Nov 4, 2012 4:24 PM
193	None	Nov 4, 2012 4:22 PM
194	ALL OF THE ABOVE!	Nov 4, 2012 3:43 PM
195	None of the above	Nov 4, 2012 3:00 PM
196	none	Nov 4, 2012 2:56 PM
197	I find no advantage	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
198	None	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM
199	no big advantages	Nov 4, 2012 2:00 PM
200	I don't see an advantage	Nov 4, 2012 1:48 PM
201	It is a special education nightmare. Everytime there is a small break, children with disabilities have to start their routine all over again. The longer days are hard enough. I do not see any advantages to a non-traditional calendar. Once again, why fix something that is not broken.	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
202	None of hte above. I do not think these are advantages over the traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 AM
203	none!	Nov 4, 2012 11:09 AM
204	?	Nov 4, 2012 9:23 AM
205	could be all of the above, could be none depending on whether you support this	Nov 4, 2012 9:17 AM
206	Allows schools to possibly achiever a higher grade/ranking	Nov 4, 2012 8:58 AM
207	None	Nov 4, 2012 8:52 AM

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208	dont want new calendar, leave alone	Nov 4, 2012 8:01 AM
209	There is no clear advantage for my family	Nov 4, 2012 7:34 AM
210	i dont agree with any of these	Nov 4, 2012 7:29 AM
211	No real advantage, just more disruptions to an established routine	Nov 4, 2012 7:10 AM
212	i'm not sure there are any advantages.	Nov 4, 2012 6:45 AM
213	It will give overworked teachers a mental health break so they won't have to take sick days and leave students with subs watching movies.	Nov 4, 2012 6:37 AM
214	It is my understanding that there is no actual evidence that a non-traditional calendar increases achievement for students, but I guess the hope of this would be the primary reason to consider it. A non-traditional calendar would provide opportunities for travel and visits with family throughout the year.	Nov 4, 2012 6:19 AM
215	NO acceptable advantages to this change	Nov 4, 2012 5:49 AM
216	N/A	Nov 4, 2012 3:47 AM
217	no advantage	Nov 4, 2012 3:27 AM
218	I am not certain that I know what you mean by"non-traditional"?	Nov 3, 2012 7:22 PM
219	No advantage!	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 PM
220	I do not believe there is an advantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:32 PM
221	No advantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:28 PM
222	I'm not sure there are any advantages. Right now there are no enrichment activities during any break but the summer break. Children need remediation and enrichment. It would be counter productive to add breaks where children will be un supervised or simply babysat. In the summer there are IU students to staff enriching camps. During other breaks there is hardly anyone available to staff camps.	Nov 3, 2012 6:03 PM
223	would not have any advantages for our family	Nov 3, 2012 5:33 PM
224	I see no advantage	Nov 3, 2012 4:51 PM
225	I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE SUMMER BREAK	Nov 3, 2012 4:40 PM
226	I've worked in both settings; it makes no difference if they have summer break or periodic breaks throughout the year	Nov 3, 2012 4:37 PM
227	I'm not sure there is an advantage.	Nov 3, 2012 4:21 PM
228	it will not improve anything.	Nov 3, 2012 3:40 PM
229	N/A	Nov 3, 2012 3:12 PM

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230	All of the above!!	Nov 3, 2012 2:23 PM
231	I am AGAINST a non-traditional calendar	Nov 3, 2012 1:45 PM
232	it will NOT have a positive impact on our family	Nov 3, 2012 1:11 PM
233	I do not support non traditional calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 1:09 PM
234	No advantage, see above	Nov 3, 2012 12:16 PM
235	I don't think there is an advantage to switching to a no. Traditional calendar. It will bring with it a set of new challenges. I do think there is significant growth and rest that both students and teachers need to prepare for the upcoming school year. The exhaustion and burn out will increase without a substantial break.	Nov 3, 2012 11:34 AM
236	No comment	Nov 3, 2012 10:46 AM
237	I honestly see no advantages	Nov 3, 2012 10:45 AM
238	None	Nov 3, 2012 10:29 AM
239	None that I can see	Nov 3, 2012 10:16 AM
240	For some of the students, I do not know what portion at MCCSC, it will help them retain what they have learned.	Nov 3, 2012 9:55 AM
241	I don't see any of these as either accurate or compelling.	Nov 3, 2012 9:53 AM
242	I don't think the calendar has much to do with learning retention and do not see an advantage as most working parents don't have that much vacation time	Nov 3, 2012 9:44 AM
243	None of the above	Nov 3, 2012 9:41 AM
244	see below	Nov 3, 2012 9:36 AM
245	The non-traditional calendar doesn't make sense. Why should you be able to give students more enrichment/remediation that way? Why can't you do it now in the summer?	Nov 3, 2012 9:25 AM
246	I can't think of any benefits.	Nov 3, 2012 9:05 AM
247	none of the above	Nov 3, 2012 8:54 AM
248	None	Nov 3, 2012 8:42 AM
249	None	Nov 3, 2012 8:27 AM
250	It depends on the non-traditional calendar. I think many of these are an advantage in a four day a week calendar with short breaks built in. A lot on non-traditional remediation could take place on the fifth day on an ongoing basis.	Nov 3, 2012 7:42 AM
251	At this point, I don't see an advantage.	Nov 3, 2012 7:36 AM

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252	I dont think there is a advantage to changing the current calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 7:30 AM
253	No advantages	Nov 3, 2012 7:22 AM
254	none	Nov 3, 2012 7:21 AM
255	None	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
256	All are possible; will the parents/students buy into the idea that education is a priority?	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
257	Provides more frequent substantial break for student to rest and rejuvenate along with maximizing retention of what has been previously learned.	Nov 3, 2012 7:12 AM
258	no advantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:59 AM
259	it may do all the above however it may backfire on a burnt out child	Nov 3, 2012 6:49 AM
260	none	Nov 3, 2012 6:31 AM
261	Nothing.	Nov 3, 2012 6:07 AM
262	None of these advantages outweigh the disadvantages	Nov 3, 2012 5:34 AM
263	I do NOT favor a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 4:45 AM
264	The well to do families could take more and longer vacations.	Nov 3, 2012 4:40 AM
265	I agree with all of these!	Nov 3, 2012 4:39 AM
266	I do not feel the change is necessary	Nov 3, 2012 4:21 AM
267	no proven advantage	Nov 3, 2012 4:03 AM
268	NO ADVANTAGE	Nov 3, 2012 4:00 AM
269	none	Nov 3, 2012 3:20 AM
270	There is none going to burn the kids out they need a summer vacation and to be able to spend time with family and friends	Nov 3, 2012 3:03 AM
271	I do not see any advantages.	Nov 3, 2012 2:36 AM
272	it will not benefit	Nov 3, 2012 2:32 AM
273	This question is at best speculative	Nov 3, 2012 2:20 AM
274	Students can still have a decent summer and more options are available for travel throughout the year.	Nov 2, 2012 9:47 PM
275	There are no advantages what so ever	Nov 2, 2012 9:10 PM
276	None	Nov 2, 2012 7:58 PM

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277	None	Nov 2, 2012 7:40 PM
278	None	Nov 2, 2012 7:15 PM
279	I dont see any advantage to of a non traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 7:03 PM
280	This is a leading question intended to build support for a non-traditional calendar and therefore I answer it by calling it for what it is.	Nov 2, 2012 6:26 PM
281	Other districts are doing it. I'm not sure this is a good enough reason for us to change. Our schools are so connected in so many ways to IU. Changing the calendar is HUGE!!!	Nov 2, 2012 5:51 PM
282	It would be an unmitigated disaster. We would move.	Nov 2, 2012 5:46 PM
283	I see no advantages, all listed are ridiculous!	Nov 2, 2012 5:40 PM
284	There is no advantage for students and families	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
285	I don't see an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 5:25 PM
286	I think the traditional school calendar is most advantageous.	Nov 2, 2012 5:07 PM
287	do not do it	Nov 2, 2012 5:06 PM
288	none	Nov 2, 2012 5:04 PM
289	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:56 PM
290	It will place a burden on teachers who must have second jobs and who need the summers for more training.	Nov 2, 2012 4:36 PM
291	I like traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 4:34 PM
292	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:33 PM
293	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:30 PM
294	none	Nov 2, 2012 4:00 PM
295	leave it alone	Nov 2, 2012 3:59 PM
296	This is a NEGATIVE!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 3:57 PM
297	none, leave it like it is	Nov 2, 2012 3:40 PM
298	There are no advantages that outweigh the advantages of a traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 3:36 PM
299	will interfere with parents days off	Nov 2, 2012 3:29 PM
300	None of the above.	Nov 2, 2012 3:19 PM
301	i see no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 3:12 PM

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302	Children get bored and frustrated toward the end of such a long break.	Nov 2, 2012 3:12 PM
303	No advantage... It will rob these kids of their childhood.	Nov 2, 2012 3:11 PM
304	I don't see any benefits.	Nov 2, 2012 3:09 PM
305	ALL OF THE ABOVE?	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
306	none	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
307	I am not convinced that it would be an advantage for younger students.	Nov 2, 2012 2:51 PM
308	All of these are small advantages. I don't see any as a major advantage	Nov 2, 2012 2:42 PM
309	None	Nov 2, 2012 2:37 PM
310	none, have experienced it inHawaii. the kids were worse off, the teachers were lazy. they took too many teacher days off while at school and hand the kids doing crafts instead of teaching.	Nov 2, 2012 2:31 PM
311	No advantage.	Nov 2, 2012 2:26 PM
312	None	Nov 2, 2012 2:24 PM
313	No advantage. We have been in school with year round calendar. It is constantly going 1 step forward 2 steps back. With the frequent breaks children never make real progress.	Nov 2, 2012 2:23 PM
314	I BELIEVE THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE FOR THE STUDENT OR THE WORKING FAMILY	Nov 2, 2012 2:16 PM
315	I don't see advantage	Nov 2, 2012 2:00 PM
316	I see no advantages in adopting a non-traditional calendar; I think that the traditional calendar, used for many years previously and currently used, is far more suitable.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
317	No advantages	Nov 2, 2012 1:36 PM
318	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:27 PM
319	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
320	i see no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
321	All of the Above	Nov 2, 2012 1:06 PM
322	add another resume item to MCCSC's accomplishments	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
323	It is free babysitting for working parents.	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
324	Helping the children to learn not to work hard and become less productive in the future.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM

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325	I disagree with adopting a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
326	I see all of these as being equal advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
327	We do not want "non-traditional" calendar. We like being able to "do it all"...not having to choose between vacation or sports, etc. Our longer summer schedule provides for families to do many of these FAMILY activities. It would be difficult to try to squeeze activities into tiny bites of time...I see families to choose one or the other and not being able to enjoy the many things that Bloomington offers for our families and children during the summer months.	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM
328	I would have to see data from a school system which has adopted the non-traditional calendar to see what impact, if any it had on learning retention. Also, feedback from parents/community on positives/negatives of the change.	Nov 2, 2012 12:51 PM
329	I see no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:50 PM
330	I see no advantage in changing the school calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 12:50 PM
331	do not know-longer days are actually unproductive and that should be revisited.	Nov 2, 2012 12:48 PM
332	There are no advantages in my opinion	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
333	I don't think there is an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
334	Undecided	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
335	All of these are true	Nov 2, 2012 12:26 PM
336	i do not see it	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM
337	i have had children in year round school and found no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
338	Please don't change it	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
339	NONE	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
340	The current calendar works well with our family	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
341	It should work but doesn't because most adults that work have to then hire additional care for their children, I am completely against this.	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM
342	You don't care about the truth.	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM
343	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
344	I do not feel it would help significantly.	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
345	none	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
346	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM
347	I do not think there is an advantage to this calendar. Knowing many youth service providers in other areas of Indiana that have adopted this calendar-the	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM

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breaks put a great strain on them to find adequate staff for programming, particularly if their core group of staff are college students.

348	It makes you look like you are keeping current with what "everyone else"/ (other corporations) are doing.	Nov 2, 2012 11:54 AM
349	For me there is no advantage to adopdting the non traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 11:51 AM
350	Less loss of learning without the long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
351	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
352	It depends on the schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 11:44 AM
353	leave it the way it is and dont make changes	Nov 2, 2012 11:43 AM
354	it wont have an impact	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
355	None, please keep the calendar how it is	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
356	It will provide more frequent, substantial breaks to students and staff to rest and re-energize, which could maximize student learning and teacher effectiveness.	Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM
357	none for the students, perhaps some for family activities	Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM
358	need to read research on this before I can answer	Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM
359	Consistency for students who need a constant schedule	Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM
360	I resent that the first and fifth options seem to be definitive -- can we actually have a truly objective survey?	Nov 2, 2012 11:24 AM
361	there is no advantage to a non traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 11:20 AM
362	I don't consider there to be advantages to my family.	Nov 2, 2012 11:19 AM
363	no advanyage at all	Nov 2, 2012 11:18 AM
364	I do not see an advantage that would outweigh the disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 11:17 AM
365	I see no appreciable advantage in changing a calendar that works well.	Nov 2, 2012 11:16 AM
366	It will be a problem due to child care for people that work year around	Nov 2, 2012 11:15 AM
367	I do not find any of the above to be solid advantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:08 AM
368	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:05 AM
369	none	Nov 2, 2012 11:05 AM
370	none	Nov 2, 2012 11:03 AM
371	None	Nov 2, 2012 10:58 AM

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372	none big advantages. The students are use to the calendar the way it is now.	Nov 2, 2012 10:56 AM
373	NO	Nov 2, 2012 10:55 AM
374	I don't see any	Nov 2, 2012 10:52 AM
375	I am sorry but this would disrupt our scheudle too much for me to find the positives	Nov 2, 2012 10:51 AM
376	I'm not sure and would have to see research. It could increase retention, but I'd want to know how successful this type of structure has been other places.	Nov 2, 2012 10:49 AM
377	I don't think there will be an advantage to this calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:45 AM
378	They already spend too much time in school. Please don't distribute that time so it dominates the whole year.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
379	There is no advantage for summer learning given the extreme heat in Indiana during the summer months. While I am a working parent, it is sad to see schools giving in to the demands of population that likely does not value education. Childcare should be resolved by families, NOT by school system.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
380	I see no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:40 AM
381	None.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
382	No advantage for my family	Nov 2, 2012 10:32 AM
383	Unsure	Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM
384	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:30 AM
385	There is no advantage to this - it will be a mess for all involved.	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
386	for my children, i see no real advantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
387	See NO advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
388	can't think of any	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
389	Not interested	Nov 2, 2012 10:27 AM
390	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM
391	for us, none. it would be a catastrophic change.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
392	I see no advantages: that is a leading question.	Nov 2, 2012 10:21 AM
393	I do not see an advantage to adopting a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:17 AM
394	Fine the way it is	Nov 2, 2012 10:12 AM
395	None	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM

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396	there is no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:05 AM
397	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:02 AM
398	there are no advantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:00 AM
399	there are none. it will mean more childcare and less time with parents	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
400	It may maximize student achievement.	Nov 2, 2012 9:55 AM
401	None.	Nov 2, 2012 9:52 AM
402	none -	Nov 2, 2012 9:49 AM
403	This is a terrible survey question and assumes respondents think there is an advantage to a nontraditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
404	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:46 AM
405	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:42 AM
406	don't know - what opportunities for optional enrichment/remediation would be offered?	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
407	NONE	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
408	Deviating from the standard calendar provides little or no advantage. Too bad this survey is so poorly designed as to not provide this as an option.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
409	It would more closely align to my own work schedule	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
410	no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM
411	It will meet the political needs of the districts. If they really cared about achievement high school and middle school would start so early	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
412	i really don't see an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
413	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
414	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
415	We need to be informed before we can offer a valid response. How can the public give a thoughtful response without this information?	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
416	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:25 AM
417	I see no substantial advantage for the majority of students, and there is research (John Hattie, Tom Many) that supports my position.	Nov 2, 2012 9:23 AM
418	none.	Nov 2, 2012 9:22 AM
419	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM

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420	All of the above! I would check all those boxes!	Nov 2, 2012 9:20 AM
421	All of the above!!	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
422	i don't see any advantages is changing the calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:17 AM
423	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
424	All the above!	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
425	I DO NOT agree with the non-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
426	do not see any advantage for non traditional calendar for my family	Nov 2, 2012 9:13 AM
427	just seems I like a bad idea. Why can't you give optional enrichment/remediation in the summer?	Nov 2, 2012 9:12 AM
428	Don't do it! It will minimize learning, we'll be stuck in a permanent review cycle with less time to introduce and master new material. It will under mind education.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
429	No Sure	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM
430	NONE it would be a hardship for me as I would never get the summer break	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
431	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:07 AM
432	not for it	Nov 2, 2012 9:06 AM
433	There is no advantage. It will complicate work schedules for parents.	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM
434	I think it would be a bad thing.	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
435	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:59 AM
436	I see no advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:58 AM
437	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
438	none--this alternatively calender will NOT work well in MCCSC	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
439	I don't believe there is an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
440	I am not in favor of changing this, so no advantage.	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
441	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM
442	I do not see an advantage for a High School Student	Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM
443	I see no advantage...	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
444	no real advantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
445	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM

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446	retention of material, more frequent breaks, may enhance achievement	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
447	I don't see a big advantage to adopting a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
448	aa I do not see the need to change things just to serve a political agenda!	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
449	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:44 AM
450	NONE	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM
451	Absolutely NONE!!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
452	I can see no advantage for the children. I think if forced to attend year round with minimal breaks will increase student burn out and drop out rates.I also feel for parents with young children day care will become impossible to acquire and some children will be forced to stay at home alone while their parents have to work.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
453	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
454	I would click all the above reasons	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
455	I think its a combination of two. I believe it would help alot of studens not only retain what they learn, but also enhance academic achievement.	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
456	Again, none. Why is this even being sent out? Who has requested this survey or a radical change in the school year?	Nov 2, 2012 8:40 AM
457	DO NOT WANT!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
458	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
459	I do not see an advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:37 AM
460	intentionally blank	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
461	Nop advantage whatsoever.	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
462	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
463	I don't see any advantage in the non-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:33 AM
464	I don't think there are any advantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
465	Not interested! No advantage!	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
466	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 8:30 AM
467	I don't see an advantage to the non--traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
468	Do not see a major advantage that would not create tremendous amount of hassle	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
469	I see no benefit to our family to have a non-traditional schedule	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM

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470	Routine with more frequent rest breaks is good for more needy children/ ADHD etc	Nov 2, 2012 8:28 AM
471	I can think of no advantage that would outweigh the disadvantage of trying to find care while I work.	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM
472	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
473	It's a terrible idea!	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
474	nominal potential for better retention of learning	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
475	It will help prepare students for the real world when most jobs do not have an extended period of time off during the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
476	No opinion since not convinced on its benefit.	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
477	We want it to stay the same	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
478	I see no advantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
479	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
480	No advantage for my family	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
481	not in favor	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
482	No advantages	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
483	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
484	No advantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:20 AM
485	None	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM

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1	Who writes these questions? No No No "non-traditional" calendar	Nov 7, 2012 6:03 AM
2	Support staff will not have the opportunity to work an additional job during the summer to supplement their income.	Nov 7, 2012 5:56 AM
3	It will be hard to adjust.	Nov 7, 2012 5:00 AM
4	Children need rest.	Nov 6, 2012 9:25 PM
5	Cannot know this without knowing exactly how summer would be changed. A week being moved around is very different from 3 weeks, and HOW those are moved is also essential. One end, both ends, in the middle. I do think the IU match and the impact on longer term summer activities and camps, many of which are scattered throughout the summer, are of key concern. Suspect for some families, especially lower SES (but certainly not exclusively), child care will be a big factor.	Nov 6, 2012 8:09 PM
6	I see no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 6:46 PM
7	People resisting the change despite what is best for their children.	Nov 6, 2012 6:09 PM
8	there is no disadvantage whatsoever	Nov 6, 2012 5:59 PM
9	No chance to earn money for college, or participate in other activities both educational and noneducational outside of school	Nov 6, 2012 3:55 PM
10	After every break it will take awhile for students to get back into the school routine and review all procedures and practice them again.	Nov 6, 2012 3:06 PM
11	It will almost eliminate any opportunity that kids who play fall sports have to have a break. No down time for them at all...those kids would then also not benefit from a fall break either. No time for younger kids camps, trips, etc	Nov 6, 2012 2:50 PM
12	Several of the above	Nov 6, 2012 2:02 PM
13	dont feel there are any	Nov 6, 2012 12:27 PM
14	In Europe we are on the traditional calendar...our summer breaks are 10 weeks long. And it is very much part of the reason why more family values have and are more attached to our family traditions. Every five years a new administration plans on revisiting the issue and it never goes through for that exact reason. Long vacations are time to bond with all members of the family. During the long summer break, the children are expected to spend extended amount of time with different members of the family. It is at this age that family values are created. I recall that when I was a kid I would spend 1 month with each of my grandparents (that's already 8 weeks), then a couple of weeks traveling with my parents (total 10 weeks). Keep in mind that in June and July virtually everyone takes a break so it is very easy to coordinate the family visits....plus during the summer months a lot of outdoor activities can take place which makes it easier on the grandparents to entertain the kids.	Nov 6, 2012 12:26 PM
15	NO DISADVANTAGE!	Nov 6, 2012 12:19 PM
16	all the above are disadvantage. the most important is that WE ARE	Nov 6, 2012 11:53 AM

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	UNIVERSITY CITY and international students and parent use long summer to spent time with families who are seeing them once a year. beeing university citu is not the same like suraunding counties!!!	
17	There is no disadvantage.	Nov 6, 2012 11:25 AM
18	None at all	Nov 6, 2012 11:05 AM
19	it won't match the IU calendar, it will interfere with family and child plans for summer (vacations and enrichment activities)	Nov 6, 2012 11:00 AM
20	no disadvantages	Nov 6, 2012 9:59 AM
21	I think vacation & childcare issues for working parents are equally a disadvantage.I also do not think schools should be allowed to mandate school activities during these breaks!!	Nov 6, 2012 9:55 AM
22	I don't have a problem with adopting a new calendar	Nov 6, 2012 9:50 AM
23	We continue to do everything but place children first. Summer is a right of childhood!	Nov 6, 2012 9:42 AM
24	Children should have summer	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
25	It is only superficial and disruptive change that produces no tangible benefits. At times, the illusion of change is more harmful than no change. This is one of those times.	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
26	teachers may have less opportunity for continued education or supplementing teacher salary with other employment	Nov 6, 2012 9:03 AM
27	no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 8:58 AM
28	I don't think there are any real disadvantages to a non-traditional calender.	Nov 6, 2012 8:55 AM
29	IU calendar and summer enrichment activities and ability to travel the world and learn from a global perspective. The holidays is NOT a good time to travel due to volume and weather to be able to realistically consider meaningful travel.	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
30	It will interfere with consistent income of non-salaried staff.	Nov 6, 2012 7:30 AM
31	Enormous amount of anxiety for children to constantly be re-adjusting, once settled into routine, it changes again	Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM
32	I don't see a disadvantage.	Nov 6, 2012 7:12 AM
33	I think it will be difficult for family vacations, childcare during each break and it will make it difficult for summer sports like Softball	Nov 6, 2012 6:48 AM
34	None	Nov 6, 2012 6:29 AM
35	all the above	Nov 6, 2012 4:40 AM
36	lake of time to enjoy the area lakes, state parks, and other outdoor activities we	Nov 6, 2012 4:25 AM

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	only have access to a few short months a year.	
37	no disadvantage	Nov 6, 2012 3:17 AM
38	None	Nov 6, 2012 1:56 AM
39	Childcare during each break WILL be difficult to manage.	Nov 5, 2012 7:09 PM
40	First, third, and fifth answers all apply here.	Nov 5, 2012 5:47 PM
41	not interested in a career with a different calendar	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 PM
42	All the above!	Nov 5, 2012 5:05 PM
43	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:01 PM
44	I feel that there aren't any signifigant disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
45	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 4:23 PM
46	Not allowing our children to be just that--children.	Nov 5, 2012 4:13 PM
47	I see no disadvantage.	Nov 5, 2012 3:04 PM
48	Support staff who rely on extra income will not have the opportunity to do so.	Nov 5, 2012 2:02 PM
49	All of these things seem troubling, but interfering with my daughter's time with her father in the summer is my biggest concern.	Nov 5, 2012 1:20 PM
50	all of the above	Nov 5, 2012 1:03 PM
51	the first 2 of these are the main negative effects, though that is only because the others don't really apply to me	Nov 5, 2012 12:57 PM
52	Adjustment to the change will be difficult and will lead to conflics which we would not have to face if we maintained our current calendar. Also, it will interfere with prior commitments and familial plans students or staff may have. Apart from these reasons, we students will have time to prepare well for the new school year during summer break, as well as receiving the chance to participate in enrichment activities over the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 12:55 PM
53	It will severely decrease the potential for students to retain what they have learned.	Nov 5, 2012 12:34 PM
54	None	Nov 5, 2012 12:32 PM
55	Having frequent breaks of two or three weeks will actually be detrimental to getting students back on track. Since the school day for students in middle and high school starts so early, students will shift their bedtimes to much later on the breaks. At least when school starts, students must have some kind of routine that is sustained, and not just for nine weeks at a time.	Nov 5, 2012 12:24 PM
56	For children with adjustment issues, learning problems, behavior problems this schedule would require them to readjust to expectations over and over again-	Nov 5, 2012 12:21 PM

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	something that is already a challenge for them.	
57	summer travel sporting events	Nov 5, 2012 12:10 PM
58	can't think of any	Nov 5, 2012 11:26 AM
59	there is no disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 11:15 AM
60	none	Nov 5, 2012 10:58 AM
61	i dont see a problem with a new calendar	Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM
62	None	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
63	The first three are all substantial disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 10:30 AM
64	During the summer we live outside in the fresh air and sunshine which promotes health and wellness. This will not be an option and is vital to healthy minds and bodies. Life is not only about academia. There is much more than that. My kids desperately need a break after working so hard during the school year.	Nov 5, 2012 10:05 AM
65	It would interfere with our sport in which we are very active. Maybe just keep our summer the same length and go to school 4 days a week in the harsh winter and maybe add 30 min. or an hour. It's too cold for the kids to do much outside any way	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
66	Visitation with out of state parent will be negatively impacted	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
67	none	Nov 5, 2012 9:56 AM
68	few disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 9:51 AM
69	My kids are extremely busy with summer baseball, church activities, county fair preparation, etc.	Nov 5, 2012 9:47 AM
70	None	Nov 5, 2012 9:40 AM
71	all the above, plus I feel the graduation percentage will drop, pushing our children year round and not giving them the opportunity to grow in personal activities.	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM
72	I can't always take vacation or find child care when she is out and I don't necessarily like for my middle school 11 year old to be home alone for weeks at a time when everyone else is at work,	Nov 5, 2012 9:38 AM
73	All of the above, except "Adjustment to change will be difficult."	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
74	I am sure many will gripe about the change--but not us!	Nov 5, 2012 9:30 AM
75	childcare, summer camp, jobs for teens all important and at risk with year round school	Nov 5, 2012 9:09 AM
76	no disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 9:05 AM

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77	Summer break may not feel long enough to recharge	Nov 5, 2012 8:59 AM
78	Our child would miss school, she must attend a specific summer program.	Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM
79	im down for it :)	Nov 5, 2012 8:43 AM
80	I don't know what the disadvantage would be	Nov 5, 2012 8:40 AM
81	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 8:37 AM
82	Sport schedules	Nov 5, 2012 8:32 AM
83	It will make it more difficult for students to take classes at IU rather than being herded into "college" classes offered in high school, which are not really college level.	Nov 5, 2012 8:26 AM
84	1,2,and 3 all apply	Nov 5, 2012 8:24 AM
85	No need for change.	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
86	All of the above. PLUS most, if not all, summer programs are based on the current configuratoin and their income and viability depends on a longer summer.	Nov 5, 2012 8:08 AM
87	Students and staff may not have as much time for rest and rejuvenation during the summer. Students and staff may become burnt out without enough time for the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 8:03 AM
88	I don't see a disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:57 AM
89	no disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 7:56 AM
90	t will interfere with family vacations during the long summer break, It may not match the IU calendar as closely as it does now, and may impact activities such as summer language programs abroad and marching band	Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM
91	It would just be something new to have to get used to	Nov 5, 2012 7:45 AM
92	I think that it will be harder on families with both parents working and students will be stuck going to all day daycare or some other program of that sort. Where as now parents (if they are teachers or professors) will beable to work their schedules around the calendar. It will also hinder students summer activites which in turn will affect student's attendance in school. The late day already affects student's tardiness/attendance. They come to school late on Wednesday's and then they come to school late on Thursday's because they forget to change their alarms back to the early start time. Too much inconsistancies affect student's attendance and tardies to school.	Nov 5, 2012 7:41 AM
93	interfering with family vacations, limiting summer enrichment activities, no real mental break	Nov 5, 2012 7:28 AM
94	none	Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM
95	Current continuity.	Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM

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96	See no disadvantage if at least 6 weeks is in place for a summer break.	Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM
97	The last week of school will be like the week before summer vacation...not much gets done. That will happen 4 times a year instead of 1.	Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM
98	None	Nov 5, 2012 7:13 AM
99	Difficult to manage not only childcare for younger students but appropriate activities and supervision for older students. Interfere with opportunities for students to work.	Nov 5, 2012 6:58 AM
100	all of these are disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 6:55 AM
101	All of the choices.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
102	No big disadvantage.	Nov 5, 2012 6:46 AM
103	None	Nov 5, 2012 6:42 AM
104	None of the above. Show me the family who takes a 2-week vacation? In these tough economic times, taking a weekend vacation is a stretch. Why not include parents in any student field trips e.g. go to Indy art museum or the IRT or an Indians game or the zoo.	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
105	The need for "review" and "getting back into the swing of things, will happen more often, instead of just once, after summer break. It also seems very militarized. Would also take away the one huge draw of becoming a teacher-- the summer's off-- and it seems this profession needs all the bonuses it can get.	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
106	None of these.	Nov 5, 2012 6:40 AM
107	no disadvantages	Nov 5, 2012 6:27 AM
108	my high schools students will not be able to work this summer to earn money for college	Nov 5, 2012 6:14 AM
109	Children will not have an extended period of time to develop outdoor athletic and social-emotional activities with family and friends in the warm weather summer months	Nov 5, 2012 6:13 AM
110	All of the stated ideas will be a challenge especially adjustment to change.	Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM
111	It will interfere with family vacations over the summer	Nov 5, 2012 5:56 AM
112	I see none	Nov 5, 2012 5:52 AM
113	You're not doing it to solve any particular problem.	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
114	All of the above!	Nov 5, 2012 5:48 AM
115	none	Nov 5, 2012 5:42 AM
116	All of the above. Stop this relentless changing of the calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM

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117	I do not see a disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:34 AM
118	No disadvantage	Nov 5, 2012 5:30 AM
119	Interfere with summer stays with a non-custodial parent who lives a long distance away, such as California.	Nov 5, 2012 5:25 AM
120	there aren't any true disadvantages that wouldn't be easily adjusted to.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
121	Impact on agencies in the community that provide activities outside of school will need to adapt.	Nov 5, 2012 5:22 AM
122	None of this are overly alarming	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 AM
123	Our children are outstanding students, who need the rest over summer, and do not stop reading, thinking, etc., and so do not lose much, if any, learning over the summer. I understand the benefits to children whose home environments are not as information rich.	Nov 5, 2012 5:15 AM
124	All of the above	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 AM
125	All of the above and about 1,000,000 other valid reasons	Nov 5, 2012 5:10 AM
126	conflict with IU calendar, interfering with family time and limited participation in summer activities (classes, work, volunteering).	Nov 5, 2012 4:19 AM
127	All of the above (except "adjustment to change") are BIG disadvantages.	Nov 4, 2012 6:46 PM
128	They would go back to school the week of the 4-H fair.	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
129	I see no disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 5:34 PM
130	ALL OF THE ABOVE, especially a,b,d,e for our family	Nov 4, 2012 5:26 PM
131	My children could possibly have three weeks off of school in November and February when the weather is not conducive to playing outside in the same way that it is during the summer months.	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
132	All but the fourth are major disadvantages.	Nov 4, 2012 5:17 PM
133	Summer employment for Teens, child care for those who work with younger children, less time for summer activities	Nov 4, 2012 5:02 PM
134	Every single reason on the list.	Nov 4, 2012 4:59 PM
135	no disadvantages	Nov 4, 2012 4:51 PM
136	All of the above.	Nov 4, 2012 4:44 PM
137	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 4:24 PM
138	No disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 4:08 PM
139	none	Nov 4, 2012 3:23 PM

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140	Disavantages are minor	Nov 4, 2012 3:16 PM
141	All of the above	Nov 4, 2012 3:00 PM
142	All of the above and more.	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
143	none ...no proublem	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
144	I can't think of any	Nov 4, 2012 1:37 PM
145	All of the above.	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
146	I don't have any expressed disadvantage	Nov 4, 2012 12:36 PM
147	I see no disadvantage which could not be delt with more easily than a long summer break.	Nov 4, 2012 12:00 PM
148	All of the above. These are all major disadvantages with an important impact.	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 AM
149	With a high school trimester, it would be constant scheduling more than it is now.	Nov 4, 2012 9:34 AM
150	For other families there may be disadvantages, such as with childcare, but for my family it works out because I'm home with my kids.	Nov 4, 2012 8:53 AM
151	ajusting will take time, but not difficult	Nov 4, 2012 8:21 AM
152	dont want ,leave alone	Nov 4, 2012 8:01 AM
153	The long summer break is essential to our current out of town summer work schedule.	Nov 4, 2012 7:34 AM
154	childcare WILL not may be difficult to manage	Nov 4, 2012 7:29 AM
155	No reason to change, why reinvent?	Nov 4, 2012 7:10 AM
156	I see no disadvantages!	Nov 4, 2012 6:56 AM
157	all of the above.	Nov 4, 2012 6:45 AM
158	It depends on how breaks are scheduled	Nov 4, 2012 6:42 AM
159	"Non-traditional"???????	Nov 3, 2012 7:22 PM
160	I'm not worried about the IU impact, school is school, IU employees need to work their schedules around MCCSC, not the other way around	Nov 3, 2012 4:37 PM
161	Burn out for educators	Nov 3, 2012 3:40 PM
162	none	Nov 3, 2012 1:16 PM
163	Uncertain of impact as it relates to sports, specifically for us, football	Nov 3, 2012 12:56 PM
164	summer jobs for high school students and that it doesn't match the IU calendar for those of us with MCCSC students and IU students.	Nov 3, 2012 12:55 PM

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165	none	Nov 3, 2012 12:31 PM
166	There are none	Nov 3, 2012 11:54 AM
167	I see no disadvantages	Nov 3, 2012 11:45 AM
168	Every time we have a break, even a short break, it takes days, sometimes weeks, to get the students back into the routine of school. The fewer breaks the better for consistency and productivity in the classroom.	Nov 3, 2012 11:34 AM
169	No comment	Nov 3, 2012 10:46 AM
170	Adjustment to change might be difficult to students	Nov 3, 2012 10:39 AM
171	I don't see a disadvantage in implementing a new calendar	Nov 3, 2012 10:15 AM
172	Child care at untraditional times and rides to ECAs for kids that don't drive will be problematic. In addition adding breaks will set kids up for failure when parents force them to miss practices for vacation times and ride complications.	Nov 3, 2012 9:41 AM
173	no disadvantage	Nov 3, 2012 9:32 AM
174	If I worked in a environment that did not follow the school schedule I would find it overwhelming to arrange childcare for the multiple breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 9:14 AM
175	I see no disadvantages.	Nov 3, 2012 9:12 AM
176	several small breaks will be disruptive to learning	Nov 3, 2012 8:54 AM
177	people will adjust as needed for the benefits of our children's education.	Nov 3, 2012 8:19 AM
178	No r	Nov 3, 2012 7:24 AM
179	IU - they seem to drive what MCCSC does rather than the other way around.	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
180	None	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 AM
181	Athletes in sports will not be able to take these breaks	Nov 3, 2012 6:57 AM
182	no significant disadvantage	Nov 3, 2012 6:50 AM
183	I say all the above.	Nov 3, 2012 6:49 AM
184	Worry that h.s. athletic coaches will demand 2-3 a day workouts	Nov 3, 2012 5:55 AM
185	There is no disadvantage.	Nov 3, 2012 5:33 AM
186	we will work around the school schedule for family vacations.	Nov 3, 2012 5:31 AM
187	All of the above	Nov 3, 2012 4:45 AM
188	I believe all of these will not apply. Vacations can be taken throughout the year instead of just the summer. The community will adjust daycare and enrichment activities just as they have done with the longer school day. Adjustment to	Nov 3, 2012 4:39 AM

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change is an unacceptable reason for not changing to improve, don't you think?

189	All of the above. It doesn't give you enough time for the kids to take on a summer job and for younger kids childcare would be hard to arrange.	Nov 3, 2012 4:35 AM
190	ALL OF THE ABOVE. LEAVE SUMMERS FREE for all!	Nov 3, 2012 4:00 AM
191	All of the above	Nov 3, 2012 3:44 AM
192	For both of my boys, attending and then working at summer camps has been a GIGANTIC part of their childhood. If a nontraditional calendar was adopted, many summer camps would probably struggle to operate enough weeks to be profitable.	Nov 3, 2012 2:42 AM
193	I want the summer off. I work at MCCSC in large part for this reason.	Nov 3, 2012 2:20 AM
194	Some ppl will be against "change".	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 PM
195	Lots of people are going to gripe.	Nov 2, 2012 10:48 PM
196	None	Nov 2, 2012 9:47 PM
197	Don't see a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 6:55 PM
198	Interfere with 4-H animal project completion timeframe	Nov 2, 2012 6:46 PM
199	No proof if advantage to students. Detrimental to autistic children	Nov 2, 2012 6:34 PM
200	i do not know an advantage, I see more problems, same as problems with non-traditional weekly schedule of an off school day, Wednesday	Nov 2, 2012 6:09 PM
201	Why does everything have to match I.U.'s calendar. So tired of having I.U. determine what everyone else in this city does.	Nov 2, 2012 6:05 PM
202	As a family with two working parents, child care on shortened breaks will be a challenge and less time with my child.	Nov 2, 2012 5:40 PM
203	both childcare and unable to participate in enrichment	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
204	None	Nov 2, 2012 5:28 PM
205	None	Nov 2, 2012 5:26 PM
206	It is not fair to teachers who must seek other employment or who need additional training.	Nov 2, 2012 4:36 PM
207	I agree with the 2nd, 3rd and 5th answers	Nov 2, 2012 4:30 PM
208	None. The traditional school year WORKS. You don't mess with what works!	Nov 2, 2012 3:57 PM
209	All but not the end of the world	Nov 2, 2012 3:52 PM
210	none	Nov 2, 2012 3:44 PM

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211	None	Nov 2, 2012 3:29 PM
212	There are none. It is different and people don't want to change even if it is better for students.	Nov 2, 2012 3:18 PM
213	I don't see any specific disadvantages that cannot be overcome.	Nov 2, 2012 3:16 PM
214	Teachers will be working more than the >200 days, (many of them 12-hour) they do now. A two week break is NOT a break for a teacher!	Nov 2, 2012 3:09 PM
215	I don't see a disadvantage to a more balanced calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 3:01 PM
216	Routines would be frequently disrupted and would negatively impact the student as well as the family. For instance a child gets used to a homework schedule and once established another break would come. Big concern for me as my child has ADHD and frequent breaks sounds like a nightmare.	Nov 2, 2012 2:57 PM
217	All of the above.	Nov 2, 2012 2:51 PM
218	There are no obvious disadvantages that cannot be adjusted to within a short time frame	Nov 2, 2012 2:47 PM
219	My children take part in some outstanding enrichment opportunities - at the national and international level.	Nov 2, 2012 2:42 PM
220	A new schedule is a good idea	Nov 2, 2012 2:35 PM
221	just leave it alone and do the job of teaching.	Nov 2, 2012 2:31 PM
222	ALL OF THE ABOVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE IU CALENDAR	Nov 2, 2012 2:16 PM
223	I see no disadvantage. I wish we already had the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 2:11 PM
224	Longer breaks during the year will cause students to forget what was taught before break.	Nov 2, 2012 2:09 PM
225	High School Sports	Nov 2, 2012 1:52 PM
226	Students will not have time to review new material and to prepare for the next school year; also, the non-traditional calendar will cause major inconveniences for families and students with prior commitments.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
227	Can't think of any!	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
228	None	Nov 2, 2012 1:46 PM
229	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:43 PM
230	the opportunity to work to increase income	Nov 2, 2012 1:37 PM
231	Child care and student summer camps	Nov 2, 2012 1:36 PM
232	None	Nov 2, 2012 1:33 PM

Page 2, Q6. The biggest disadvantage of adopting a non-traditional calendar is:

233	There are no disadvantages for us	Nov 2, 2012 1:30 PM
234	None!	Nov 2, 2012 1:27 PM
235	Research does not support that it makes a difference in learning.	Nov 2, 2012 1:24 PM
236	Children won't have an extended period of free time	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
237	is it to much trouble to allow kids to be kids and enjoy their summer and not stress them ALL year round!	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
238	Like change it will take some a while to adapt, I just wish the change would have come while I still had kids in school	Nov 2, 2012 1:06 PM
239	No disadvantage since it will match other area schools.	Nov 2, 2012 1:03 PM
240	There is NO disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
241	Too many disadvantages to name	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
242	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
243	This type of break in between is actually the one can cause the less educational students due to loosing the continous studying!	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
244	It would interfere with our family's learning programs we participate in during the summer months.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
245	I think the disadvantages are outweighed by the advantages, and that people will adjust over time to find that a flexibvle schedule can be beneficial to family time.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
246	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM
247	All the above	Nov 2, 2012 12:51 PM
248	see additional comments	Nov 2, 2012 12:48 PM
249	Summer travel with sports programs. However I believe the break is too long and too much re-teaching in the fall.	Nov 2, 2012 12:47 PM
250	i cant think of any that would be a bother	Nov 2, 2012 12:39 PM
251	Concerns about the long baseball season, especially those who play on travel teams on the weekends.	Nov 2, 2012 12:37 PM
252	I am in favor of nontraditonal calendar	Nov 2, 2012 12:32 PM
253	I think families would quickly adapt.	Nov 2, 2012 12:29 PM
254	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 12:27 PM
255	During breaks, it's a change of routine for both the kids and the parents. Not crazy about changing the routine several times, as it also involves changing my work schedule every time they're off and go back to school...	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM

Page 2, Q6. The biggest disadvantage of adopting a non-traditional calendar is:

256	no	Nov 2, 2012 12:22 PM
257	Chang is always difficult but we have a manged to change to longer school day. I believe we can change to a non-tradional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 12:20 PM
258	I think sports schedules for travel teams will have to adjust	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM
259	Teachers can't offset lost opportunities to secure extra income.	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM
260	Everything that is above.	Nov 2, 2012 12:17 PM
261	more time spent on review after each break, childcare during each break difficult to manage	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
262	Children will be unable to participate in summer enrichment activities, including summer camps and educational family trips.	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
263	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
264	There is no real disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 12:07 PM
265	opportunities for jobs and extended travel	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM
266	Shame on you!	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM
267	College course work will be more difficult to match up during the school year.	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
268	No disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
269	I do not see any of these as a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
270	All of the above. Childcare, vacation time, parents working. Things shouldn't be cahanged just because of the other school around us are doing this. This really makes things harder on working parents!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
271	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:55 AM
272	All of the above.	Nov 2, 2012 11:51 AM
273	Concern about workshops etc. for continued licensure	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
274	Not sure there are disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 11:45 AM
275	Students need rest so do teachers. Families need time together. Summer vacation has been a tradition and it is not fair to change it beause of current "trends"	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
276	None of the above are of much concern for me.	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
277	I do not have any negative opinions of the non-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 AM
278	No disadvantage to non-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM
279	I can't think of any big disadvantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM

Page 2, Q6. The biggest disadvantage of adopting a non-traditional calendar is:

280	People resist change	Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM
281	need research, Come on HT!	Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM
282	None	Nov 2, 2012 11:33 AM
283	I don't see any disadvantages.	Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM
284	It may actually increase the likelihood of burnout for some kids who need a longer summer break in order to recharge for another school year.	Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM
285	It could interfere with important family functions as well as extra curricular activities that can lead to scholarships family	Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM
286	Catering to families in need of help--not thinking of the traditional, healthy family.	Nov 2, 2012 11:24 AM
287	childcare is very important point here but also I think the children deserve the break they get in the summer. yes it may make review necessary but I think its worth it.	Nov 2, 2012 11:03 AM
288	We need to consider what is best for student learning. The non-traditional calendar offers that.	Nov 2, 2012 10:53 AM
289	No disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 10:49 AM
290	My family benefits from the extended break. Kids get to spend more time outside, garden, travel, and pursue their own interests. They can read purely for enjoyment without being monitored by the school.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
291	It will interfere with the dynamics of rest and learning.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
292	All the above will be harder working parents will be more burdened	Nov 2, 2012 10:40 AM
293	While it may be difficult to adjust to, I believe the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
294	We do family enrichment with extended travel and camps.	Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM
295	None. No disadvantage. This is what they do in Europe and it works better!	Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM
296	All the above including IU summer camps.	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
297	too soft on kids discipline and hard for families to manage childcare and not integrated with IU	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
298	No disadvantages!	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
299	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
300	All of the above AND older students get very board over long breaks in the cold months. Unless you can afford to vacation every break, and I cannot.	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
301	I have no objection to a non traditional schedule	Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM

Page 2, Q6. The biggest disadvantage of adopting a non-traditional calendar is:

302	our child is involved with IU programs, so that calendar will determine ours. equally importantly, our child attends summer music camps, which are long and non-local. had we to choose between mccsc and eight weeks at music camp in new york, mccsc would lose.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
303	there is no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:17 AM
304	None of the above apply to me.	Nov 2, 2012 10:14 AM
305	The first year will be challenging like any other change in routine, but I would welcome this change.	Nov 2, 2012 10:13 AM
306	None. A calendar with shorter summers would be fantastic for student learning and achievement. There are NUMEROUS studies showing this result.	Nov 2, 2012 10:07 AM
307	Going on long sporting events like National tournaments in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 10:06 AM
308	I do not see a great disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 10:05 AM
309	it will decrease my children's ability to save for college	Nov 2, 2012 10:00 AM
310	my child will loose the time at home with me and will have to be in camps. this does not increase achievement.	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
311	I don't see any disadvantages i feel its a win, win for all student, teachers and parents.	Nov 2, 2012 9:54 AM
312	I don't see a disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:50 AM
313	We need to help on the farm in Michigan in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 9:46 AM
314	All of the above!	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
315	it will decrease summer job income	Nov 2, 2012 9:33 AM
316	It will have little or no impact on the academic success of students.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
317	This will be a challenge for single parents due to work and care	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
318	Extreme Interference in shared custody agreements...considering the amount of divorced families with this situation, you have completely failed to include this issue in your survey so far. It is not about "Vacations" but court ordered visitation.\	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM
319	I see no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 9:28 AM
320	Doesn't match IU calendar making child are difficult.	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
321	Answer 1 & 3 are interrelated, and both are local concerns.	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
322	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:25 AM
323	Community/ business calendar changes necessary...but worth it!	Nov 2, 2012 9:24 AM

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324	Personally I d	Nov 2, 2012 9:23 AM
325	There is absolutely no reasonable disadvantage.	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
326	I dont see any big disadvantages	Nov 2, 2012 9:19 AM
327	I see no disadvantage to me as a teacher or to me as a family.	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
328	I see no negative aspects of the calendar changing for our family; only positive change for each of my children's learning. We need this change!	Nov 2, 2012 9:17 AM
329	All of the above, as well as the missed opportunity for summer employment for high school students.	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
330	None. Let's move forward. IU calendar is hanging too!	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
331	summer camps may be a problem if no advance notice to those programs	Nov 2, 2012 9:15 AM
332	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
333	all of the above	Nov 2, 2012 9:12 AM
334	All of the above. The academic gains made through longer academic sessions outweigh the losses over the summer. Review, Preview, Practice and Master cannot happen in an 8 week stint.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
335	all of these apply	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM
336	none	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
337	None above	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
338	none of these are that much of a disadvantage to me. it is only 2-3 weeks difference.	Nov 2, 2012 9:07 AM
339	athletic still have to be at practice a& games so they can no go on vacation. In football you lose your position!!	Nov 2, 2012 9:06 AM
340	None apply	Nov 2, 2012 9:04 AM
341	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 8:59 AM
342	extreme disruption for many parents/families/children--with little benefits!	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
343	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
344	None!	Nov 2, 2012 8:53 AM
345	All of the above...	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
346	no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
347	childcare may be an issue, change will be difficult, and summer activities may be limited	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM

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348	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
349	All of the above and then some!	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
350	Students get distracted the week (or so) before a big break...more big breaks = more distractions = wasted time/less learning	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM
351	I don't see any significant disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
352	I see no problems with the change	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
353	I think the only disadvantage would be to leave it like it is. I say bring it on!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
354	there is no disadvantage	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
355	ALL OF THE ABOVE!	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
356	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
357	Everything about it is more harmful than good.	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
358	I would prefer a non-traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
359	They will not be able to participate in summer enrichment activities or just have time to enjoy being a kid	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
360	All of above w/exception of adaptation of change being difficult!	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
361	It may limit participation in summer enrichment activities, sports camps, travel and jobs. We can adjust. Our Edventure Camps can realign to breaks throughout the year for childcare purposes.	Nov 2, 2012 8:30 AM
362	My child will not be able to continue their summer employment	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
363	cant see any reason	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 AM
364	child will miss long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
365	All of the above	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
366	If MCCSC provides childcare options during the breaks, most other issues should be less important than what we gain.	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
367	work for the many students I employ will not be possible	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
368	All of the above-	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
369	none	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
370	Resistance to change	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM

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1	I would love to see MCCSC and RBB have the same schedule. Many teachers and staff have children in RBB district making vacation days difficult for family time ie fall break, school start and end dates. The districts are on 4 miles apart why not put everyone on the same page.	Nov 7, 2012 6:29 AM
2	"Enriching student success" is the most uninformative statement ever. How will a two week break for watching TV and playing video games every nine weeks "enrich student success"? Didn't our school just get an "A"? How much more enriched do you want us to be? A school year, as it looks currently, is more beneficial to students. The summer is already too short; leave it as it is. Please, please, get a professional to write these survey questions. It's obvious how the survey taker is 'supposed' to answer these.	Nov 7, 2012 6:03 AM
3	The school day should be the same length Monday through Friday.	Nov 7, 2012 6:00 AM
4	If it does change, I'm glad that our child will be graduating soon. Increasing the school day, especially with those who are adolescents, was enough change that has actually made them more tired; decreasing what he/she has retained. If you allow for more frequent breaks, this will only make it more difficult to get back in the routine of school...especially sleeping habits.	Nov 7, 2012 5:46 AM
5	Shorten the school day. Start at 8 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.	Nov 7, 2012 5:39 AM
6	for those that work for the school it would put a financial burden on the household with a one income family and would have to pick another part time job	Nov 7, 2012 5:34 AM
7	As a parent that has had children in the school system for the last 9 years, they look forward to that long break in the summer and the tradition of it. Also having a full time job and going to school part time at Ivy Tech changing the breaks will make it difficult to have time off with my kids and also arranging childcare while I am in school.	Nov 7, 2012 5:31 AM
8	no	Nov 7, 2012 5:25 AM
9	Extended school days and now a non-traditional calendar? I've spoken with many parents this past week regarding their thoughts on a non-traditional calendar, and like myself, many of us are beginning to get frustrated with our children being used as guinea pigs for programs that often fail. A non-traditional calendar poses more of a problem to families than a traditional calendar. It not only causes problems with childcare, it keeps children from engaging in summer activities such as traveling ball teams, competitive swimming, etc. It also places vacations for the "families" in the center of the busiest work times for most traditional families, and during some of the worst weather. I also know many families who take extended vacations during the summer and this would curtail the ability to do so. Studies in other states, such as California show that non-traditional schedules do not benefit students and these states are actually moving away from non-traditional calendars in order to re implement more traditional calendars. Should Monroe County School system adopt a non-traditional calendar, my family would seriously have to consider a private learning institution.	Nov 7, 2012 5:22 AM
10	I think these questions were worded in a way to "compliment" the proposed	Nov 7, 2012 5:21 AM

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changes. Not sure if the results will be accurate.

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| 11 | Calendrical change in and of itself will not provide any teaching and learning advantages. If you are seeking to maximize retention of knowledge over the summer and minimize review time in the fall, then you would be better to implement pedagogical practices that support this goal rather than relying on an assumptive calendar change to achieve this for you. | Nov 7, 2012 5:17 AM |
| 12 | I think students and teachers will not get "burned out". I think students will retain more, test scores will go up. It may take a little bit for people to adapt but I think it is a good idea. | Nov 7, 2012 5:06 AM |
| 13 | It should be all of the schools or none of them. I feel non-traditional would benefit the education of my children, but if my children are not all on the same schedule it is not worth it. | Nov 7, 2012 5:00 AM |
| 14 | Please don't do this! | Nov 7, 2012 4:51 AM |
| 15 | I still do NOT care for the hours of the school day. It is still very difficult getting a middle school student on the bus at 6:09 am. | Nov 7, 2012 4:28 AM |
| 16 | We need to make improvements yo our educational system and the schedule or convience factor for Indiana University should not be a factor in that process | Nov 7, 2012 4:27 AM |
| 17 | The summer break is an important part of the year that helps kids rest and rejuvenate before committing to the next 9 months. Kids don't necessarily forget everything they learned the year prior to the one they're currently starting. A bit of review is needed no matter what calendar you follow, and the sudden change might be too much of a burden; for children, parents, and teachers alike. So please, keep the current calendar. | Nov 6, 2012 9:25 PM |
| 18 | Without increasing the number of days in the school year, the new calendar can do nothing. The sole conceivably legitimate point in favor would be to help students who need school to receive food and basic nursing care, but those children would not even gain more days of such benefits. The cause of the achievement gap between the United States and Europe is not calendar structure; after all, France, the Netherlands, Germany, and Great Britain have summer as their longest vacations. On the contrary, the test scores of these countries reflect their strong social welfare systems and their intensive schooling practices (at least 200 school days per year and, in many case, 7-8 hours of school per day). | Nov 6, 2012 9:09 PM |
| 19 | Without knowing the specifics of the proposed calendar, many of the above questions will yield data that is not valid for supporting the objectives. It is impossible to ascertain how a change will effect family, vacations, educational outcomes, childcare, etc, without knowing specifically what would change. Any use of the resulting data, for any purpose other than deciding what people might care about, would be misleading at best. Without a specific proposal, I can't say whether I, as a former teacher, a parent, and educational designer and researcher, would support a change or not, and I would be greatly disappointed to learn my responses were used to support one side or the other.... | Nov 6, 2012 8:09 PM |

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20	I would suggest starting school after Labor Day. Have the school day length be equal for all 5 days. If school was to be in session during summer months, have the school day shorter say only until 1 or 2.	Nov 6, 2012 7:50 PM
21	I would still like to see a substantial summer break to allow for important family bonding time as well as specialized 'fun' camps that focus on subjects my child has a great interest in and that he cannot get that special focus in the traditional school year curriculum. We garden and raise animals over the summer which is educational as well. I feel that reading/math are important but are not everything, and I worry about losing that well roundedness by having a short summer break.	Nov 6, 2012 7:15 PM
22	The current calendar works great for our family with breaks throughout the school year and summer left for family vacations and a chance for kids to be kids & enjoy the fun of summer with sports & friends or whatever they like. I love the current calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 7:01 PM
23	Not sure I am committed to supporting a non-traditional schedule, but I am definitely interested in discussing it as an option and considering the pros/cons.	Nov 6, 2012 7:00 PM
24	MCCSC needs to change their calendar to a balanced calendar, many more benefits than the current schedule.	Nov 6, 2012 6:46 PM
25	I think this is something that should be explored. The traditional calendar is a bit out of date since we are not really a farm based society.	Nov 6, 2012 6:43 PM
26	Children DO NOT need to go to school year round with breaks in between. It is too much already with the homework given/expected of them already. Let kids be kids, not stuck in school!	Nov 6, 2012 6:36 PM
27	Please rethink the late start on Wednesdays. I think this is disruptive to students sleep schedule. Perhaps starting the same time everyday would be better and have an early release on Wednesdays.	Nov 6, 2012 6:19 PM
28	Show us the data that supports one over the other. I will go with the schedule that benefits my child best.	Nov 6, 2012 6:09 PM
29	Don't change the schedule. It will not benefit the students or their performances. Parents are already struggling with the new confusing MCCSC school hours. Please stop ruining the lives of students and parents.	Nov 6, 2012 5:17 PM
30	We need to have at least one break of more than 3 weeks to allow for longer trips (eg, overseas) and attending programs and camps that are typically at certain times. Maybe have summer and winter breaks of equal length? Spring and fall could have 1 week long rest breaks. But if there are plenty of 1-day vacations due to holidays, teacher training, etc. during a season, then don't add another week. This is a complex idea and I'm not sure what would be best for my family, much less everyone else. I'd advise you to let people play around with the concept quite a bit, so they can gradually reach conclusions the committee will after much thought and discussion. Let us know what all the constraints are and take specific calendar suggestions. Maybe a consensus will emerge or at least a few alternatives. At the least. the public needs to be told why certain	Nov 6, 2012 5:07 PM

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ideas failed and why others succeeded.

31	I strongly disagree with moving to a non-traditional calendar. I think that it does a great disservice to families who will find difficulty with childcare many times throughout the year. I think that it does a disservice to our students who need that time to explore other things outside of school (ie camps, jobs, family vacations, etc). I think it does a disservice to our staff and faculty who also need that extended to break to spend time with their families, and work other jobs as necessary. I also think that it will create problems for the school district with regards to attendance and the state money that comes with that. I know that currently attendance is stressed at all levels, but I for one know that I will be more likely to pull my children from school as vacation opportunities, camp opportunities, or other areas of enrichment become available for them. I believe that there are SO many areas outside of the traditional school day that our children gain knowledge and life experience from and I WILL provide them with those opportunities regardless of whether they have to miss school to do it. We have been very very cautious about missing school days thus far, but will not be forced to miss other activities and areas of enrichment by a calendar that doesn't allow that. Finally, my children will be UNHAPPY! I have discussed this at length with all of them and they MUCH prefer a longer summer break where they completely relax and recharge to several smaller breaks. It is absolutely no contest!!	Nov 6, 2012 5:00 PM
32	I feel that as a teacher and for our son down time is crucial to not becoming overwhelmed by the process of learning.	Nov 6, 2012 4:54 PM
33	Elementary longer day is too long. I have to provide many breaks to maximize learning. Some days my planning time is only 30min. Teachers have many duties and are responsible for students from 8:20 to 3:50 each day.	Nov 6, 2012 4:43 PM
34	I completely disagree with changing the traditional calendar, Given the enrichment opportunities we give our kids in the summer as well as travel abroad and significant camp opportunities. They also need a break to recoup and refocus.	Nov 6, 2012 4:28 PM
35	Currently, the longer school day is not enhancing the learning of our children. It provides for daycare for them, which is sad since so many quality sports and arts programs are not able to be a part of a child's learning and life.	Nov 6, 2012 4:02 PM
36	I would like to see real reasearch that shows a broad measure of positive results from changing the traditional year to year-around school. I'm sure there are positives but I can't see how they significantly outweigh the negatives. We certainly don't see much of it in college educational programs just look at enrollment numbers over the summer at IU and other Indiana Universities.	Nov 6, 2012 3:55 PM
37	I hope that whoever gets to make the decision will take the time to consider those that are truly affected by it. I'm sure those decision makers feel really proud around their peers, but it seems as if they've forgotten that those decisions affect others.	Nov 6, 2012 3:49 PM
38	I wish it would just stay the same. I am tired of all the R&D with my children! They are not lab rats or test monkeys. I want stability!	Nov 6, 2012 3:19 PM

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39	How many times do we have to say it? The typical family has parents who work full-time, year-around. We aren't farmers or professors or stay-at-home moms. Frequent breaks make even less sense than a summer break to tend crops. What the Hell would we do with the kids? Wake up!	Nov 6, 2012 3:15 PM
40	Please reconsider the length of the school day. Students are tired and aren't learning after 3:00. Parents complain that they don't have time with their kids at night and they rush them to extracurricular activities, barely getting in dinner and homework. They also complain about the amount of homework some teachers are still giving after their kids are in school so long and with a shorter evening. Thank you for asking for our opinions. I hope they are truly heard.	Nov 6, 2012 3:06 PM
41	Please don't just follow the popular or "in" thing to do. We have a great system in the MCCSC. The traditional calendar follows the IU calendar closely and so many families are tied to that. Kids need a break...not a break with projects hanging over their heads, or anything but a real break. A summer, a chance to be carefree and relaxed, play sports, go away to camp, travel to fun places. Please don't take away summer.	Nov 6, 2012 2:50 PM
42	Being a foreign household this will add some strains and impose a substantial change in our lifestyle as we are accustomed to leave Bloomington during the months of June, July and part of August. I will have to consider home schooling.	Nov 6, 2012 2:27 PM
43	I think even the Wednesday schedule is a problem for working parents. A non traditional schedule will make it hard for working parents	Nov 6, 2012 2:02 PM
44	With the longer school day, I am seeing more child burn-out than ever before. These kids must have more than a one day fall break. I have worked in districts that have had breaks after each marking period, and both the teachers and children feel refreshed and ready to begin again.	Nov 6, 2012 2:00 PM
45	I think the biggest challenge to adopting a non-traditional calendar will be the fact that summer enrichment activities continue to operate on the traditional calendar. Even once Monroe County adjusts it's activities to match the new school calendar, it will be difficult for MCCSC students to participate in out-of-county enrichment activities b/c calendars will not match up. And even w/in Monroe County, the transition time will cause students to miss out on a lot of opportunities.	Nov 6, 2012 1:45 PM
46	I believe that the non-traditional calendar will provide my children with more substantial breaks, allow them to retain and build on what they have learned without losing information due to long periods of unstructured time, and is what many school districts across the country are moving to. I really don't see a disadvantage to a non-traditional calendar, and fully support MCCSC in moving to this type of school calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 1:37 PM
47	I think a balanced calendar is needed. We are no longer a rural society where children are needed to work in the fields over the summer months. We can not avoid the fact that much information is lost over the summer especially with younger children and many weeks are spent reviewing after the summer. The summer break is long and many kids get bored and are more than ready to return after the summer. Many students and teachers I have observed in the	Nov 6, 2012 1:35 PM

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	classroom are in need of more frequent breaks to rejuvenate. IU's calendar should not rule MCCSC calendar.	
48	I think this will be to much for elementary school students to cope with. Maybe this will work better with older children like in High School.	Nov 6, 2012 1:29 PM
49	Adopting a non-traditional calendar will be disruptive and upsetting while providing little to no benefit for my family.	Nov 6, 2012 1:20 PM
50	A number of schools in Johnson County moved to the balanced calendar for this school year. You might check with some of them for their impressions.	Nov 6, 2012 1:15 PM
51	Childcare is not a big option for my family. I would hate the idea of my kids being watched by a stranger because my work schedule wouldn't work with this proposed new calendar. My employer is already more than flexible to accommodate the current calendar but would be unwilling to bend further and I am not comfortable with other care options.	Nov 6, 2012 1:06 PM
52	Moving to a modified schedule interferes with summer travel and enrichment. Children need to grow beyond just academics. With our long day now, there is barely any time for enrichment during the school year. It creates problems consistently throughout the year. Hiring someone for the summer to help with children allows one to get a consistent helper who can maintain an enriched environment. Trying to find someone for a week here and there will likely have to be more of a daycare type environment that will turn into another structured environment rather than time to explore the outdoors and other personal interests. I think it takes away too much and adds too little.	Nov 6, 2012 12:48 PM
53	I would be in favor of the change.	Nov 6, 2012 12:40 PM
54	I attended year round school for a couple years as a child. Having more breaks was good and we never felt overwhelmed going back.	Nov 6, 2012 12:27 PM
55	My son attended a charter school for 3 years and had a 2 week fall break, 3 week Christmas break and 2 week spring break. The school year did not end until June 18 and began around August 7. I feel the kids need to be at school, this is their job and if they are at school hopefully they are learning AND they are supervised. Also, it is so helpful to look forward to and have lengthy break. I think the kids, parents and teachers can re-charge and re-energize. I also feel year round school is a viable option.	Nov 6, 2012 12:27 PM
56	I am a professor at IU and I am from Europe. Many of my international colleagues and I use the long summer breaks to return to our home country as our job allows us to conduct research from foreign universities. It is of utmost importance for the well-being of my family that my children are exposed to the European culture (so that they can understand their parents) and more importantly to spend extended amount of time with their grand-parents. If MCCSC switches to a different calendar where the summer break only last 6 weeks then (and believe me with much regrets) I will reconsider my current employment and leave to a bigger city where I will have options. So I believe that you should not neglect the possibility that the school district will lose some of its diversity (or decrease its attraction) and the associated benefits.	Nov 6, 2012 12:26 PM

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57	A lot of other school corporations are doing this as well, thank you for considering a change :)	Nov 6, 2012 12:19 PM
58	Seems very problematic for working parents who can't take two week-long breaks at various times throughout the year.	Nov 6, 2012 12:14 PM
59	PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE IT. the parents are connected to the university and we need the same calendar as iu. we international families spend all summers abroad and it will be so inconvenient if you change this. after longer school day that was disaster do we need to change more?	Nov 6, 2012 11:53 AM
60	Thank you for soliciting feedback on this issue.	Nov 6, 2012 11:52 AM
61	I was against this idea for so long and now as my kids are getting a little older I really value the opportunities this would afford, and also very much want extra time with them on school breaks. A day here and there are not enough for me. I would LOVE if this would also lead to a shorter school day! We have no time for family meals anymore!	Nov 6, 2012 11:38 AM
62	Keep in mind how much the elementary parents were upset about the longer days. The families will be impacted by this change. Also, secondary students that are involved with extra curricular will not have the breaks because athletic events will still be happening	Nov 6, 2012 11:33 AM
63	I strongly support continuing the traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 11:25 AM
64	Children get bored by the end of a long summer and would benefit with consistency of learning with a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 11:13 AM
65	Return to every day of school beginning and ending at the same time. Wednesdays are impossible for working parents!	Nov 6, 2012 11:05 AM
66	Changing the traditional calendar would help the students in retaining the knowledge learned in school.	Nov 6, 2012 11:05 AM
67	I do not feel that adhering to or closely matching the IU calendar is a necessary priority, nor should be considered so greatly. What advantage does this pose to the average family, unless you have someone in the MCCSC school system as well as the IU system? The balanced calendars have been shown to be successful in every district they have been adopted. The newly suggested balanced calendar idea is a much better way of advancing academic achievement versus the "stretching of the academic day" as was adopted most recently resulting in confusion and inconsistency in schedules for family - particularly of those with those of elementary age students.	Nov 6, 2012 11:04 AM
68	This is a terrible idea!! Do not rob kids and their families of summer. Nothing good will be gained from this. Kids need to be active and engaged in other types of activities in the summer (swimming, camp, scouting, sports, etc.). Kids should not be sitting in classrooms year-round with brief breaks in between that don't fit family schedule simply for the convenience of administrators or the whims of politicians. It has been a complete disaster in the nearby areas where the schedule has been changed and has also made it very difficult for summer	Nov 6, 2012 11:00 AM

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programs to function effectively. One example: My son attends Camp Kesem, a nation-wide program with a camp here run by IU students that is a free week of camp the first week in August for kids whose parent have or have had cancer. Because the camp is free for campers, it must be offered this week in order to get an affordable rate from local campgrounds. Because of the change in nearby school calendars, some kids will not be able to attend this summer. This is a travesty. This week of camp is critical for these families. It gives kids a chance to connect with other kids in a similar situation among caring counselors and gives parents a week to focus on treatments. Please do not take thses sorts of opportunities away from our families!

69	The change to a year-round school calendar is way overdue for MCCSC. We should be a leader in this regard. There is so much more that can be done to enhance the level of proficiency for today's students. Modifying the calendar should be the first of many changes.	Nov 6, 2012 10:52 AM
70	Non-traditional calendars create nightmares for parents with regard to scedules. Please, for the love of God leave the damn thing alone. The late Wednesday is more than enough hassle for the parents. Also this surveys available aswers are highly skewed.	Nov 6, 2012 10:51 AM
71	In a county where the University has so much influence, I see strong disadvantages to adopting a non-traditional school year. It would disrupt many family's break time and keep our kids from the positive benefits of IU summer activities, camps, etc. With the adoption of MCCSC's longer school day, many families have had to cut back on out of school enrichment activities and only participate during the summer. Please! don't take away free time/family time that many of us enjoy on summer break as well!	Nov 6, 2012 10:42 AM
72	Anything that improves student learning (and the retention of that learning) should be adopted. Families will adapt to the changes--and should be happy to do so, if the changes improve student learning.	Nov 6, 2012 10:42 AM
73	I think the new balanced calendar is a good idea!	Nov 6, 2012 10:36 AM
74	Change it	Nov 6, 2012 10:33 AM
75	As an IU employee, I *highly* value the correlation of the MCCSC calendar with the IU calendar. I do not want to see that change.	Nov 6, 2012 10:31 AM
76	I'm confident local agencies will adapt their childcare and camp programs to accommodate the new schedule.	Nov 6, 2012 10:16 AM
77	I would favor a non-traditional calendar as long as there is something affordable for the kids as I can't take off everytime there is no school to watch the kids.	Nov 6, 2012 10:15 AM
78	One cannot evaluate this re: "biggest advantages and disadvantages" as those answers will differ, and be relevant, for various families. One Size does not Fit All. An 8-week summer break with two-week breaks throughout makes sense. School year from late August thru early June also makes sense.	Nov 6, 2012 10:02 AM
79	The calendar has been essentially similar to what it is now for years, I don't feel	Nov 6, 2012 10:02 AM

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like MCCSC is considering the issues that parents have such as child care. Having more frequent breaks will only add to the difficulties that parents already have. I'm not real sure why we are concerned about IU's schedule after all our children don't attend IU they attend MCCSC! I realize that there are parents who are employed by IU, but don't feel that they are the majority so why are we catering to these parents? Some of us aren't concerned about the schedule at IU only the schedules of our children. So for once do what is best for the students not what works for working parents at IU that want spring break with their family afterall wouldn't we all? Not all of us get what we want!

80	Please carefully consider matching the calendar that Bloomington Project School has adapted. It is ideal and very well thought out!!	Nov 6, 2012 9:59 AM
81	I have many clients in my business who are teachers and they absolutely LOVE this concept and I have always wondered why MCCSC was not considering it as well. I think that if we can align it as closely as possible with the IU calender, it will be of optimum benefit for students and teachers, and especially, families.	Nov 6, 2012 9:58 AM
82	I am a working parent so childcare would definitely be a factor with nontraditional calendar year. On the other hand, having a week in the fall for a vacation would BR nice, but understand many families cannot afford this & often the weather is not good here. In addition, these breaks should be that, breaks & schools should NOT be able to mandate activities so that families can have a break &/or go on vacation. If I have to find childcare & drivers for activities during breaks, that is neither time or cost effective.	Nov 6, 2012 9:55 AM
83	A suggestion in regards to school start time. I hope MCCSC strongly considers to begin middle school/highschool school day later. This is still a great problem for preteens and teens. They are not getting the rest they need.	Nov 6, 2012 9:50 AM
84	the good thing about the change would be I work in the kitchen at mccsc and during summer break I have to look for a job , because we do not get paid in the summer .	Nov 6, 2012 9:47 AM
85	Shame on MCCSC School Board and Administration for bowing to yet another one of Tony Bennett's efforts to standardize public education so one-size-fits-all. This schedule is about test scores. Nothing about it honors children, their family or a right to a childhood. Just say NO!	Nov 6, 2012 9:42 AM
86	I am not in favor of changing the traditional school calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 9:35 AM
87	I would encourage MCCSC to coordinate with the local organizations that offer out-of-school care and activities so that if a calendar change is pursued, then all organizations can be in synchrony.	Nov 6, 2012 9:27 AM
88	Children are children. Let them have childhood.	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM
89	I sprinkled them in each reponse above (if not truncated by the survey instrument). I hope this input is taken seriously. I care deeply about the success of our educational intitutions. They are our future. Our current competencies put us at risk. The average American is embarassingly uneducated comparatively. This notion of schedule change will not improve that.	Nov 6, 2012 9:15 AM

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90	Our summers are spent overseas, traveling to visit friends and family and enriching our child's exposure to different cultures, so something that cuts the summer short will not provide such opportunities.	Nov 6, 2012 9:11 AM
91	Rather than making a large shift in the calendar, smaller changes such as a full week at Thanksgiving would provide the learning as well as mirror the IU calendar. The 3-day weekends built into the calendar for the spring 2013 semester seem more targeted to giving teachers a long break than to needs of students or parents (who would need to find childcare). I hope that the MCCSC board realizes that Bloomington does have a number of students who do not have a stay-at-home parent.	Nov 6, 2012 9:04 AM
92	The last 4 questions seem a little more biased in favor of the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 9:00 AM
93	I wish that I could have responded more than one advantage of this type of calendar. Better for family schedule, better for knowledge retention, allows for students and teachers to re-energize.	Nov 6, 2012 8:58 AM
94	I think it's a great idea to change the calendar - it will help children retain what they learn, offer stability, and also allow for more convenient vacationing for families. BUT, the county and city will need to offer camps during the new times or childcare will be a serious problem for many working parents.	Nov 6, 2012 8:58 AM
95	If we are going to change it lets do something that will be felt more than two weeks. Not sure that change will make a big difference for kids. It will however completely not align with summer and fall events that schools do.	Nov 6, 2012 8:47 AM
96	Pleas seriously consider a non-traditional calendar for MCCSC without regard towat I.U. does.	Nov 6, 2012 8:22 AM
97	By the end of Christmas break, kids have stayed inside and laid around on the computer or watching TV long enough, because the weather doesn't promote outside activities. I can't imagine what you are thinking in providing the kids with more time off when they can't do anything productive - they will be more out of shape, less tuned into nature and outdoors, less social. Parents would have a difficult time finding child care and coordinating time off several times a year. Family bonding time would dissolve - I don't see any benefits for considering non-traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 8:20 AM
98	Favor non-traditional calendar...it makes learning and recreation available throughout the year, through all seasons. I see this as enriching to staff and families, as well.	Nov 6, 2012 8:08 AM
99	I think we are at a disadvantage if we continue to base our calendar on the IU calendar. Although that schedule makes sense for adults in school who also participate in summer classes, it is not beneficial to the majority of our students. As a teacher, I will spend much more time the first two months of the school year reteaching what the students have forgotten over the summer than introducing new material. If the students do not use the information they have learned throughout the summer, they will forget it. Without such a large gap, the students will still new rested, but they will not have forgotten so much	Nov 6, 2012 8:08 AM

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information. We will not waste time, money, and energy reteaching material.

100 I would like to have more information before a decision is made. My husband has seasonal position and the current schedule works for our needs. I would like the opportunity to shut this down if this is going to effect our home life negatively. Nov 6, 2012 7:59 AM

101 I prefer the traditional schedule for several reasons - 1) it more closely approximates the schedule my children will have in college; 2) Provides time in the summer for enrichment activities and summer jobs; 3) Aligns with the IU calendar (I am an employee); and, 4) Provides more time for family vacations. Beyond these 4 points, I am a single parent with a fairly standard divorce decree which dictates a different visitation schedule during the summer for my ex-spouse. Non-traditional schedules will cause problems with thousands of divorce decrees - I am 10,0000 times opposed to this change and will seek out private alternatives to education for my children if MCCSC chooses to modify their schedule. Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM

102 Our children are still adjusting to the inconsistent longer days. Please do not change to the non-traditional calendar. Starting school is an anxious time of year for teachers, students and parents. Imagine the undue anxiety caused by a non-traditional calendar every time a school session or a "summer camp" begins...consistent worry with no structure or comfort. Nov 6, 2012 7:24 AM

103 I don't think that the MCCSC needs to consider the IU calendar. IU doesn't consult the local school system about the university calendar. Nov 6, 2012 7:12 AM

104 I believe it is essential for children to have the traditional summer break. By the end of the school year most children are tired of being in school, or families have planned vacations. The options of camps, activities, and vacations for children during the traditional calendar will be affected greatly by a change. I think it will cause more problems than solutions. Personally, my 4 sons do fine over the traditional summer break and start the year fresh with the same, or more, knowledge than the year before. Those in certian sports that miss school because of tournaments or games will miss more school days than normal if their seasons run into an extended school year. I have seen a lot change over the years my sons have been in school, and most have been a LARGE inconvenience for my family. I do hope you take these things into consideration. Thank you. Nov 6, 2012 7:07 AM

105 My primary concern is what we will do with our kids during the breaks if MCCSC moves to a non-traditional calendar. Currently, my son (and soon my daughter) goes to Kid City for the summer. I trust them with my children to provide a fun packed and safe summer from 8 to 5. Before I'd vote for a non-traditional (year-round) calendar, I'd want to see proposals/options from trusted places like Kid City about the kind of activities we can enroll our kids in during the breaks since my wife and I both work 8 to 5s. Nov 6, 2012 7:01 AM

106 I think it isn't a bad idea that we consider a balanced school year but I think the children still need 6-8 weeks off during the summer and I don't think there should be long breaks during the school year of more than one or two weeks and not many of those because us parents that work FT are going to have a difficult time Nov 6, 2012 6:48 AM

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	getting childcare coverage. I think students do better without really long breaks but I don't think any break during the school year should be more than one or two weeks(christmas). I don't know what parents would do if you have two weeks at spring break because most parents have taken off at Christmas and don't have two weeks of time built back up to take off 2 weeks at spring break. I think the breaks should be spread out over the full year, like offer some in February or some in October so parents can decide which breaks then can take off.	
107	I would support year round school!	Nov 6, 2012 6:46 AM
108	I think a non-traditional calendar will provide our students with more consistent learning and enable them to reach and maintain educational milestones. If we go to a non-traditional calendar, it will be important for childcare facilities to offer care during those times, as some parents will have to continue to work and will need child care.	Nov 6, 2012 6:29 AM
109	I think the new calendar year would be better for kids they won't be so tired of coming to school if they had longer or more days off in a role. As a mom and a Para I like the idea since I have a child with a learning disability and being off so long in the summer he is still trying to catch up .	Nov 6, 2012 6:26 AM
110	Summer is the carrot at the end of th stick. A light at the end of the tunnel. How can I make them go to endless school.	Nov 6, 2012 6:02 AM
111	We should do what is best for our children's education.	Nov 6, 2012 5:56 AM
112	The non- traditional calendar would benefit student learning, but may increase behaviors when returning from each break. Routine is key in the elementary level. Would this create adjustment issues? Would it be a permanent change? Everything is worth a try...	Nov 6, 2012 5:40 AM
113	I do NOT favor adopting a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 6, 2012 5:30 AM
114	Stop trying to match IU's calendar. MCCSC is not IU	Nov 6, 2012 5:17 AM
115	Statistics have proven this method does not work. If it is unsuccessful, how do we return to the traditional...	Nov 6, 2012 5:02 AM
116	The longer summer allows for rejuvenation, enrichment activities for staff. We do not currently have 9 - 10 weeks. We are lucky to get 8 by the time snow days are factored in, end of school meetings, unpaid mandatory summer trainings, etc. and for those who farm (such as myself) - it rips the life blood of summer growing season from me.	Nov 6, 2012 4:56 AM
117	They should just be kids. Life is to short	Nov 6, 2012 4:40 AM
118	As a one on one aid it will be hard for me to find a job for 2weeks at a time during the breaks and no chance for a job in the summer	Nov 6, 2012 4:33 AM
119	Teachers need the long summer break to destress. Students need the long break to enjoy summer and childhood. Parents need the longer summer to enjoy summer activites with their children. This would also limit time for 4H activities,	Nov 6, 2012 4:25 AM

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	camps and summer jobs. Many kids already have to make hard decisions on what activity they really want to do during the summer. Many activities overlap now with so few months in the summer.	
120	I think we should have more time to rest in summer vacation. Additionally, I think we should do activities like swimming, playing musical instruments, and puzzle-like things to help improve ourselves mentally and physically.	Nov 6, 2012 4:21 AM
121	Prefer full year with two week breaks	Nov 6, 2012 1:56 AM
122	I think that having a modified school calendar would be a good idea. I believe that having such long summer breaks cause children to lose much of what they learned throughout the school year. The modified calendar would help to prevent this from happening.	Nov 5, 2012 9:36 PM
123	My ex gets my boys in the summer and with the way we are set up we are able to fix the problems and make life easy for my boys. This will throw them out of the loop and cost my ex and myself more money trying to find daycare and other activities that my boys participate in already. It could make us look into a private school just so our schedules are in order like they are now.	Nov 5, 2012 9:04 PM
124	I do think it would certainly help the children in our district that do not get much or any academic support during the summer break. Though, I think it would be the same students where the parents would really struggle finding the child care during the more frequent breaks.	Nov 5, 2012 7:21 PM
125	PLEASE keep the school calendar the way it is.	Nov 5, 2012 7:09 PM
126	As a stay-at-home mom--I really feel that all these changes with the school day and school year are to try and benefit working parents. The school day is already too long so to mess now with the school year is just too much.	Nov 5, 2012 6:58 PM
127	If a change is made, I would prefer a six-week grading period.	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 PM
128	Would love to see shorter summer break & larger breaks during the school year. The traditional calendar burns kids out. Kids mentally start summer early May. Not good	Nov 5, 2012 6:46 PM
129	If research shows that student achievement is not affected greatly by doing away with the longer summer break vs. shorter breaks spread throughout the school year, it will be a positive change to spread breaks throughout the school year to allow students to maintain their learning routine and keep their achievement balanced. Our society is different than the old model of our present school year, and our community will make the necessary adjustments with the balanced calendar. I'm excited about this possibility!	Nov 5, 2012 6:34 PM
130	I would still like to reconsider the older kids going to school later and the younger kids earlier which literature shows is better for learning. We were given the opportunity for feedback with regard to this but if we are reconsidering the schedule we should reconsider this as well.	Nov 5, 2012 6:33 PM
131	A balanced calendar would decrease the amount of learning lost during the long	Nov 5, 2012 6:11 PM

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	summer break. Additionally, breaks of three weeks or less would eliminate the need/expense of ESY for special education students.	
132	I believe MCCSC should go to a non-traditional calendar. Local out-of-school time programs will be able to create programs that are tailored to the longer breaks during the school year and shorter summers. While it will be difficult working around the IU calendar, the academic improvements, opportunities for enrichment during the breaks (2-3 weeks), etc. far outweigh the disadvantages. It may be that poorer performing students and those who need more structure and support from the school (e.g., healthy food) will be better served by such a structure.	Nov 5, 2012 6:03 PM
133	This is NOT something that is broke! No need to fix it.	Nov 5, 2012 5:58 PM
134	I wish the survey would have provided for more than one answer in some cases, perhaps in ranked order. For instance, I think that there are several advantages to having a long summer break. I also believe that there are advantages to adopting a non traditional calendar. I feel the survey was too simplistic and black and white.	Nov 5, 2012 5:58 PM
135	I personally think the option will be a good opportunity for students to stay in touch with friends and retain all they learn throughout the school year	Nov 5, 2012 5:50 PM
136	Our family would love to have a new balanced calendar. While we love summer vacation, we would rather have longer breaks throughout the year to provide for rest and opportunities other than during the summer to travel.	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 PM
137	Worried about child care during school year.	Nov 5, 2012 5:45 PM
138	This is a crazy idea, please go back to school being off from Memorial Day to Labor Day	Nov 5, 2012 5:44 PM
139	Retaining learned information is important for all students but there are a variety of social, academic, physical, and community activities in which students can learn and expand their knowledge, interests, etc. through out the summer. We know that many parents work for IU but does that really mean MCCSC must be so closely aligned to their schedule?	Nov 5, 2012 5:37 PM
140	Concerned that if we go to non traditional there will not be available camps that are run by IU students making childcare difficult, my child benefits from church camps that only run in the summer. At my place of work, there are many who have children and not all of us will be able to be off during the school year breaks for vacations and childcare, the long summer helps to spread that out.	Nov 5, 2012 5:27 PM
141	Our child spends most of his summer vacation at camp and/or generally living/recreating outdoors which has had a HUGE impact on his life. I don't mind a more balanced school year calendar, but I worry that it will put summer camps out of business and thus the kids will lose those opportunities both for attending camp and for becoming counselors.	Nov 5, 2012 5:27 PM
142	The current traditional calendar works better for my family. Childcare would be difficult to find during all of those short breaks, and therefore it would not be	Nov 5, 2012 5:20 PM

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	much of a break since they would not be spending these breaks at home most likely. I attend IU so I really like being on a similar schedule as campus.	
143	Start at Labor day and end on Memorial day Take off on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring break. stay in school on all the other government hollidays, not every parent works for the government, child care does become a problem. way to many days off through out the school year	Nov 5, 2012 5:15 PM
144	I agree with the non traditional calender	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 PM
145	Think about the school day. Have you ever spent time with pk-1 after 2pm? It is like pulling teeth trying to get them to learn. You really should reconsider. And pk-1 teachers require the most planning time do to so many hands on enriching activites. If the students left at 3pm they would learn more effectively due to being less exhausted and teachers being better prepared.	Nov 5, 2012 5:05 PM
146	For many years when America was an intellectual power in the world it has used the traditional schedule. Seems to me that something else is broken and it's not the schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
147	I would love to see MCCSC go to a nontraditional calendar. I believe that any disadvantages are minor in comparison to the advantages. Summer vacation has several disadvantages in my opinion one being the information students lose during the extended break.The second being the extreme amount of unsupervised time that many students have which has the potential for trouble of some sort.	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
148	Came from a year round set up in Warren Township in Indy. It was outstanding. With the longer fall and spring breaks, there was greater opportunities for remediation and issues could be addressed sooner. More creative time for family travel, also.	Nov 5, 2012 4:58 PM
149	Does it really matter.... You do what you want to do!	Nov 5, 2012 4:42 PM
150	I'm interested in more time off during the school year and fewer weeks off during the summer. Ideally, about 7 weeks in the summer would be plenty.	Nov 5, 2012 4:36 PM
151	I would like to know how the start and end of semesters/trimesters would fall under the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 4:23 PM
152	I think this will interfere with family time in the summers and reduce work opportunities for the teens. Who will want to hire teens for 5 or 6 weeks? For younger students I think it keeps them in a more stringent environment throughout the whole calendar year.	Nov 5, 2012 4:23 PM
153	The non-traditional calendar is a serious disadvantage, not just in the matter of interfering with "family vacations" per say. 1. It hinders children's socialization outside of school, making it difficult to schedule summer camps, sports, etc.; 2. It interferes with a family's ability to spend extended quality time together doing healthy, outdoor activities (camping, swimming, etc.); and 3. It discourages students from pursuing other cultural and intellectual pursuits (special summer camps, summer musical events and celebrations, etc.) The bottom line: kids	Nov 5, 2012 4:13 PM

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	need to enjoy their childhoods. As it is, schools are dismissing later each spring and starting earlier each fall, squeezing out the fun and family time that makes childhood summers joyful.	
154	I work at IU and will be horribly sad to not have my kids off during the summer with me.	Nov 5, 2012 3:59 PM
155	My son has had the opportunity to go to an incredible summer camp that lasts six weeks and is far away	Nov 5, 2012 3:58 PM
156	Leave it alone	Nov 5, 2012 3:40 PM
157	What is the opinion of the school board and teachers of what the calendar should be? Also what is most efficient to lower costs and still have our children receive, meet and exceed required academic levels. Would like to receive an answer.	Nov 5, 2012 3:27 PM
158	Starting late on Wednesday does not serve my child or our school in a very positive manner. It is very disruptive.	Nov 5, 2012 3:26 PM
159	I think that it would be a great idea to have a year round calendar. Kids and teachers need more regular breaks, we would waste less time on review and it would provide more stability to children that need it.	Nov 5, 2012 3:22 PM
160	I think having a more balanced calendar would benefit students, faculty/staff, and parents! I'm in favor of this change! Thanks for asking my opinion!!	Nov 5, 2012 3:12 PM
161	As A CASY recipient, the non-traditional school year will make life for myself extremely stressful due to constantly having to fax back and forth change of provider forms. As a busy, single mom of two this is a lot to remember to do, by certain dates(or be dropped by the program) along with everything else that happens and has to be planned during any week. Childcare has always been an issue for me because I do not have any family members in Bloomington. I have to rely on friends when daycare(weekends) or the school year is not in session. And they too, are not always available and have busy lives of their own. Please consider this when making your decision. Thanks.	Nov 5, 2012 3:11 PM
162	I believe it is in the best interest of our children to minimize the length of time they are NOT receiving instruction, i.e. shorter summer and breaks evenly spaced breaks through out to allow "catch up" time for students falling behind.	Nov 5, 2012 2:45 PM
163	I would like to see go for 6 weeks, off for 2-3 weeks. Thanks for listening.	Nov 5, 2012 2:37 PM
164	Determine "why" you are doing this, what is the ultimate goal, then see which schedule best satisfies that goal.	Nov 5, 2012 2:32 PM
165	Having two high school students who participate in summer music activities that would not be available to them with a "balanced" calendar would deprive them of having an equal chance of an advanced adudation in Music. I know of othe activiities that would do the same harm to other families.	Nov 5, 2012 2:29 PM
166	In principle, I think this is a good idea, assuming that research genuinely shows clear benefits. I do worry, however, about the disruption it will cause to the many	Nov 5, 2012 2:28 PM

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MCCSC families affiliated with IU faculty. Were my last child not poised to graduate in 2014 I might object more strenuously.

167	Please do not change. I teach for IU and I treasure the summers off with my kids. I think this will be a mess for people who may only need childcare over the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 2:24 PM
168	I have spent the past 6 summers working at a Boy Scout camp. We draw a lot of our staff and campers from around Indianapolis. When IPS changed their calendar it had a negative impact- there was a decrease in staff numbers and moral, and it made our already popular weeks in the middle of the summer even fuller because many of the kids were in school during the first and last weeks of camp. This shift in our numbers as a result of the school calendar changes has not been good for the overall camp experience for everyone involved.	Nov 5, 2012 2:09 PM
169	I love the idea! Wish we could make it happen	Nov 5, 2012 2:07 PM
170	I just think that MCCSC should also coal ate with outside school activities, such as the county fair. There are several kids in 4H and have to stay on the fairgrounds with their animals all week.	Nov 5, 2012 2:04 PM
171	I think the adoption of a non-traditional calendar would be a great idea for the Monroe Co. community school system. I have always thought it would be beneficial to the kids to have more breaks throughout the school year. Also, I think it would help with retention of knowledge during the summer to have a slightly shorter break.	Nov 5, 2012 1:50 PM
172	If IU goes to a year-round calendar that will help with the transition to year-round for MCCSC. Studies have shown that shorter breaks are better for retention of learning. People always complain about change, but this would be a change for the better.	Nov 5, 2012 1:48 PM
173	I have friends who's children are on a non-traditional calendar and the kids are bored after just a few days off. A two week break is way too long during the school year and interferes with student learning more than the traditional summer break.	Nov 5, 2012 1:47 PM
174	Fall break which as 1 day could have been combined with election day to may a real break. Wed late start is a nuisance.	Nov 5, 2012 1:40 PM
175	My child looks forward to spending many weeks at camp as a camp counselor. It is beneficial for his development as a young man and he gains much need skill and experience being responsible for other younger children. Perhaps the school systems need to find ways to engage children in enriching activities during non-academic periods instead of just making them shorter and more frequent. I'm concerned that my child and children that follow him will no longer have this enriching opportunity over the summer. Too Bad!!	Nov 5, 2012 1:32 PM
176	If it ain't broke, don't fix it.	Nov 5, 2012 1:25 PM
177	People will adjust - they will grumble but that won't prevent them from adjusting to the change.	Nov 5, 2012 1:24 PM

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178	I think it would be helpful to give examples of what the calendar would make answering questions about them better. It is impossible to know what would work best, if you don't know what you are truly comparing it to.	Nov 5, 2012 1:21 PM
179	Leave the calendar alone. Kids need summer	Nov 5, 2012 1:19 PM
180	none	Nov 5, 2012 1:15 PM
181	A big advantage to longer summers for my family is that we were able to schedule medical procedures and appointments without taking me out of school.	Nov 5, 2012 1:07 PM
182	I do not understand why IU has dictated our school calendar. We should be doing what is right for students, not what is most convenient. Non-teaching IU full time staff work throughout the summer, so this schedule does not help them. IU Teaching staff travel and vacation on their own and take their kids along with them, no matter the time of year. These kiddos know the value of education and this is not usually a factor in the home. I also believe that many students are unsafe, hungry and bored over the long summer months. As many students that laugh and scream that school is over, there are just as many who worry about food on the table and having someone to care for them over the long summer. I speak as a parent as well as a teacher/administrator.	Nov 5, 2012 1:05 PM
183	I have lived in a county in North Carolina where the year round schooling was implemented. The year round calendar was in place for quite a few years and scores dropped and parents were unhappy. They decided to go back to the traditional calendar. The high school sports could not correlate with the year round schooling so it remained traditional. Parents who had children in high school(traditional) and middle or elementary schools(year round) had children on completely different schedules.	Nov 5, 2012 1:03 PM
184	I think it would have helped if you listed some of the local schools who use a non-traditional calendar. There is an interesting IUPUI paper at: http://education.iupui.edu/CUME/pdf/yearroundschoolingarticle2011.pdf	Nov 5, 2012 1:00 PM
185	please do not change the calendar, you will ruin a lot of things for me.	Nov 5, 2012 12:57 PM
186	In short, I strongly believe that we should keep our traditional school calendar; it has been used for so many years and does not seem to have any disadvantages. The non-traditional calendar provides families with many disadvantages.	Nov 5, 2012 12:55 PM
187	I have lived in an area where there is the option for a non- traditional school calendar. My kids were not of school age at the time, however we knew several families that used that option and enjoyed the non-traditional school year very much. It allows for a more consistent schedule for the children, less time for review and more options for family time and travel. Quality education is very important to our family and I believe this would be more beneficial for the children as opposed to the longer school day that was implemented last year leaving my child tired, hungry and with nothing to show for that extra hour except less time with family and less time for important extra after school activities. Quality education is not about how much time is spent in the school building but should be about quality teachers encouraging creative thought and learning. We	Nov 5, 2012 12:42 PM

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were told by our daughter's teacher that "if it's not a standard, I don't teach it." This idea is so sad. Please continue to think outside the box. There are certainly benefits to both a traditional and non-traditional school calendar, but I know many parents that are very satisfied with a non-traditional calendar.

188	A non-traditional calendar is bad for Bloomington with so many working at Indiana University. Everything in this small town (for better or worse) revolves around the university. It will disrupt MANY schedules to go to non-traditional. Extra-curricular activities will be extremely hard to coordinate. Staffing for those summer jobs (children's camps, etc.) will be messy. Please, KEEP THE CURRENT CALENDAR!	Nov 5, 2012 12:36 PM
189	Please consider the calendars of neighboring school districts as much as possible. I know several parents who work in other school districts and have children that attend MCCSC. Differing calendars might result in these students missing school to go on family vacations.	Nov 5, 2012 12:35 PM
190	Longer, more frequent breaks would be disastrous to those classes that require high levels of retention from one part to the next.	Nov 5, 2012 12:34 PM
191	Other states have already adopted a non-traditional calendar and it has worked very well.	Nov 5, 2012 12:32 PM
192	I fully support the non-traditional school year, I remember as a student myself getting bored with the long summer breaks.	Nov 5, 2012 12:30 PM
193	Do what is best 4 are children and what works best 4 are families (God Bless u all and thank u)	Nov 5, 2012 12:29 PM
194	Get rid of the schedule on Wednesday with classes starting an hour later. It should be the same every day.	Nov 5, 2012 12:26 PM
195	I think a huge disadvantage for the non-traditional school year is how sports are planned for the children. My son plays travel baseball and travels all summer without the traditional school year managing sports will be a huge challenge for some families. Sports keep kids out of trouble and is an enjoyable experience for them thru the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 12:26 PM
196	I am really excited that you are considering a change to the school calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 12:25 PM
197	Many students go to live with the noncustodial parent during summer. The community will need to accommodate and offer opportunities to families during the two to three week breaks offered during the year for the nontraditional calendar. Also, parents will have to pay for childcare, because they do not get that kind of time off of their workplaces. I think this will be an extra burden on families, in general, because of child care issues. Why do we have to upset everything just to address the needs of a few? Why don't we provide for the few who need the stability of school and remediation opportunities in the summer, rather than making everyone go to school all year? Many students learn a lot through enrichment during the summer, either through camps, work, or travel. I think we will have more people taking off school because of their own personal family commitments.	Nov 5, 2012 12:24 PM

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198	A non-traditional calendar will be a disadvantage for sports (football) and for those kids who are employed in the summer months. It will not allow for students to participate in college classes, and to visit colleges and/or recruitment camps in the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 12:23 PM
199	Leave it alone	Nov 5, 2012 12:21 PM
200	I have a sophomore, who is the youngest of four, so my perspective is different than if I had all four still in school. I like the idea of more year around school with longer breaks throughout the school year.	Nov 5, 2012 12:10 PM
201	As a teacher, I really value the summer as a time for rest and rejuvenation and for professional development. I would be willing to try a non-traditional calendar in hopes that with longer breaks I will feel more balanced and rested.	Nov 5, 2012 12:04 PM
202	I understand the value of a non-traditional calendar for retaining information. But there are many children that gain knowledge through experiences in the summer with camps or trips with parents that school cannot provide. I also feel that in this particular community not linking to the IU calendar will be detrimental to MANY families.	Nov 5, 2012 11:46 AM
203	I have family members who currently operate with the non-traditional schedule. They love it, and the pace of the year is much more enjoyable. Have other options through the year for travel and such is preferable than having to cram all the travel in the summer. Two thumbs up to a new schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 11:28 AM
204	I hope that we go to a balanced calendar. I think that it is best for students and teachers.	Nov 5, 2012 11:26 AM
205	Keeping the traditional calendar year is extremely beneficial to students and parents. I do not desire MCCSC to change to a non-traditional calendar. I think children and parents would lose so much quality time together. Families would suffer.	Nov 5, 2012 11:26 AM
206	Given the close alignment with the IU calendar and that many college students help staff summer programs, a shorter summer schedule for MCCSC might result in a lack of labor if IU students are looking for work to cover the entire summer. If programs are to be offered during a longer fall or Christmas break, who will staff them? This may not be an issue for students with a stay-at-home parent, but for working parents this will present many challenges unless the school system provides programs during extended breaks.	Nov 5, 2012 11:25 AM
207	I have recently researched balanced calendars for a grad level class and found no evidence of a benefit while maintaining a 180 day calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 11:24 AM
208	I would rather see the school district adopt a start day closer to IU's date. If they are going to match up fall/spring breaks, we should also start when they start.	Nov 5, 2012 11:23 AM
209	shorten the school day!!!	Nov 5, 2012 11:15 AM
210	Although I recognize that the traditional calendar is not necessarily the best learning schedule for children - it is what is traditional and many work	Nov 5, 2012 11:13 AM

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	places/camps/childcare options accomodate this. My biggest fear would be that my child would spend all of their breaks in planned activities because I would not be able to get away from the office and the weather may not lend to as many outdoor activities.	
211	In order for children to participate in summer enrichment activities, perhaps there should be a way for kids to attend these programs, and work ahead or perform afterschool tutoring.	Nov 5, 2012 11:11 AM
212	I would like the school district to reconsider the daily schedule -- that is, when the school day begins and ends.	Nov 5, 2012 11:09 AM
213	Not at this time	Nov 5, 2012 11:07 AM
214	I am personally worried that kids will be left alone during frequent breaks. Every day I take my children to the bus stop and there is only one other parent there, the others left them there alone to go to work. These children range from kindergarten age to 11. I think that they will be alone and unsupervised during these days off. That worries me.	Nov 5, 2012 11:02 AM
215	Even though its non traditional and maybe harder to adjust the benefits totally overcome the hardships some families will see when converting.	Nov 5, 2012 11:00 AM
216	As the parent of a high school student, having a shorter summer break would interfere with her ability to both act as a summer counselor, which is incredibly enriching, and to spend time as a family for vacation, etc.	Nov 5, 2012 10:58 AM
217	In talking to friends and family members who work in different school districts across Indiana that have already moved to a balanced calendar, or a non-traditional calendar, it sounds like having more frequent substantial breaks has been a very positive change for their districts. They have gone to the schedule of having two week breaks for Fall break, Winter break, and Spring break and then a summer break that is two weeks shorter. It sounds like it not only helps to prevent teacher and student burn-out but also reduces the amount of days that students and teachers miss around Fall and Spring breaks due to family plans that often extend the amount of time currently allotted. I feel that MCCSC students and staff would benefit from a similar non-traditional or balanced schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 10:58 AM
218	A non-traditional calendar (effectively spreading out school-time over the year more than the current calendar) would create greater scheduling problems, and thus parents would lose some ability to provide unique 'enrichment' activities to their children's overall education. I believe that my parental involvement in my daughter's upbringing contributes more to my daughter's success and learning excitement than what school itself offers, and a different calendar would compromise that.	Nov 5, 2012 10:50 AM
219	make all the days start time the same ,some time,s it,s hard to remember in the middle of the week .end of story i think parents should have more input on this .	Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM
220	A non-traditional calendar would be better for many reasons. The most important reason is because it would better support student learning. That is our	Nov 5, 2012 10:42 AM

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	biggest priority.	
221	Our family would be all for the non-traditional calendar!	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
222	Both of my children's NWEA scores would indicate a loss of knowledge over the summer break (several years of the same indicator). The shorter the break, the less they lose. I'm not AT ALL concerned about IU's schedule, neighboring schools, etc. It's about our kids in our community.	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
223	Research on this topic does not clearly point that it will result in improved student performance. In fact, in some studies researching some models of non-traditional calendars showed a detriment to the students as a result. I am additionally concerned about the financial impact as there are few models in which the non-traditional calendar results in an overall savings. This savings does not counteract the potentially negative impact on the majority of students. Should there be a concern of lower SES and/or lower-performing students, the Corporation needs to consider the types of remediation it currently offers during the intercession and whether everything has been done that can be done to assist those students in the model that we currently have. That should be examined prior to making major changes that will potentially have a negative impact on all the students, teachers, families, and the entire community.	Nov 5, 2012 10:41 AM
224	Not that it matters, but there is no evidence that shortening summer break will reduce the need to review. Christmas break is short and teachers still complain about need to review. I know decisions have already been made and this survey is for appearances only, please make at least some effort into looking at the research before the board tells us what has already been decided.	Nov 5, 2012 10:34 AM
225	Although it is not my biggest concern, I believe childcare during short breaks is challenging.	Nov 5, 2012 10:31 AM
226	PLEASE keep it as is! For those of us who work at IU and visit our own countries during the summer, the current system works really well.	Nov 5, 2012 10:30 AM
227	I'm open to this possibility. The hardest part would be the change. Childcare would be no more difficult during breaks than it would over a longer summer break.	Nov 5, 2012 10:28 AM
228	I am not opposed to this type of calendar, but I think the entire community needs to be considered. Will this cause the community pools to have to close? How will older students have summer jobs? How will businesses that rely on students working in the summer survive? How will this change summer camps?	Nov 5, 2012 10:19 AM
229	This survey does not seem appropriate to the policy question of interest. This survey merely asks us what we think the biggest trade-offs are. We might all agree on what the trade-offs are, but value them differently. Are the benefits of the trade-offs worth the costs? You apparently have already identified most of the trade-offs, but I can't see how this furthers the goal of determining the significance of each.	Nov 5, 2012 10:18 AM
230	The changes to the daily school schedule (changes in times/Wednesday start) are already problematic for working parents. A change to a non-traditional	Nov 5, 2012 10:17 AM

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	calendar would only exacerbate these problems for children whose parents work.	
231	The non traditional calendar has been needed for years. We are falling further and further behind educationally as a nation for years. I hope this change takes place for our children's benefit	Nov 5, 2012 10:17 AM
232	In most families both parents work and you will be causing major hardship on the parents as well as stress while they try to accomodate child care during more frequent and longer breaks while some families struggle as is.	Nov 5, 2012 10:09 AM
233	We are appalled that MCCSC is contemplating yet another radical innovation in calendar and scheduling. Please do not tamper with the calendar. Both parents must work the length of the IU summer session--the short break between the end of IU summer session and beginning of the school year is the only period where we have a chance to leave Bloomington for a family vacation. We will work to unseat any school board member who tries to implement such a change.	Nov 5, 2012 10:08 AM
234	There are few outside activities to participate in during the cold months. Kids need to be outside as much as possible when the weather is nice. Not cooped up trying to do more school work. Stuck inside surrounded by unnatural environments will only thwart their concentration, not enhance it.	Nov 5, 2012 10:05 AM
235	Please do not attempt to fix the calendar when it is presently not broken.	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
236	I feel like child care is the parents responsibility not the rest of ours.Child care should not be part of the survey.	Nov 5, 2012 10:03 AM
237	I believe constant breaks is interruptive, in children's learning and family activities. Kids will always have to adjust after a break. So instead of making these adjustment a few times a year, let's stick with once or twice a year.	Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM
238	We would like a consistent daily schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 9:58 AM
239	I prefer the traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
240	I am certain that there will be families that will prefer one or the other arrangement. For my family, visitation costs on the non-traditional schedule will be unaffordable, and with split custody of the children, they will have no time together. More "fixes" mean more problems for us. For those students who regress over the summer or need external support and stability in their lives, other school district offer summer school.	Nov 5, 2012 9:57 AM
241	Reduce the Christmas break and add time to Thanksgiving to allow families to travel.	Nov 5, 2012 9:56 AM
242	I really hope the consideration of a calendar change is to be for the best interest of the children and no others.	Nov 5, 2012 9:46 AM
243	If MCCSC goes to a non-traditional calendar, much thought will need to go in to determining childcare during the extended breaks.	Nov 5, 2012 9:44 AM
244	Would you please share the data that supports the benefits of a non-traditional	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM

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245	Keep the calendar as is. I encourage change except when it affects the graduation percentage. Why would a child want to attend school year round, give up other important activities when they could get a GED and be done. This is discouraging our children to do well in their personal development. If 4-H and other activities were in school and all activities were supported that our children take part in during the summer months, it would be different. This is impossible to do as a school corporation. We need to concentrate on our technology, like updating the server and getting updated technology within the classrooms. I feel this concentration and changing the calendar and making it difficult for students to do other activities outside of school is wrong.	Nov 5, 2012 9:39 AM
246	I am also very concerned about the time of day the kids go to school. The teenagers, who need the most rest in working on their transcript for college, are severely sleep deprived starting the school day at 7:40. Please give consideration to flipping the elementary and high school timing. There is a lot of science that shows test scores for older kids will improve if they get more rest.	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
247	Do not change the calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:37 AM
248	I think this would be a great change and that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.	Nov 5, 2012 9:36 AM
249	My sister's school has adopted this and they love it! Vacations can be taken with less expense and the break between sessions is welcome. I think it would take some adjustment but even summer enrichment programs could be refit to accommodate. I think we should do it and I fully support it.	Nov 5, 2012 9:35 AM
250	I believe all the above mentioned are good reasons to extend the school year, offering more frequent travel breaks for families as well as for my student to retain what she has learned. Short breaks are needed to rest the brain and the body for	Nov 5, 2012 9:33 AM
251	Check in with other area schools--I know the Project School has something close to a "balanced calendar" with a shorter than traditional summer break and longer fall and spring breaks.	Nov 5, 2012 9:30 AM
252	just go back to the 8:00 to 2:30 for the middle school and high school	Nov 5, 2012 9:27 AM
253	Stop trying to fix the problems with our schools by messing with non-related issues. The longer day is a waste and is harming my children with resentment toward school and lack of sleep. If you want to fix the problem, hire more teachers to cut down on class size, quit paying our superintendent such a ridiculous salary, and stop requiring our teachers to fill out incessant paperwork thus allowing them time to actually plan and teach.	Nov 5, 2012 9:27 AM
254	no, i am not in favor of a non traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 9:26 AM
255	I wish you hadn't forced us to choose just one response to each question. I fear that you will end up with results that don't get at the subtleties of this situation. This decision hopefully won't rest on forced choice answers to six questions!!!	Nov 5, 2012 9:26 AM

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256	Everyone I know who work in or have children in a corporation with a "balanced" calendar, love it.	Nov 5, 2012 9:24 AM
257	Can we get a shorter school day if we have a longer school year? Have summer break from the end of June until mid-August.	Nov 5, 2012 9:24 AM
258	The "enrichment" does not make up for the loss of family time over the summer and the kids need the break. The fall and spring breaks are difficult to get childcare aligned. Everyone is looking for child care at the same time and cannot spread it out, like the summer. Alignment with IU also lets us all go together rather than managing yet another disparate schedule.	Nov 5, 2012 9:15 AM
259	Kids get really bored by the end of summer and are ready to return to school. More frequent breaks and a shorter summer break would help keep kids engaged and prevent boredom.	Nov 5, 2012 9:11 AM
260	I am concerned about many issues with year round school, including the many varied summer camps available in monroe county, what parents would do with the need for child care varying greatly during the year, and jobs for older teens. Sports events also need to be considered, it is my understanding that team practice would follow the traditional calendar (to match the majority of school corporations) thus making it impossible for parents of older students to take advantage of 'off season" pricing of vacation spots.	Nov 5, 2012 9:09 AM
261	As an after school program provider, we want to be considered a true player in child development and learning with MCCSC. Our staff providing enrichment opportunities in the after school program are mostly IU students, and their daytime schedules would not allow for proper staffing of longer breaks throughout the school year. It would also not be feasible to hire someone for a 2 week period, every 9 weeks. Not all children vacation, sadly, and time away from school is simply that, no matter when it happens.	Nov 5, 2012 9:07 AM
262	Studies show that students are absent a less amount of time with a balanced calendar. This can only help and improve our children. It would be a change to get used to, but more frequent breaks for our kids with no long summer to forget much of what they learn would be so beneficial. Local programs and camps could easily adapt to this as well.	Nov 5, 2012 9:03 AM
263	Leave school calendar as it is.	Nov 5, 2012 9:01 AM
264	I love the idea of a shorter summer break, a longer fall break and/or more breaks throughout the year. All allow for recharging and other enrichments opportunities.	Nov 5, 2012 8:59 AM
265	If a non-traditional calendar is adopted, it will be essential to have in place well organized options for people needing childcare or alternatives. Most parents will not be able to take 2-3 weeks off several times a year in order to be with their children. The traditional calendar offers parents a predictable and well established planning guideline.	Nov 5, 2012 8:56 AM
266	Bloomington does not provide a full spectrum of educational opportunities for people of all ethnicities and religions. For some non-Christian people such as us	Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM

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this can be handled by summer programs, but these are out-of-state and assume that the children attending are enrolled in schools with traditional schedules. The assumption that summers are ONLY for rest and recreation does not hold for many families. You should consider that a shortened summer break creates serious difficulties for those that need this time, and particularly picks out religious and ethnic minorities.

267 A non-traditional school calendar would provide more opportunities for lengthier visitation with non-custodial parents who live outside of Indiana. Nov 5, 2012 8:51 AM

268 I feel the children will not retain any better. Being a child and having summer break was one of the best times of my life. Everyone looked forward to the careles time of summer break. As any employee I feel the limited time we have off in the summer is a perk of working for a school corporation. I would enjoy a longer break. I support Labor day through Memorial day off. As a secretay we were off 7 weeks, hardly the entire summer. If we use personal days for time off durning the school year it goes against us on our evaluation. We all need time to de-stress from a very stressful job meeting federal, state, and parent demands for the students. What would truly benefit the students would be at the least 90% parent involvement, this includes the D & F school parents. Schools can't do it alone. Demand parent involvement before changing calendars. We don't always have to follow Richland/Bean Nov 5, 2012 8:49 AM

269 I like the calender the way it is. With high school, extra curricular activities are scheduled around traditional school schedules. Like Friday night football, and weekend band competitions. With these compititions and games etc.....You can't schedual a home football game on a Friday night that you gave the students the day off of school for Fall Break (like you did this year @ North). Parents still couldn't plan a 3 day weekend, and attendance at that game was very low. I would have preferred keeping them in school that day and added the day before the election off (Monday Nov. 5th) to give families a 4day weekend or add a day to either winter break or Thanksgiving. I don't care about IU's fall break time. I do think that mirroring the IU calender is important for alot of families. It just doesn't really matter to ours. Nov 5, 2012 8:48 AM

270 MCCSC is a very successful school corporation. It isn't broken, so don't try to fix it with a big change in the calendar. Thanks for asking. Nov 5, 2012 8:46 AM

271 The traditional school year has worked for years. Kids that are going to lose what they learned over the 9-10 week break are going to struggle anyway. The traditional school year has worked forever! The things my children are learning in Elementary school and high school are things I learned in High school and college!!!! They have advanced learning so much in the last 40 years, it is unbelievable. There is no need to keep changing things!!! Nov 5, 2012 8:43 AM

272 None of the advantages of our current calendar have much validity. Although, all can be said to have some advantage, the advatages of the non-traditional calendar far outweigh the traditional. Our students would benefit from the continuity. More knowledge would be retained, as would routines and expectations. I think it is also important to remember many children spend summers in childcare, unsupervised or being extremely lazy. Although change is dificult, all would adjust. Nov 5, 2012 8:40 AM

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273	Although not perfect, the current calendar makes the most sense for all the reasons mentioned above.	Nov 5, 2012 8:37 AM
274	The start times are screwed up. They should be 9-5 like a job. This is when most parents are at work, and nearly eliminates the need for child care before or after school. There is no reason for kids to get out of school 2 hours before their parents get home from work.	Nov 5, 2012 8:36 AM
275	How will this affect fall sports when playing teams that are not on the same calendar?	Nov 5, 2012 8:32 AM
276	On the whole the data in favor of year-round school are pretty clear: students lose less ground over the vacations and as we are no longer an agricultural society, we don't really need to free students to do farm work over the summer. I'd go for a true year-round calendar though, with the vacations evenly spread through the year. I'm somewhat concerned about the calendar going out of sync with IU, but the block schedule doesn't fit well either and we've muddled through (and the block schedule is to be preferred over the alternative at the OTHER high school).	Nov 5, 2012 8:26 AM
277	I believe the traditional calendar should be retained.	Nov 5, 2012 8:25 AM
278	If Support Staff does not have to take long breaks; which affects there pay, then you may get better applicants.	Nov 5, 2012 8:21 AM
279	I have had children enrolled in a year round school before and I thought it was very effective and helpful for the children and families. It did not interfere with vacations or breaks and the kids retained more information.	Nov 5, 2012 8:20 AM
280	Please, please, please DO NOT change the calendar just to be like some other corporations. There is ZERO research that shows this type of change has ANY educational value. Do not just jump in because it is the "newest thing" We already have had enough of that. Let teachers look at the needs of the kids---we are with them every day. Do you even have teachers on the committee? No one has told me that they have even started meeting yet. I am grateful you are at least asking my opinion in this survey. Is there a community conversation scheduled? People really need to have input in a meaningful way before you go drastically changing the calendar. We have had enough changes. If you want to claim we are an "A" corporation because of what we did last year---why mess with it? Especially since you have ZERO research for changing the calendar. We keep being told to use data to inform our teaching and that leads to student success. Where is the data that shows changing the calendar will help? On a personal note, I need the traditional summer to take courses to keep developing professionally and to do summer work which supplements my income. Also, it has always bugged me that the calendar has us starting earlier and earlier in August so ONE school (North) can have their semester end before break. NO ONE else needs that. Why not change both schools to the same schedule. Lord knows you won't change both high schools to North's schedule because it is so much more expensive. Shouldn't that be another reason to change North to South's schedule and SAVE MONEY!	Nov 5, 2012 8:17 AM
281	Please do not make a change to a non-traditional calendar. There will be undue	Nov 5, 2012 8:17 AM

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stress on families and children as every few weeks the family schedule changes to when the kids are in school to when the kids are on vacation--consistency is important for children and families. Parents will have to be seeking child care options around the school year, instead of just focusing on the summer. Again, MCCSC is not thinking of the burden this will place on working parents! Also, IU is the largest employer in the city of Bloomington. Many families at MCCSC are connected in some way with IU and appreciate that the IU and MCCSC calendars align so that parents and children can spend time together during breaks. Please do not take that away from our families.

282	I went to a high school with 9 week on/3 week off calendar and loved it. We offered remediation/enrichment classes during the 3 week breaks, like summer school but for quarter classes instead of semesters. Students could immediately make up the algebra term they just failed, or get their health credit out of the way so that they wouldn't have to drop their favorite elective. There was still 6 weeks of summer break, which is plenty of time to recoup for the next year. This does limit activities for the summer, such as summer camps and travel, and was awkward because our schedule did not match up with other schools around us. But over all the breaks during the school year were much appreciated. While start times would be different, a longer winter break could make that part of the schedule line up even more with IU's winter break. But I think that even without the enrichment/remediation aspect, going to a modified schedule would be great. An extra week off here or there would help reduce the stress on both students and teachers, allowing the learning process to be more efficient.	Nov 5, 2012 8:16 AM
283	If you do this, please try to align with IU as much as possible.	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
284	I should mention that next year, after our daughter graduates, we will have no more students in MCCSC. This makes our opinion less useful.	Nov 5, 2012 8:13 AM
285	I would transfer my child to a school with a traditional calendar even if it means sending them to live in another county with a relative.	Nov 5, 2012 8:12 AM
286	While this survey focuses on start and end dates as well as breaks, it does not address what, for us, appears to be an issue with much greater impact on student success. The school day starts much too early. If you must have that number of hours in the day, please push the day later. I understand that will impact the extracurricular activities. I acknowledge those are important to student development, but numerous studies show that academic success, especially in those early morning classes, is negatively impacted by such an early start. Teenagers need more sleep to grow and learn effectively.	Nov 5, 2012 8:12 AM
287	The IU calendar must be considered when making these decisions.	Nov 5, 2012 8:11 AM
288	In answer to question 6, I had a really difficult time choosing the BIGGEST disadvantage. All of the listed disadvantages are substantial. I think that finding ways to offer additional enrichment and facilitate retention during the summer for those students for whom that is most important is the answer rather than up-ending the entire process. The alignment with the IU calendar is a significant benefit of the current calendar as well. I would caution the MCCSC administration to carefully consider the extent to which absenteeism would be significantly increased under any new calendar arrangement.	Nov 5, 2012 8:11 AM

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289	I think this survey is inadequate. How can you make a decision without all the relevant information being put on the table? I get 13 days of vacation per annum and my child care agreement dictates that I need to take off two weeks over Christmas and New Year to take care of my kids. What do I do with the kids if there is an additional week over Thanksgiving -- and then there's Spring break?? IF THE SYSTEM ISN'T BROKEN, DON'T TRY TO FIX IT. There are lots of considerations that this survey doesn't take into account and impacts you are not acknowledging.	Nov 5, 2012 8:08 AM
290	Keep it the way it is. Seems unfair to change things now. Kids and parents will be upset.	Nov 5, 2012 8:05 AM
291	For students in special education this would clearly best meet needs as the routine and the year 'round approach reduces loss of retention as well as substantial costs for summer long supports by teachers and para educators. Thank you for considering this valuable option. As a teacher I think it would be invaluable, even though it means me losing that nice, long summer break! Thank you.	Nov 5, 2012 8:04 AM
292	Childcare will not be an issue for my family based on grade level, but I can see that--until Kid City, the Y, other camps "catch up"--it could be very difficult for a lot of families.	Nov 5, 2012 8:04 AM
293	With the school day being longer now, teachers are already working just shy of an eight hour work day already, not including hours of prep outside of the school day and on the weekends. The summer provides for time to rest and also have time to plan for the next year. Few teachers go into teaching to only have a set work hour schedule or have summers off. However, in adding up all of the hours that a teacher now spends with the extended day teaching and planning, I actually work what would be divided out into a 40 hours per week schedule loaded up in the school year. If the summer is shortened slightly, I think it would be most beneficial to have at least a 6 week summer break so that families have time to spend time together and students and staff can recharge. However, if the summer break is shortened, then it would also be helpful to have longer breaks throughout the year, such as a week for Thanksgiving, for example, and a longer weekend for Easter.	Nov 5, 2012 8:03 AM
294	no	Nov 5, 2012 8:02 AM
295	I think that it may be possible to match the IU calendar in a more positive way. For example, students could get the entire week of Thanksgiving off, which IU does for a more extended Fall break. If students got additional time later in the week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) or the entire week BEFORE spring break and fall break, this would not adversely affect most parents who attend/teach at IU, especially since most students are not engaged at IU during the week before major break periods anyway, and some classes are cancelled early. The week AFTER a major break period may be more problematic for parents who attend/teach at IU. If childcare were offered in a creative way--shortened day "learning camps" by Wonderlab or other educational activities at some schools would probably help to take care of those weeks that parents/students have to work that are outside the traditional spring/fall/winter break times. These activities are offered prolifically in the summer, and it would	Nov 5, 2012 8:00 AM

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be nice to spread them out over the newly formed break periods. I think it's a great idea to change the calendar to a more "year round" feel with longer spring and fall breaks, but in our community, this will work well only if the breaks somehow work around IU's calendar. Perhaps start school the week before IU starts, and put the summer break somewhere between the end of first summer session and when classes start for the fall at IU.

296 I think longer breaks during the year with shorter summer breaks will constitute less days being skipped by students as well as a higher chance of retaining information from years before. Nov 5, 2012 7:59 AM

297 I would love a non traditional calendar. It would be the best thing for my family Nov 5, 2012 7:57 AM

298 KEEP POLITICS OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS !!! Nov 5, 2012 7:57 AM

299 I would prefer longer breaks during the year and a slightly shorter summer break. Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM

300 I hope the school will not base a decision on IU's schedule. Please keep our kids learning the priority. Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM

301 My first child is just now in kindergarten. I am not sure I understand the pros/cons of any of these options. Childcare is always an issue in our household since both parents work full-time. That being said, I would be more interested in my child having the best opportunity for academic achievement. Just from my experience as a student in a traditional schedule, I think having intermittent breaks might have been beneficial. I often was a great student about 3/4 way through school, and then the last stretch I was just "over" school. I have since been very successful in college, because I could concentrate my efforts to much shorter time periods. I did even better in summer college courses (a much shorter course timeline). But I don't know if this is a model that would work for the majority of students. Nov 5, 2012 7:54 AM

302 I fully support a non-traditional calendar. I think that with the breaks in between it will allow for the rest and vacations that everyone needs but children will still retain more information throughout the year instead of having to review the in the fall after the lengthy summer break. I do believe that childcare could be an issue for some families but also believe that children from certain unstable situations will have their needs met better with year round school. Nov 5, 2012 7:53 AM

303 I would very much be in favor of a shorter summer break and longer breaks at other times. I think students loose a lot over the summer, and so this would solve that problem. In addition to that, I travel to Spain and would take my son with me more often but I worry about taking him out of school, now that he is in middle school. It would greatly benefit my son to be able to travel to Spain twice a year to see his extended family and practice the language! Nov 5, 2012 7:51 AM

304 The present calendar is totally wrong and students today are not any smarter than they were when the school year began after Labor Day and ended before Memorial Day. As a former employer, I have observed that many of the recent graduates can't write legibly, spell correctly, or perform simple math. If they can't even perform the basics, how will changing the calendar help? We need to get back to the foundational principles of learning and stop experimenting with our Nov 5, 2012 7:51 AM

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children. There is not a single college graduate today that could pass the final eighth grade graduation exam required from the 1800's. Look it up. I don't even think I could pass it and I have had four years of college and four years of postgraduate study. Stop looking for ways of manipulating time and start looking at ways to improve the educational system. Get back to the basics and build a better foundation. There is way too much splattering of everything and not enough basics for children to build upon.

305 Year round schooling has many advantages for both education and family time. If you aren't on an educator's schedule, the current calendar is difficult on family life. Nov 5, 2012 7:50 AM

306 I am strongly in favor of keeping a traditional calendar. This has worked for ages for most children. We should not change for the benefit of a very few who need it. I am all for creating enrichment/remediation programs during the long summer break for children who need it, but please do not change the school year for the majority of students who are doing fine. Nov 5, 2012 7:49 AM

307 I would be in favor of shortening summer break... toward the end it seems to just drag on anyway. My kids I know would benefit from more frequent time off. Also, I believe the kids will do better with their studies with a shorter summer break and the ability to practice and learn more frequently during the year. Nov 5, 2012 7:45 AM

308 In a town where the largest employer is IU, this makes no sense. You will have children at home by themselves for 3 weeks at a time because faculty and staff will NOT be able to take time off. And, when they can take time off in the summer, the children will be in school with NO airconditioners - really! Nov 5, 2012 7:44 AM

309 I'd love a non-traditional calendar with more breaks. It is hard to take a vacation now due to sports schedules and older student's summer job. More breaks for the kids would be wonderful for them as well. Mine are older, and don't need childcare, which could be an issue for younger students. Nov 5, 2012 7:42 AM

310 I already said most of everything that I wanted to say in question 6. But, not sure if just because other school systems are adopting this makes it a great idea and that our school system should. Years ago our school calendar was not in line with IU's calendar and we changed the calendar to be more in alignment with IU's. Now this will make us back to not being in alignment with IU. Not my main reason for not liking the balance schedule calendar, but one of the many. Nov 5, 2012 7:41 AM

311 Non-traditional calendar is a very bad idea for too many reasons to list! Nov 5, 2012 7:40 AM

312 I believe that if the calendar is changed it needs to have adequate time for planning from a family standpoint. Personally I have to schedule the entire next years vacation time in November the preceding year. Nov 5, 2012 7:40 AM

313 NEED TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS. KIDS NEED TO BE KIDS THEY HAVE SWIMMING LESSONS SPORTS AND DOWN TIME IS NEEDED FOR ADULTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN. Nov 5, 2012 7:39 AM

314 Early school days already effect my children negatively. A change of this type would limit chances for camps, vacations, and family time. Nov 5, 2012 7:35 AM

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315	<p>I think breaking up the school year in the way suggested above is a very bad idea because: 1. it means that children who have difficulty adjusting outside of the home will be forced to adjust multiple times (mini camps) to a new setting, instead of the one summer adjustment (summer camp) 2. it means that during those 2-3 weeks off children won't form as close non-school friendships (an emotional link you make for 2 or 3 weeks will not have the potential to be as deep or meaningful as one you make for 2 or 3 months), and will need to adjust to a bigger array of adult strangers 3. it can open up conflicts on a more frequent basis (which mini camp this time around?) than the one decision for summer camp/s 4. it removes an opportunity to foster long-term planning skills in children--planning for 9 weeks is very different from planning for 22 weeks; such a schedule will promote short-term goals instead of long-term achievements, the opposite of the supposed "better recall" goal of the proposed change 5. it emphasizes to children how much they are being shunted around and that they're a problem to their parents (scheduling all those time-offs will be a bigger hassle than 1 major time-off) 6. it bears even less relationship to a parent's normal working schedule than the current school year does 7. the adults who would be available to supervise the kids' 2-3 wk activity stints will be less professional than the ones currently available; this will downgrade the quality of the activities. Currently most summer staff is composed of college-level students, who would no longer be available in the proposed change 8. I suspect that the change is being proposed for reasons that have nothing to do with quality education (some of these reasons could be "we must improve X scores and we can't think of any other way," "other school districts around the country are doing it," "there is funding to try this new approach," "I, an administrator, must prove that I'm worth my salary by implementing a big change," or even "this new schedule has been shown to help X type of student" without bringing up the Y and Z students it will be detrimental to</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:34 AM
316	<p>I don't like the idea of a non-traditional calendar because it will mess with summer camp and family time during the summer.</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:31 AM
317	<p>I am a fan of a traditional summer break. my children went to schools here and I cannot imagine the disruption with the new calendar in place!</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:30 AM
318	<p>If it changes, I will have to fight for custody and move her to Indianapolis.</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:29 AM
319	<p>Please re-issue this survey with the ability to select more than one option re most questions! I'm afraid my "other" responses, combining several responses, will get lost./ For high school students who find the stress of high school nearly intolerable -- which includes some very good students as well as those who might drop out if the stress increased at all --year-round school, with more frequent breaks but no real prolonged escape, would be devastating.</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:28 AM
320	<p>I believe we should consider what benefits the education of our students the most.</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:20 AM
321	<p>I believe that the balanced calendar is not a good fit for MCCSC, for several reasons. For my own children, summer enrichment activities would be more limited. Also, my younger child in particular benefits from a regular routine and would find it challenging to get back into the routine following longer more frequent breaks. The lack of alignment with Indiana University's schedule would</p>	Nov 5, 2012 7:19 AM

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be significant in many ways for families as well as the school district. Most critically, I would predict that attendance rates would be affected as IU families (particularly international students) take their children out of school to match IU's breaks. I wonder if the balanced calendar could be implemented in two or three elementary schools where the demographics would most benefit from the stability?

322 I believe you will lose more focus with the non-traditional school year due to the excitement prior to and the wind down after breaks. Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM

323 I'm in favor of year round school with smaller breaks. Maybe a month-long break in summer - July - would be good. Thanks Nov 5, 2012 7:18 AM

324 We serve 8 different high schools from 5 different school corporations. It would create serious scheduling issues for the Career Center in terms of our schedule matching other Eastern Greene, OV, and Martinsville. RBBCSC may be considering a non-traditional schedule. Nov 5, 2012 7:15 AM

325 Recently the State came out with their scoring for all IN schools. Those results were posted and shared with parents. Look at Monroe County's charter school, The Project School. Look at the scoring of that school compared to most Monroe County schools. The Project School has the non-traditional calendar that you are referring to and scores LOWER than others with a traditional calendar. I don't see where the alternate calendar is helping this school at all! I find that having 2-3 weeks of breaks throughout the school year to be a major challenge for my family. My husband and I both work FT. What are we supposed to do with our children during these breaks? They are not old enough to stay at home by themselves. We do not have family that can care for them while we work. We do not have enough vacation time to cover all of the time off. There are not community programs set up to help cover these times off. Furthermore, daycares/childcare centers around town don't want to allow school age children to enroll with the preschool age children. As the calendar is now, with a longer summer break, I can find a college age student to care and stay in my home during the day for a wage. Those opportunities will not exist under this other school calendar arrangement. It could be refreshing if MCCSC could think of the children and families that they educate and service rather than what all other schools are doing. First you change the school day to a longer day - which I don't see the need or benefit of. And then add the crazy late start Wednesday into that calendar. You talk in the above questions about stability, consistency. Where is that in this new school week? The school day should be consistent and the same all 5 days of the week. Teachers can meet, plan and discuss their children, etc before or after school. The children's school day should not be changed based on what the teachers need - it should be the other way around. There's the old saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"!

326 Change is good. School day is way too long for students. Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM

327 Who wants to have 2 or 3 weeks off during the cold months. It has been fine for this many years. Leave it. I think they expect these kids to do too much, school wise. Kids can't be kids anymore, by the time they get out of school and do homework they don't even have time to play with toys. They aren't adults they are kids. Nov 5, 2012 7:14 AM

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328	I would be in favor in trying a non-traditional calendar as I feel many children lose much of the information they have learned over the summer. Also, the summer break is already not nearly as long as it used to be and having more breaks scattered throughout the year would allow for family vacations at off-peak times and allow the staff and students to re-energize themselves during the year.	Nov 5, 2012 7:12 AM
329	I am strongly opposed to this non-traditional calendar and if adopted by MCCSC, I will be forced to take my 4 elementary kids out of MCCSC.	Nov 5, 2012 7:12 AM
330	This calendar is NOT compatible with the lives of working parents.	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
331	I am highly against a non-traditional school calendar. There are many different reasons for my opinion. First, the IU school calendar. Having our children in school the same time as IU is very beneficial to those of us who work for IU and/or are students at IU. Furthermore, childcare may be an issue. Family time, family vacations, and just having a break from having to think about school are also things to consider. Every child will move at their own pace. Making them go to school year round, I believe, will not benefit their growth individually. If anything, it will further exhaust them. They are already at school longer days, which is exhausting for everyone. Year round school would further impact that, as well as, complicate other aspects of family life. It is time to start thinking about the child and the importance of family too when making decisions that are in the best interest of the child. Due to all of the changes that are happening with our school system, I have seriously consider placing my child in a private school. I have an advanced degree and grew up in this school system....we did not have longer days, we did not have year round school. I turned out very fine. Don't re-invent the wheel. Put our child first....think about their individual needs as a person. How are they feeling? Tired, stressed? There is too much testing in too. I also do not believe that, that is an accurate way to determine a child's academic ability. Tests are just a snap shot of what a child is capable of doing. If a child is not a good test taker and is better delivering the information in another format, then a standardized test is not giving you an accurate picture of that child's abilities. Thank you for your consideration in caring for our children's needs. They are people too.	Nov 5, 2012 7:06 AM
332	These changes are very stressful to parents who work 52 weeks out of the year. The current breaks are already hard to manage, and expensive.	Nov 5, 2012 7:05 AM
333	THE change in daily hours this year has been challenging.... would be good to decide then stick with whatever is decided... continuing changes are troublesome.	Nov 5, 2012 7:02 AM
334	To enact such a paradigm shift with the school calendar will require similar shifts and adjustments in other spheres (family life, work schedules for parents and students, sports activities, etc). It needs buy-in from other constituencies to be successful.	Nov 5, 2012 6:58 AM
335	I think the short one week breaks, during the fall, Thanksgiving, possibly two weeks at Spring, and possibly going the first week after Memorial Day.	Nov 5, 2012 6:57 AM
336	With the rising cost of Higher Education more students are having to work before their graduation date in order to afford college. Summer employment allows	Nov 5, 2012 6:55 AM

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students to not have to worry about their study time and conflicting schedules.

337	I think you can tweak the current situation. Examples will be offering summer classes in key math, english and core subjects. No electives. I also see MCCSC having a battle with the teachers union on any changes and that will cost us as taxpayers. If there was more discipline in wanting to learn and good teachers could teach there may not be as much loss of what was learned as you may think. No easy answer here.	Nov 5, 2012 6:55 AM
338	I would like you to re-evaluate the advantages of the longer school day. For primary students, it is beyond their ability to stay focused. Many parents have voiced this to me as a teacher.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
339	It may benefit some students. However, it probably doesn't benefit most students and families.	Nov 5, 2012 6:53 AM
340	Living in a community with a large university, you are going to have a large number of families with one or both parents enrolled in classes. It is HIGHLY beneficial to have the school calendars match.	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 AM
341	I would be happy if you just left it alone. Starting at the same time every day would be helpful as well.	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 AM
342	Please consider that an answer to this question may be different for an elementary parent vs a high school parent. No question that my high school student finds it very unfortunate that the summer break is so long when it comes to mastering demanding high school academics. It also requires several weeks in the fall for review from the spring just to get back on task. GPAs matter in high school, not in elementary school. The practical stakes are completely different...applying to college, scholarship money. Please take that in to account while addressing the child-care and summer camp concerns for younger students.	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 AM
343	I suggest serious consideration of Richland Bean Blossoms calendar as many mcscc employees have student in RRB. It would really be nice if we are to make the switch that it might be the same as they are currently doing or maybe negotiate a happy medium with RRB, especially when the longer summer break is going to occur.	Nov 5, 2012 6:52 AM
344	I am hard pressed to find any viable reason why MCCSC should not move to a calendar that optimizes student success. This includes not only a sustained presence in the school through a "nontraditional calendar", but also staggering the start/end to each school day for elementary students to start the day earlier and middle/high school to start later.	Nov 5, 2012 6:51 AM
345	Please continue to explore the options and keep parents informed along the way for comment.	Nov 5, 2012 6:48 AM
346	Even though the adjustment to the change might be difficult, I believe having longer breaks during the school year will off balance the shorter summer break and would end up being preferred by the students.	Nov 5, 2012 6:48 AM

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347	I love that you are thinking about this and asking parents and others, for input.	Nov 5, 2012 6:46 AM
348	It is not possible to provide meaningful answers without more information about the specific alternatives that are being considered. There are survey research experts at IU who can help you design a better survey.	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
349	I would still like to see a 6 -8 week summer break. I do not like the 4 week summer break option as we do enjoy getting out in the nice weather during summer. 4 weeks is not long enough to enjoy.	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
350	Bad plan to go with a non-traditional calendar!!!	Nov 5, 2012 6:44 AM
351	What is lacking in this survey is offering up viable scenarios for this non-traditional calendar e.g. 1st semester starts on xyz, then a break, then zyx, etc. Why not give the public an overview of what possible schedules might look like? Or have you not thought that far ahead?	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
352	A long summer seems to be a right of childhood. It is a chance to grow-- children can reinvent themselves. I see no good reason to go to this new calendar, other than to make it easier for childcare. This reason isn't fair for everyone. This isn't as much of an issue for some people. Something about this new calendar feels very sad to me. Time is the most precious of all things, and that is what we will be taking away from young people. All of those little breaks will seem rushed, and they will still have to regroup after each one. It seems very stifling. The summer allows children an open space to discover things about themselves. Having this calendar will blend everything into one big blur. Throw in the internet, and Facebook type of things, and there is no room for self-discovery and reinvention. I read an article in The New York Times about how, with the way interconnectivity is these days, the quiet, dorky high school kid Robert Zimmerman would have never been able to redefine himself and become Bob Dylan, if he didn't have the detached open space to do so. "Free time" seems to be a vanishing thing, these days. Be there on time, and fall in line. It seems very sad to me. I will be very sorry if my children loose the right to a long, wonderfully boring summer.	Nov 5, 2012 6:41 AM
353	I'm strongly in favor of a non-traditional calendar, kids no longer work on farms we need to updated our school calendar for the way we live today.	Nov 5, 2012 6:40 AM
354	It needs to extend the winter break one or two weeks so that students can have more rest and time to improve their weakpoint.	Nov 5, 2012 6:39 AM
355	I am in favor of adopting a calendar with a shorter summer break and more frequent, longer breaks throughtout the year. I had a difficult time choosing just one major disadvantage to the current calendar as well as choosing just one major advantage to modifying the calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 6:30 AM
356	Go for it! This change is long overdue. Teachers and students will greatly benefit from more regular Brain Breaks. I think two week breaks would be best. Seems like children in unstable environments will benefit from year-round school - especially if school-age care continues to be funded.	Nov 5, 2012 6:27 AM
357	As a parent I beleive that this non-traditional calendar will burn children out. I do	Nov 5, 2012 6:20 AM

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not agree with the long school day's that we have now. My child comes home exhausted and worn out. He look's forward to summer break's as do I as a parent. We use that time as a family to re-connect and enjoy the outdoors. I am not in favor of this option at all.

358 I really would love to see the Wednesday schedule return to match the rest of the week. Wednesday's are SO frustrating!!! Nov 5, 2012 6:19 AM

359 Please consider the expense of child care and the impact a non-traditional calendar will have on IU employees and their families. Nov 5, 2012 6:14 AM

360 There is no significant reason to jump on the "band-wagon" of year 'round school. Let the kids enjoy their extended summer break! Nov 5, 2012 6:13 AM

361 I think the change is a bad idea. Scheduling childcare for multiple periods during the year is harder than having an established arrangement for the entire summer. There are many summer enrichment activities through Blgtn Parks and Rec during the summer. We coordinate our family vacation with members outside the Bloomington community and it would be harder to do with a shorter summer. Nov 5, 2012 6:12 AM

362 This survey does not say what alternatives are being considered and does not ask which are better for my family. Nov 5, 2012 6:11 AM

363 Our family would love to make the change to a non-traditional school year! Nov 5, 2012 6:09 AM

364 It sounds like you will but I think detailed studies of data for surrounding corporations including how this schedule influences family is important. I think a lot of times the family unit and importance of family is not considered enough with educational changes. Nov 5, 2012 6:08 AM

365 I feel year round school would be a detriment for the children and their families. It would not allow kids to participate in extended summer camps and especially jobs when they get older. What could better prepare them for real world work and the drive to acheive a higher education than to work an entry level job? Personally, I found that experience vital. Please DO NOT go to year round school! Thank you for conducting this survey. Nov 5, 2012 6:06 AM

366 I highly encourage our school district to consider a non-traditional or balanced schedule. In the long run it will be of greater advantage to all students providing more continuity to their schedule and better retention of material learned. In addition, aligning the MCCSC calendar to IU's calendar seems an outdated tradition. There are other large employers in our community and their calendars do not dictate the school's calendar. To cater to one facet of the community does not consider the larger majority of students who have parents/family members not associated with IU and who would appreciate a better choice for the timing of our school breaks; particularly our spring break. Nov 5, 2012 6:06 AM

367 I don't think summer break should be completely removed but it needs to be shortened. A month would be sufficient for camps vacations etc. I would also like to see the school day shortened so students have time for homework and after school activities. Nov 5, 2012 6:00 AM

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368	It is the best alternative for the student to retain more knowledge. A long summer benefits the parents not the student.	Nov 5, 2012 5:57 AM
369	I do not see where the calendar will help students who struggle be more productive. The proposed calendar will cause scheduling conflicts if the students are in activities such as sports. It will kill the summer sports season and interfere with school sports. You might think you will give students more time off but that will not be the case. Students will not be given breaks but be encouraged to work harder while school is not in session.	Nov 5, 2012 5:56 AM
370	why change something that is working for all !	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
371	Test scores are up. School grades are up. What exactly are you trying to fix? It sure seems lately like MCCSC is making changes for the sake of trying out the latest new trends without regard to actual problems. My children are A students in A graded schools. Quit messing with their lives for the misguided purpose of trying to get other students to perform as well as they do. Either students and their families are engaged in their education or they are not. All the schedule changing in the world will not make a difference if parents don't ensure that their children are engaged when school is in session, no matter when it is.	Nov 5, 2012 5:49 AM
372	The current school calendar should remain the same.	Nov 5, 2012 5:48 AM
373	Change is always hard. I worked in a school with a year round calendar as a teacher, and I have to say it was better for everyone. The teachers didn't get as burned out, and the students suffered fewer academic losses. It will take the community a while to adjust, but it will be well worth it.	Nov 5, 2012 5:48 AM
374	For families that have the means and flexibility to travel, a non traditional calendar is very appealing; but I fear it would be difficult on needier families unless significant programs were put into place to backfill those vacation periods throughout the year.	Nov 5, 2012 5:47 AM
375	I appreciate that this is being considered. I think the dispersion of time-off is probably better for the kids in the long run. It does pose a challenge with childcare, but so does the 11-week stretch in the summer.	Nov 5, 2012 5:46 AM
376	After every nine weeks, in my opinion, having one week off would be beneficial for both student and staff. This schedule would still allow an extended summer for students to participate in summer activities and part-time work and also allowing staff the option to be a part of the summer activities with their families.	Nov 5, 2012 5:45 AM
377	I appreciate the idea of starting in early August and modifying the schedule slightly in that we retain the ability to provide summer enrichment experiences for our kids but have greater flexibility in allowing the schools scheduling options. 9weeks on/3 weeks off seems like a scheduling nightmare from a working family's perspective.	Nov 5, 2012 5:45 AM
378	I would love to see this change to a non-traditional calendar. Also, please eliminate the late day on Wednesday and incorporate a dress code!	Nov 5, 2012 5:42 AM
379	A non-traditional schedule would end up costing parents more in childcare.	Nov 5, 2012 5:41 AM

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Currently we pay for about 7 weeks of childcare during the summer as opposed to the 9 or more weeks we would end up paying on the rotating schedule (9 weeks on, 3 weeks off). It would also cause problems with finding suitable childcare. Most providers are not interested in taking your children for short interval time periods. We pay whether our child goes or not. Lastly, it would put breaks during some of the worst weather periods of the year and would leave very little "summer" time for the children to be involved in activities and get to be a child. Our family is STRONGLY opposed to a non-traditional schedule.

380	I know my son would prefer a more year-round approach.	Nov 5, 2012 5:40 AM
381	I think adopting the non-traditional calendar is a fabulous idea!	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM
382	You tend to do what you want and don't seem to care about parent concern (school starting earlier and earlier, different start times of school on Wednesday, etc). Why even bother with these surveys since you will do what you want.	Nov 5, 2012 5:39 AM
383	Will this affect staff pay checks?	Nov 5, 2012 5:37 AM
384	DO NOT LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL YEAR - MAKE IT SHORTER!	Nov 5, 2012 5:36 AM
385	If we do make a change. It would be more beneficial to go a little later in the Spring and not start quite so early in the fall as summer programming usually starts mid/late June and goes through the first of August for camps. Ending Memorial weekend is just too early and too cold for kids to take advantage of that time.	Nov 5, 2012 5:36 AM
386	It would be a real disservice to the families and children total growth having year round school	Nov 5, 2012 5:35 AM
387	I feel as if IU should not be a factor in our students' academic calendar as this does not enter into the equation for other districts. Our priority is THEIR learning, progress, and success, not what's most convenient for IU students. We should remain focused on them.	Nov 5, 2012 5:35 AM
388	I think the 9 weeks on and 3 weeks off is a brilliant idea.	Nov 5, 2012 5:34 AM
389	I think that having yet another change to the school year would be overwhelming for students and parents trying to work the new schedual around work/school and child careon the off weeks. The hour delay on wednesdays right now is bad enough.	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
390	Although it is my grandchild who is in school rather my child, I find the summer break is now too short for summer workshops and other family activities. Putting two to three week breaks in the middle of the school year makes if very difficult and expensive for families to arrange temporary child care, especially if extended family is not available to help with child care during the breaks, and particularly if the parent is a single person.	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM
391	California has tried this and are already going back to a traditional calendar. Students don't need the more frequent breaks, how about a shorter school day to help with the burn out! Why would we ruin our long beautiful summer break	Nov 5, 2012 5:31 AM

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swhere kids can be outside playing and give them breaks during the cold messy winter months. We are living and breathing school right now..how about time to be a kid which summer and its various activities provides!

392	I would support a more balanced calendar!	Nov 5, 2012 5:30 AM
393	Change the Wednesday start time to match the rest of the week. This is one of the biggest child care issues. We always have to take our child to before school care, because in the real world MOST parents work an 8-5 job and cannot stay home to wait until after 9:00 for a bus to come.	Nov 5, 2012 5:30 AM
394	Duval County in Florida tried the 9 weeks on 2 weeks off, It didn't go over well and It was very hard for childcare. It was only implemented for 2 years and folded. Went back to the traditional calendar.	Nov 5, 2012 5:29 AM
395	The change under consideration offers a lot of disadvantages and only one significant advantage, as far as I can see. The advantage is that students won't have as long a break during which to forget what they've learned. The disadvantages are many, including eliminating or reducing the many summer programs that they participate in now, creating breaks in the school year when it will be difficult to arrange child care, constraining summer vacation, etc. I feel very strongly that something like the current schedule is the best option.	Nov 5, 2012 5:28 AM
396	Keep the same calendar. Stop trying to invent something that doesn't need fixing.	Nov 5, 2012 5:25 AM
397	I believe that it would help develop a learning continuity for the students, but will have to say that I am not a huge fan of the THREE weeks off between class time. I think that would be too much time in between that would work against the continuity.	Nov 5, 2012 5:24 AM
398	First it was changing hours on Wednesday's now it is going to be changing around everyones lives and schedules... lets keep everything the same please.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
399	concerns about family time and vacations should be considered and explained fully. More frequent breaks around holidays and spring break would be highly desirable. Schools could continue to offer programming during breaks to assist with childcare needs.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
400	Children need consistency. Our children need the break so they will not to burn out during their high school years.	Nov 5, 2012 5:23 AM
401	I am coming from a schedule that had plenty of longer break and a 6 weeks summer break. It is very hard for a teacher to go back after every break and they don't have to do it once a year in sumer really but every longer break in the year. It would be enough to add a few day to Thanksgiving and maybe a few more days for spring break. The best to keep summer for sure 8 weeks and distribute about 15 days during the year. thanks	Nov 5, 2012 5:21 AM
402	Going to school year round is a huge advantage to the children's learning. This has been proven in many states within the US and in countries all over the world.	Nov 5, 2012 5:17 AM

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403	I am against a change to non-traditional calendars. The summer is used for activities such as sports, vacations, and outdoor activities with the family. These will all be greatly impacted if school is going on during that time. I also respectfully request that the results of this survey be made public (with all accompanying comments). The last time we took a survey for the Wed. start time, I feel that the resulting later Wed. start time was not indicative of the parent's wishes (from discussions with other parents). It would greatly enhance public awareness if the results were made public.	Nov 5, 2012 5:16 AM
404	Child care issues would really be a problem. If a non-traditional calendar is adopted the school system should find a means to provide child care for kids up to high school age, since teens with nothing to do, is a disaster (there is research on this issue).	Nov 5, 2012 5:16 AM
405	I am strongly opposed to the non-traditional calendar. While there may be advantages for a specific population within MCCSC, it will make collaboration between IU/MCCSC almost impossible (I run the Fairview violin project, which utilizes 36 IU students as my faculty). In addition, I have two children who are active in arts based camps throughout the summer. I would very much like them to continue to be able to do this while maintaining a strong academic foundation.	Nov 5, 2012 5:14 AM
406	Please don't change the calendar, we are still adjusting to last change.	Nov 5, 2012 5:13 AM
407	Please, please, please leave the calendar alone!	Nov 5, 2012 5:10 AM
408	What will the expectations of homework be during the breaks for my student. A little, a lot? How will extra curricular activities be figured into the breaks? This includes sports, band - plus Boy Scout High Adventures.	Nov 5, 2012 5:10 AM
409	I am glad we are looking at this possible approach	Nov 5, 2012 5:06 AM
410	My only child is a senior this year. I wish we could have at least considered a change long ago. Next, I hope MCCSC takes leadership in changing the perspective of the importance of the SAT regarding college admissions. Seriously, one 4hr test that requires months of study and strategies to increase the score is just ridiculous. There's got to be a better way.	Nov 5, 2012 5:06 AM
411	Keep the current calendar!!!!	Nov 5, 2012 5:02 AM
412	Aligning to IU's calendar is a huge plus for families that have one parent working for the University. Activities (sports, camps, church retreats) that occur in the summer would be greatly affected.	Nov 5, 2012 5:00 AM
413	Everyone I know outside of mcccsc who have went to a non-traditional calendar say it is much better for a variety of reasons.	Nov 5, 2012 4:32 AM
414	Transition can sometimes be difficult for students and to transition back to the school setting time and time again may be difficult for students to "get into the swing of things" over and over again in relationship to school.	Nov 5, 2012 4:28 AM
415	Our family previously lived in Indianapolis where my son who is now a senior went to year round school at Moorhead Elementary in Warren Township. My son	Nov 5, 2012 4:26 AM

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benefitted academically very much from the 5.5 week break at summer and 2 week fall and spring breaks. At first the teachers weren't sure they would like it and discovered it was great due to less remediation and staying on top of progress. I see the greatest obstacle for MCCSC implementing year round is the professors at IU who often take their children on long trips and seem to "wag the tail" of the school calendar.

416	I have had 4 children graduate from BHSS; each summer they worked at lifeguards for the city of Bloomington's public pools. Because of their work, they were able to contribute to the betterment of our city, were able to contribute to post-secondary expenses (college, for example) and were able to complete university applications that reflect work experience and life skills. The benefits of a long summer break for my children and our family have far outweighed the smaller cost of reduced educational retention.	Nov 5, 2012 4:19 AM
417	Students struggle to retain material after spring break. A non-traditional schedule will give them multiple time throughout the year to forget the material. Child care for these week breaks will be extremely difficult.	Nov 5, 2012 4:08 AM
418	I strongly support a more balanced calendar!	Nov 5, 2012 3:57 AM
419	The advantages of adopting a non-traditional calendar clearly outweigh the disadvantages.	Nov 5, 2012 3:55 AM
420	I have long thought that the schools should adopt a 9 on 3 off school year as long as the holidays stay the same , as I feel this would help the kids learn an retain everything that they have learned in the nine weeks and still have their time to do activities.	Nov 5, 2012 3:52 AM
421	I think the education of the kids is very important. Families are having a hard enough time finding help or getting help with their children now, and now the schools are thinking of making it even harder on day care and parents who dont have a steady regular schedule.	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 PM
422	No	Nov 4, 2012 10:53 PM
423	I support switching to a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 9:25 PM
424	An extended break in the summer is important. It allows students time to pursue other interests that are not well served by a traditional school setting. This could include camps, travel, work, self-directed learning, internships, etc. The summer break could be shorter, but the extreme example of a 9-on/2-off or 9-on/3-off schedule year-round would be too time-constrained. A summer break of at least 6--8 weeks should be retained.	Nov 4, 2012 8:33 PM
425	According to John Hattie, adopting a non-traditional school scheduled has not proven to be an effective educational approach to increasing student achievement.	Nov 4, 2012 8:23 PM
426	The non-traditional calendar is going to cause families a lot of trouble. It is very difficult to arrange activities for students during those short breaks. Also, students lose opportunities to join activities in summer outside of school.	Nov 4, 2012 7:49 PM

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427	I believe it would be more useful to poll parents on a few specific calendar choices, including the current one, of course.	Nov 4, 2012 6:46 PM
428	The daily hours now are too long. The kids come home exhausted. You may have earlier mornings or later afternoon but not both	Nov 4, 2012 6:41 PM
429	I have lived in Vegas. My best friend still lives there with her twin teenage daughters...They are in National honor society...largely because school is year round with little breaks here and there. I was wondering when Indiana was going to step it up.	Nov 4, 2012 6:28 PM
430	I wonder how changing over to the next school year will work....will teachers have enough time to prepare for a new school year and new students? I also worry that this will somehow result in additional responsibilities being added to the already full plate for teachers.	Nov 4, 2012 6:28 PM
431	I was on a committee years ago to possibly change to balanced calendar year. I would love it for my child w/ special needs/learning delays.	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
432	I would prefer to keep the calendar as it is. I value our family time in the summer. I don't feel this calendar will help significantly with retention. Six weeks, eight weeks, or ten, I don't think it will make a difference. I DON'T think difficulty obtaining summer childcare and instability in the home should even be considered in this matter. When school is not in session, parents need to figure it out. Our schools are not for childcare. As I said, the more frequent breaks would seem to add more instability to me.	Nov 4, 2012 6:26 PM
433	Coordinating the start of MCCSC school year with start of IU is most beneficial for us. Coordinating other breaks, vacations, and end-dates is less important. Thank you for asking for our input! Question: how will non-traditional school year fit with the traditional athletics calendar? Is this an issue if neighboring corporations that MCCSC competes against in sports are also considering non-traditional calendars?	Nov 4, 2012 5:59 PM
434	Just go find a district in the country that does it right...stop trying to event the wheel thx	Nov 4, 2012 5:43 PM
435	As a young teacher I am highly in favor providing more breaks throughout the school year. I want to be a great teacher and want to do it for a long time, but 3 years in I already find myself at times feeling burnt out and wondering how long I can survive such grueling expectations.	Nov 4, 2012 5:36 PM
436	I have experienced a non trad cal. 9 weeks on and then 2 weeks off. It was awesome.	Nov 4, 2012 5:34 PM
437	My husband works for North Lawrence Community Schools & I work for IU. If MCCSC has a calendar that differs drastically from each of these systems, our family will find it difficult to find 4 weeks to spend together. We have homeschooled in the past, to provide additional enriching educational opportunities for our children and to nurture deep family relationships. In the past 2 years we've found ways to accomplish these homeschooling goals WITHIN the public school. While I appreciate the benefits of a year-round school	Nov 4, 2012 5:26 PM

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	calendar in theory, such a change would make our family's goals difficult to fulfill.	
438	I do not think we should pander to the IU faculty parents. Most parents of MCCSC children are not concerned with following IU schedule. Summer break is too long. We are no longer an agrarian society with kids harvesting/planting crops. I have lived in two countries with year round school and it is much better the week before summer break is a joke with teachers having the kids watch videos.	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
439	I DO NOT support the initiative to adopt a non-traditional calendar, nor do I know many parents that do. I believe that our children should have the summer months off when the weather is nice and they can be outside....being kids! For generations we have had the summer months off and we all survived, despite possibly "losing" some of what we learned during the school year. I think a non-traditional calendar would be an absolute mess for working parents who will have to come up with full time child care for several weeks at a time sporadically throughout the year. PLEASE listen to what is said in these surveys...and keep our school year the way it has always been!!	Nov 4, 2012 5:24 PM
440	I am surprised that this change is being considered in a community in which a single employer which follows a traditional school schedule is so dominant.	Nov 4, 2012 5:17 PM
441	I think a non-traditional schedule would be great.	Nov 4, 2012 5:12 PM
442	With the Lake, State Parks and IU, I would be very disappointed in a "balanced" school year.	Nov 4, 2012 5:02 PM
443	A "nontraditional" calendar is an absolutely awful idea. For one thing, the largest employer in Bloomington is IU. The parents of many students are professors and IU students. If they are getting a normal schedule of breaks, but the MCCSC students are getting random, short breaks haphazardly thrown around the calendar, it's going to be virtually impossible to find time for vacations. The whole "breaks for people to re-energize" is also pathetic. What are weekends for? Also, summer vacation is a great motivator. Of course, though, the real point of this is the ISTEP scores. The theory is that students may forget things if they're given a whole summer break to relax. However, two week breaks can also be disruptive to school. It's very hard to start a unit, be in the middle of it, stop for two weeks, and stop where you left off. The two days before and after any break are usually spent doing pretty much nothing, either in anticipation of the break or because everyone has just had a break and can't focus.	Nov 4, 2012 4:59 PM
444	I think the students would benefit from less energy spent on trying to change the calendar, lengthen the school day, and provide alternate start times; and more focus on utilizing the resources and materials we currently have to their fullest potential. It would seem that time and money could be better spent by not trying to reinvent the wheel each year.	Nov 4, 2012 4:54 PM
445	I support this schedule change 100%	Nov 4, 2012 4:51 PM
446	Don't change it.	Nov 4, 2012 4:44 PM

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447	I feel that moving to a year-round school calendar will be challenging to adjust to but absolutely beneficial to students and their education.	Nov 4, 2012 4:44 PM
448	Adopting a non-traditional calendar would be a great schedule for students. It would benefit students' well-being and learning.	Nov 4, 2012 4:28 PM
449	With all the changes MCCSC is making with no regard to parent input, especially the new Clear Creek class craziness, we will be finding another school system.	Nov 4, 2012 4:24 PM
450	If we change to a year-round calendar, then I may have to reassess my career unless the pay increases.	Nov 4, 2012 4:22 PM
451	I think MCCSC has made two major changes in the past two years and too much too fast may not be in the best interest of the corporation. I am not against a change in schedule, I just think now might not be the best time to make the change.	Nov 4, 2012 4:13 PM
452	Having studied calendars and their impact in various countries (anecdotally, not through research, through family members and friends), the rotation of 2 week Fall, 3 week Winter, 2 week Spring, about 7 weeks summer seems to offer the best combination of rejuvenation during the year AND a decent amount of time for families to travel to home countries and pursue summer interests.	Nov 4, 2012 3:43 PM
453	I have lived in areas that develop a non-traditional schedule and the best way to make it work is to have TOTAL community involvement in order to provide affordable childcare options throughout the year. Bloomington has substantial options during the summer only (Spring Break, Winter Break & Thanksgiving are not covered by community organizations whatsoever).	Nov 4, 2012 3:39 PM
454	I think a balanced calendar is worth considering. We won't know what is best until we have tried something new. Our spring break is so early in the spring to align with IU's that it is a long stretch from then until the end of the year. It also appears as though our break at that time of year interferes with the IREAD.	Nov 4, 2012 3:29 PM
455	I think the long breaks don't allow the kids to remember what they have learned and also makes for more time to learn more instead of spending the extra time to refresh they're memory	Nov 4, 2012 3:23 PM
456	The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. It would be great for the kids to enjoy all four seasons with regular breaks. It would help our family travel especially if the breaks encompass the major holidays.	Nov 4, 2012 3:16 PM
457	School day begins and ends too early.	Nov 4, 2012 3:00 PM
458	I am firmly against it. I find that with the changes to the school day that have already taken place that no further changes of such magnitude should be made.	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
459	Its better for the kids to have a lot of breaks through out the school year than th have a long summer ...they get burnt out thru the year thats why they need more breaks thru the school year and less summer break.	Nov 4, 2012 2:37 PM
460	I do not think the IU calendar should have any impact on out calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 2:09 PM

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461	Additional advantages to the non-traditional calendar: more frequent breaks for students who need the time of to rest and re-energize, more opportunities for families to travel at times that vacation sites are not so hot or crowded or expensive, more opportunities for outside enrichment throughout the year, more opportunities for remediation throughout the school year rather than attempting to catch-up in the summer after the school year is over. No foreseen disadvantages.	Nov 4, 2012 2:03 PM
462	I support moving to a non-traditional calendar. All my nieces and nephews are currently on this system and it has been beneficial to their families and the instruction they receive. They enjoy the longer breaks for fall and spring and are fine with less summer time. Kids get bored by the time summer is over anyways.	Nov 4, 2012 2:02 PM
463	Year round education is an opportunity to improve the education product and improve our national competitiveness. This is progressive and would be welcomed, as opposed to the unmanageable late start Wednesday schedule.	Nov 4, 2012 1:45 PM
464	I wanted to check all of the advantages of the non-traditional calendar, but the computer would not allow it. Also, what is the big deal of our calendar matching the calendar of IU?	Nov 4, 2012 1:37 PM
465	in favor of this new calendar	Nov 4, 2012 1:28 PM
466	Leave traditional calendar alone.	Nov 4, 2012 1:24 PM
467	It would not effect our family as far as childcare, it may for others. Would have more flexibility when it comes to family vacation. It would effect older kids and teachers as far as earning extra \$ during long time. I guess, there is always a good comes with a bad.	Nov 4, 2012 1:03 PM
468	One thing I was always taught and we teach our children now is just because someone else does something doesn't mean you do what they do. I fully believe MCCSC is meeting all the childrens needs with the current calendar. I will say this one more time - Why fix something that is not broken!	Nov 4, 2012 12:59 PM
469	I am for changing the calendar. 6 weeks in the summer is still a long time. Sometimes by the time the end of the year comes my kids are burned out, and more frequent short breaks might keep them more engaged	Nov 4, 2012 12:36 PM
470	Of most concern, the change to a non-traditional school calendar might have an adverse impact getting with IU's calendar as well as vacation travel.	Nov 4, 2012 12:12 PM
471	Dropping the late start on Wednesday, as that creates a work/daycare dilemma for many families.	Nov 4, 2012 12:02 PM
472	No	Nov 4, 2012 11:36 AM
473	I absolutely do not support changing the calendar in this way, particularly in the Bloomington community. While other municipalities may find that this works for them, I only see fundamental problems with this in our community. As a fellow educator with a terminal degree in my own field, I strongly feel this is not the way to "fix" problems that should be solved through other means (including	Nov 4, 2012 11:30 AM

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	financing!). Be more creative and don't touch the calendar in a move that will just create more problems!	
474	At this time I'd have to say that I prefer the way the school calendar is but not against year round school just would like to know more about how it's affected (good vs. bad) the schools that have went with the year round school calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 11:18 AM
475	Please do NOT adopt a non-traditional calendar!	Nov 4, 2012 11:09 AM
476	My daughter is in her last year of high school so if there is a change it wont affect her but when we lived in Indianapolis she went to a year-round school and loved it. The name " year-round " throws people off into thinking there are no breaks but there are more actually. When going to South she complained during the summer about how she got bored and wanted to return to school because the summers were too long but at the year-round school she had enough time in the summer to enjoy and do activities and the long 3 week winter and spring breaks were awesome! I would definately consider this option.	Nov 4, 2012 10:57 AM
477	Enrichment activities, especially science, should be made available during the breaks.	Nov 4, 2012 10:34 AM
478	I would like the new calender more than our current one.	Nov 4, 2012 10:02 AM
479	Please keep it the way it is now.	Nov 4, 2012 9:34 AM
480	I think it is a great idea!	Nov 4, 2012 9:34 AM
481	Keep it.	Nov 4, 2012 9:23 AM
482	It's all well and good to try to have shorter breaks in instruction, and to supply stability for families who don't have it at home, but what about those who do activities in the summer and need the flexibility to take that week or this week off. Not everyone's "favorite" summer program will be available during the weeks the school district may decide on. Then you will have students missing those weeks to still participate in their favored activities. Examples are sports, county and state fairs (already problematic), and summer camps both for recreation and enrichment. These organizations won't be changing their offerings based on a little school district in Indiana's schedule. I already think that the summer break is actually too short. I do also realize that kids can get "bored" with longer breaks and might enjoy more frequent and shorter breaks. It's a question, to be honest, of actually parenting in the home instead of wanting the public schools to do it.	Nov 4, 2012 9:17 AM
483	I feel that we follow IU schedule to closely, the majority does not work for IU. For example many of us stay in Bloomington over spring break and Indiana wheather at that time of year is usually cold.	Nov 4, 2012 9:12 AM
484	Please continue to have as long as possible summer break. Shortening the break interferes with several diferent areas: child care; 4-H; summer activities. There has to be a better way to be tested and graded than messing with everyones schedules.	Nov 4, 2012 8:58 AM

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485	I think having more breaks during the school year, and having a shorter summer is a wonderful idea because my children get burnout by the second half of the school year, and I feel it affects performance as well as their emotional states. More frequent breaks would alleviate this. Also, it makes no sense for all their time off school to be in the summer, because a lot of times (like last summer), it's too hot to do much of anything but stay inside in air conditioning. How about having more breaks in the spring and fall and getting to enjoy the milder temperatures and other aspects of those seasons, instead of just thinking that summer should be it.	Nov 4, 2012 8:53 AM
486	Please review the quantity of students who have an IU connection, and know that attendance will plummet if we adopt a different calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 8:52 AM
487	IF IT'S NOT BROKE DON'T TOUCH IT	Nov 4, 2012 8:38 AM
488	I would support the non-traditional calendar, and I believe it could be implemented to closely mirror the IU schedule, coordinating winter/holiday breaks with the IU schedule and extending into the summer sessions.	Nov 4, 2012 8:17 AM
489	My biggest concerns is about adopting the change with the parenting time guidelines with my ex-spouse.	Nov 4, 2012 8:10 AM
490	i like the way it is leave alone, if it isnt broken dont fix it	Nov 4, 2012 8:01 AM
491	I think Summer Break is a vital part of the school year, by taking that away from students or shortening it , would take away from students ability to rejuvenate over the break.	Nov 4, 2012 7:40 AM
492	It would be useful to see a set of proposed calendars upon which we could vote, perhaps ordering them from most favored to least.	Nov 4, 2012 7:34 AM
493	i do not think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and recommend tweaking the current calendar vs. year round.	Nov 4, 2012 7:33 AM
494	there are so many aspects of family and work life that revolve around the school calendar that you'd better have full buy in from parents about the benefits outweighing the many detriments,or changing the schedule is doomed to fail.	Nov 4, 2012 7:30 AM
495	Traditional calendar works best because it prepares kids for the normal work schedule as adults. Non traditional calendar does not realistically model the "grown up" world.	Nov 4, 2012 7:29 AM
496	late start wednesdays are an inconvenience for parents who work. hopefully that would be eliminated w/a non-traditional calendar...	Nov 4, 2012 7:15 AM
497	Input from parents is crucial, especially those that have children at multiple levels of education. This community is really like no other and should be treated as such, what works for other communities won't work for us. Also, year round school does not aligned with vacation planning. Education does not occur only in the classroom;learning to participate in achieving family goals is extremely important.	Nov 4, 2012 7:10 AM
498	We believe as parents that the non-traditional calendar would be beneficial for	Nov 4, 2012 6:56 AM

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students and staff. It will give children the opportunity to rest rejuvenate, and give staff the time to do the same. It will also give children and staff the opportunity to reflect what has occurred over the 9 weeks. We believe that a 6-8 week summer vacation is sufficient.

499 Taking into account the horrible early hours leading to generalized fatigue among kids and parents there is no way to have a productive school calendar. Nov 4, 2012 6:55 AM

500 Children should have summer break while they are young--no need to make them work year round which they'll have to do soon enough as adults. Nov 4, 2012 6:45 AM

501 I think it would be wonderful to have a non-traditional calendar. I have discussed this with my classes before and they think it would be beneficial. They admit that they get bored with a long summer break and they have some interesting ideas. One was having a summer program at some schools to help with daycare. This could employ older students and some teachers wanting supplemental pay. It would be pay to play and learn. You could incorporate remediation along with enrichment and physical activities utilizing city parks and rec. Nov 4, 2012 6:45 AM

502 I don't care if we match IU I realize it is a big employer but I don't want to see it drive a calendar not reflective of other needs. I have college students not at IU so possibly being able to break with them would be good too. Nov 4, 2012 6:42 AM

503 As an experienced teacher who has taught at all levels in schools with traditional and year-round school calendars I really enjoy having a long summer break but I have found that I am at my best as a teacher and as a parent when I teach for three months and then have a month off to rest and recharge. I am more creative, organized and patient. I find that I need to take mental health days off just to keep up with the work. I plan for a sub, stay home and grade papers so I really do not rest. I know several teachers who do this just to manage the work load. Now, with tutorials and extended day at BHSN I am very overworked, short tempered and unorganized. This directly affects the students, more is not better. I have less time to prepare my classes so students do not receive the best instruction. I am in favor of breaks throughout the year for the benefit of both students and the teachers. Nov 4, 2012 6:37 AM

504 School year should be longer than 180 days. Around 200 with non-traditional calendar would be better. Nov 4, 2012 6:28 AM

505 A week could be taken off of the summer vacation so there is a three day fall vacation and Monday Tuesday of Thanksgiving break off. Nov 4, 2012 6:21 AM

506 As a family with a parent who works in another school district, I wish either way you go, you would consider NOT aligning the calendar so closely with IU's. The kids' breaks not being aligned with any other school district around them discourages interaction with family and friends outside Bloomington. Nov 4, 2012 6:19 AM

507 I am in favor of adopting the new non-traditional calendar. Nov 4, 2012 6:00 AM

508 This is a ridiculous discussion. I will homeschool my current middle-schooler as well as my toddler (when he is old enough to attend school) before I put my family through this. Nov 4, 2012 5:49 AM

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509	No easy answer - pros and cons on both side.	Nov 4, 2012 5:33 AM
510	I am absolutely in favor of adopting a nontraditional calendar as I have worked in both calendars and the students come back from each break eager to learn and well rested. Teachers are also much happier and come back to teaching with a renewed curriculum and more exciting ideas to enhance student learning.	Nov 4, 2012 5:14 AM
511	I support the modified schedule, provided the extended break continues to be at least 6-8 weeks	Nov 4, 2012 5:06 AM
512	I believe that changing the school calendar with a shorter summer break would benefit the children to retain what they have learned and could raise their test scores in the ISTEP and NWEA tests giving them a higher success in academics, and for some children, keeping them out of trouble during long summer breaks.	Nov 4, 2012 4:56 AM
513	I feel 2 weeks off is not enough time for vacation and re-energize; prefer 3 wks.	Nov 4, 2012 4:29 AM
514	Having worked previously in a school district in Pennsylvania that followed a non-traditional calendar, I would be very excited to see MCCSC move to such a calendar, both for academic reasons for the children but also, for personal, travel-related scheduling. I fully endorse a switch to a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 4:28 AM
515	Not in favor of changing the current calendar.	Nov 4, 2012 3:47 AM
516	We would be very unhappy to have the kids not be able to participate in long summer programs. It would be very difficult to manage child care for multiple multi-week breaks.	Nov 4, 2012 3:36 AM
517	The current school day sched. with 4 longer length days and one shorter day is difficult enough to manage without having to completely alter work schedules and child care to accommodate this sched. Please leave the traditional calendar as is.	Nov 4, 2012 3:27 AM
518	Would like to see the committee make evidence-based decisions. Would like the committee to share links to studies that have been done re. advantages/disadvantages.	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 PM
519	I prefer the traditional school calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 7:08 PM
520	I lived in an area with a non-traditional calendar and it made child care a nightmare! We hated it. Non-traditional is not better and we were relieved to move back to an area with a traditional school calendar. Not to mention that it will mess with summer sports and taking a summer family vacation whenever we want. I have no good memories from my child going to a school with a non-traditional calendar. It was awful!	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 PM
521	I teach at in Greene county and this would be bad for my family because my daughter and I would no longer have similar breaks. We travel a lot in the summer as well and would not like shortened summer time; there are many life lessons and skills built in this time away from In classroom instruction	Nov 3, 2012 6:32 PM
522	Summer vacation is a time for families to rest and reset. Schedules are more relaxed, so are the families! We have friends whose children have the year	Nov 3, 2012 6:28 PM

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round calendar. Thy have reported that is causes utter chaos finding childcare

523 As a parent, I strongly support the move to a balanced schedule. Consistent breaks throughout the year, while maintaining 8 weeks off in the summer would be ideal for both the kids' time in the classroom and giving our family more flexibility for vacations throughout the year. Please make this change. Nov 3, 2012 6:25 PM

524 I think picking a schedule and sticking to it would be best. Changing the calender year and the hours of the schedule within that calender make it difficult for anyone with a job. Also neglectful parenting and lack of childcare are not reasons to change a calender for an entire county of people involved. Those are issues that should be resolved on their own, not because of a change in a calender. Nov 3, 2012 5:40 PM

525 Lining up multiple shorter daycare would be a nightmare for working parents. Many summer programs now are lengthy and require less juggling and arranging to accomadate childcare needs Nov 3, 2012 5:21 PM

526 WE DO NOT LIVE IN A STATE WHERE MANY OF THE SUMMER ACTIVITES CAN BE DONE AT ANOTHER TIME OTHER THAN SUMMER AND I BELIEVE YOU WILL DO A DISSERVICE TO MANY CHILDREN AND PARENTS IF YOU CHOOSE TO DISCONTINUE THE SUMMER BREAK AND BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A GOOD CHANGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND PARENTS!!! SUMMER BREAK IS TOO IMPORTANT TO SHORTEN, WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO BE SHORTENED BY GIVING TOO MANY DAYS BREAK DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!!! Nov 3, 2012 4:40 PM

527 I think strong consideration should be placed on the financial impact this change would have on our community. Traditional jobs/professions do not have frequent extended breaks. This may result in the need for increased use of childcare (and costs) and possible increase in loss of job hours when inability to obtain/afford childcare becomes a problem. Theoretically, I think it sounds great. Socially, I think we would be setting our children up for more opportunities in which to be faced with idle, unsupervised time and increasing potential for delinquency. In addition, children who thrive on routine (special needs such as ADHD, autism...) would be especially harmed by the frequent starts and stops of familiarity/instruction. Nov 3, 2012 4:38 PM

528 Why don't you see if other things work for an extended time first, before making yet another change? We are an "A" school corporation aren't we? Then what are we doing wrong as is? Nov 3, 2012 4:37 PM

529 childcare may be difficult but i feel the community will adjust to fit the school schedule. Nov 3, 2012 4:24 PM

530 There's nothing wrong with the way things are. They've worked for many years. Why mess with something that already works! Nov 3, 2012 4:21 PM

531 Please consider that most families have two working parents, we have struggled with childcare, etc. Ever since my children started school, it has amazed me how working parents are not taken into consideration and how the school system charges an arm & a leg for childcare before/after school and for schoolbooks. Nov 3, 2012 4:01 PM

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546	I would like a non-traditional calendar and think the frequent longer breaks would prevent fatigue. My daughter is in ALPS and by the end of the year she is so "over" the homework load and is very, very frustrated. I think especially in her case, longer breaks throughout the school year would have been helpful.	Nov 3, 2012 12:56 PM
547	Sorry, but I don't see that the traditional calendar is a problem. It allows families like ours with students enrolled in both MCCSC and IU to enjoy summer break together. Plus, my kids have to work in the summer when they are in high school to make their spending money for the year and how can they do that if they do not have the traditional summer break---that will cause a financial hardship for a number of MCCSC families. Just please leave good enough alone for once.	Nov 3, 2012 12:55 PM
548	Families are attached to have lots of time together with their children to be a non stressed family together for bonding purposes ...one long break is easier for planning than short breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 12:44 PM
549	Late start Wednesdays remains a huge burden	Nov 3, 2012 12:37 PM
550	Having lived in Europe, I viewed their year round school calendar as making the best of the world of education and just plain good sense. We no longer need our children to "help with the farming." We need to tend to their futures. Implementing a non-traditional calendar coupled with increasing the pay of educators would be a fantastic start. Thank you.	Nov 3, 2012 12:31 PM
551	I feel that a non-traditonal calendar would be extemely difficult for many families. Many summer camps and vacation programs rely on college student employees with a more tradtional schedule.	Nov 3, 2012 12:16 PM
552	It is most beneficial to our students and their potential achievement to move to a balanced calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 11:54 AM
553	I think distributed breaks benefit learning and teaching.	Nov 3, 2012 11:45 AM
554	At least an 8 week break in the summer to me is optimal. There is time for vacation, r&r, and just being a kid. The other time could be spread out to make remaining breaks a little longer. There seems to be a lot of opportunity for children to get in summer programs at schools and churches that would maintain stability. A longer break at Christmas would seem to be beneficial to reduce energy usage (gas, heating schools, etc.) and the children could have more time sledding and resting. There could be assignments such as reading and math review to do during this time at home as well. Child care is not an issue for me though, not any more anyway. :)	Nov 3, 2012 11:34 AM
555	with a large proportion of Bloomington families afflicted with IU, instituting breaks that do not coincide with IU breaks will cause real child care problems for families with younger children. Also, shorter braks make it more difficult for families to travel abroad, especially to destinations that take several days' travel to reach.	Nov 3, 2012 11:19 AM
556	The trimester schedule at BHSS is amazingly not helpful; AP classes that should be a year long are not, AP exams come after a student has not been in a class	Nov 3, 2012 11:13 AM

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for months, finals are in the middle of October, etc

557 The current calendar system is just fine Nov 3, 2012 10:46 AM

558 For children involved in sports and activities, an adjusted schedule would not work. There is no opportunity for families to take vacations during these breaks. As a working parent then kids would be left alone during these breaks trying to find something to do instead of just being in school. BHSS is on a trimester schedule so there is no argument for trying to finish a semester before the winter break. Nov 3, 2012 10:45 AM

559 I HATE the current daily calendar of shorter Wednesdays! The failure of this "non-traditional" approach has not provided any tangible benefit to my daughter and contributes to confusion and creates scheduling difficulties for our family. This "non-traditional" daily calendar makes me very wary of other proposed school calendar changes. Nov 3, 2012 10:40 AM

560 If you bring back summer school, you won't have to worry about below average students losing ground educationally during the summer! Nov 3, 2012 10:29 AM

561 I like the idea of going to a non-traditional calendar. My children get bored having the long summer off and we only take a couple of weeks for vacation. It would be nice to have time off at other times of the year to go on a vacation that wasn't during the hottest part of the year and go to places when they weren't packed with summer tourists. I also think that my children would retain more learning if the breaks were shorter. I would prefer a calendar that includes 3 week breaks rather than 2 though. Nov 3, 2012 10:27 AM

562 Giving teachers and students more time off during the school year might help prevent the burnout that we see in the spring time to recoup and recharge is always good..... Nov 3, 2012 10:15 AM

563 Personally, I would prefer a more balanced calendar! Two week breaks would probably be enough and still give two months for summer vacation. Nov 3, 2012 10:08 AM

564 Our family is happy with the current school calendar. Nov 3, 2012 9:55 AM

565 I'd like some sort of mix of options with lengthy summer break, but with longer breaks throughout the year for rejuvenation. Nov 3, 2012 9:54 AM

566 I am not interested in having formal schooling control any more of our family's time and opportunities for broader learning (beyond the increasingly narrowed curricula our schools are forced to deliver). We are strongly opposed to a move away from a traditional calendar. Nov 3, 2012 9:53 AM

567 My sister's school system adopted the non-traditional calendar and doesn't like it at all. Her and her husband both work and trying to find child care or coordinate vacations during these extended breaks is difficult. As a single parent, my options are very limited for child care not to mention that my daughter's visitation schedule with her father would have to be totally rewritten. Nov 3, 2012 9:44 AM

568 More breaks means more loss of information. We really need to consider the Nov 3, 2012 9:41 AM

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review that is going to need to happen after EVERY break if we make this change. It's too much time off between learning new skills. 1 big break is better than several medium size in terms is learning.

569 Survey design is manipulative. It will allow you to report statistics such as, "Most respondents agreed that such and such will be the main advantage." You will be able to report that even if most respondents hate the idea of your new calendar. Please use these results with caution. Nov 3, 2012 9:36 AM

570 I certainly hope that mccsc will retain the extended summer break for future school years, if not I am several other families i have spoken with will take our students out of the school system Nov 3, 2012 9:32 AM

571 I would love to see the calendar change. I think the extra breaks would be a great way for familys to grow. The summer is to long and the students forget alot and the first two months or so is catching up. The students are bored after four weeks with nothing to do. I would love it we like to take a fall vacation and it is hard to do this way. I also think the children would like it so they can have more breaks and not one long one. Thank you Terrie Nov 3, 2012 9:32 AM

572 Stop having one shorter day during the school week; all school days should be equivalent!!! Nov 3, 2012 9:31 AM

573 more breaks during the school year seems better option than a long summer break. Nov 3, 2012 9:29 AM

574 Summer vacation is very important for students to explore other interests and to live a different way than they do with the long school days in the school year. You cannot sacrifice everything just for test scores! Nov 3, 2012 9:25 AM

575 I have peers who work where they have implemented a balanced calendar and although it took some adjusting the first year, they love it now. Nov 3, 2012 9:14 AM

576 Increase the number of days children spend in school and have legislation passed enabling us to charge parents an additional fee to pay for it. Nov 3, 2012 9:12 AM

577 Students forget information whether they are out of school for three weeks or ten. Why would one want to increase the fragmentation of the educational environment? Studies regarding the effectiveness of year round school have been inconclusive to its academic benefits. Most first graders can't tell you on Monday what they did on Sunday. Non-traditional schedules will repeatedly interrupt any learning momentum gained in the classroom. Rather than reestablishing routines and procedures and beginning the school year once, students and teachers will have to do it over and over again thus stealing valuable learning time. Further, opportunities for student employment will be virtually impossible. Summer programs, such as camps and internships would be virtually impossible. Extracurricular activities, such as sports and band, are interrupted due to fragmented schedules. Non-traditional schedules also make it more difficult for parents to find short term childcare. Start school after the third week of August, end the first semester in the third week of January, put the end of year in June. Certainly, if you're selling the argument that we have to start in the middle of summer to end the semester before winter break because they Nov 3, 2012 9:05 AM

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	forget too much, we can't seriously think increasing the fragmentation will improve matters.	
578	WHEN students attend school does not affect learning as much as WHAT they are doing when they are in school and HOW their needs are being met.	Nov 3, 2012 8:58 AM
579	I still believe the traditional calendar is best for students.	Nov 3, 2012 8:54 AM
580	I do like the idea of a more rounded year, however with so many member of our community working for IU, it may cause many families to pay for childcare and still be mandated to be off of work at other times. Also my child has participated in summer camps each year and has gained great social skills there that I do not believe she will find in a school day.	Nov 3, 2012 8:51 AM
581	do went is best for are kids	Nov 3, 2012 8:42 AM
582	The survey should have allowed multiple responses for the advantages and disadvantages questions. I think that ALL the disadvantages listed for a new calendar are important, so only allowing one answer hides the real situation and may not capture the feeling of the community/parents. Also, there should have been an option for "none" on each question.	Nov 3, 2012 8:27 AM
583	i think our children are behind educationally because of the long breaks. This would help minimize this.	Nov 3, 2012 8:19 AM
584	I think regular breaks will help children continue to cope with the longer school day. I support a balanced calendar. As a teacher, I would like to see one day per session for teachers to use for records and planning. On these days, no meetings or pd; teachers need time to meet with our literacy coaches, Plc teammates for preparation for next sessions, or goal setting with administrators. We are currently doing this work after our contractual day.	Nov 3, 2012 8:06 AM
585	I think all the area schools need to come up with a consistent school calendar so if you have kids in 2 different schools (private and public) their schedules will be the same	Nov 3, 2012 7:58 AM
586	When my children are old enough to have summer employment, I do see a non-traditional calendar as a disadvantage. I would like the opportunity for longer breaks throughout the year, so that we can travel at non-peak times to busier destinations, such as Washington D.C. or national parks. I don't think this survey was actually designed to give you much input...seems more like a device for you to determine how to spin the changes when they are made. I realize that survey monkey limits the number of questions, but on a major decision such as this, I hope you will be seeking additional parental input and not rely solely on a 7 question survey!	Nov 3, 2012 7:58 AM
587	I will have to quit working in order to have childcare available if MCCSC switches to "year round" school. I am currently able to take the summer off, but cannot take 2-3 week breaks from my job.	Nov 3, 2012 7:51 AM
588	As a previous homeschool mother, I favor the idea of a non traditional calendar. I miss being able to travel during non traditional times off. My only problem is we	Nov 3, 2012 7:51 AM

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	take an extended family vacation during the summer and that would be hard to coordinate.	
589	How will make up school days be tacked on? Going further into a shortened summer is an unfair break for the kids. Suggest adding on to longer winter breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 7:46 AM
590	The benefits would out weigh the not aligning with IU factor.	Nov 3, 2012 7:44 AM
591	Stopping and starting over and over again sounds horrible. I think a four day week with a modest summer break and short traditional breaks built in seems like it would be much more effective. Remediation and enrichment could develop on the 5th day. Please review data and schools who are on this type of calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 7:42 AM
592	The idea that this type of year round calendar will help students academic achievement is Ridiculous.	Nov 3, 2012 7:36 AM
593	I think the current calendar is good. If anything shorten the summer break a week or two. Everyone is just getting used to the changes of times during the school day that MCCSC has changed to!	Nov 3, 2012 7:30 AM
594	Would enjoy year round schedule.	Nov 3, 2012 7:24 AM
595	This is a bad idea.	Nov 3, 2012 7:22 AM
596	This will be a huge burden for families where both parent work. We'll be using all of our vacations days during the frequent breaks when child care is not available. Keep in mind that most camps are run by college students. During the summer, they are free to work. During most of these breaks, they will not be available. If the school calendar changes, MCCSC should ensure that adequate child care options are provided.	Nov 3, 2012 7:21 AM
597	We would be more open for the "non-traditional" if the number of educational days were increased. I think that the children need to increase the number of hours that they are being educated.	Nov 3, 2012 7:18 AM
598	You need to be focussing on the school day. Elementary schools should start earlier, and high schools later, so you are reaching children at peak times for them.	Nov 3, 2012 7:17 AM
599	It is my understanding that many schools throughout the U.S. who have tried the 6/8 week summer break calendar are now returning back to the traditional school year. And perhaps contacting the local sports organizations, dance schools, etc. and collaborating with them to see if schedules could be altered around new school calendar. It seems that there are more days off in the fall semester. I don't like that fact that they get a day off for Martin Luther King day right after returning to school from winter break and then there is a very long stretch until Spring break with no days off. I would like to see MCCSC replace this with a day off in February.	Nov 3, 2012 7:14 AM
600	I worry that younger children (Preschool-2) will have a difficult time with so many transitions.	Nov 3, 2012 7:06 AM

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601	Please change it to a non traditional calendar year!	Nov 3, 2012 7:01 AM
602	For working parents the new idea would be impossible and this would be a terrible strain on the children with no extended break!	Nov 3, 2012 6:59 AM
603	From what I have heard--July 31 start--if we only yake 2 days at fall and 3 days at Thanksgiving--we could start a week later--seems all those days off before xmas break is to much.	Nov 3, 2012 6:57 AM
604	Places and additional child care burden on those who are employed full time and unable to care for their own children during extended fall and winter/spring breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 6:55 AM
605	The MCCSC calendar starts before IU students start classes. Time off for winter break does overlap, but again classes start for MCCSC before IU students start back. Spring break is the same. IU second semester ends two weeks before MCCSC ends in May. Why is so much consideration given to the IU schedule. I am for a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 6:52 AM
606	To continually change the system you will make it harder not only on the parents but the child as it is. especially those in rural areas. My Grandchild is on the bus as it is almost 2 hours a day. She is adjusting to this since she just started kindergarten. She is exhausted, now if you change the schedule it will be even more difficult on her as well as her mother, who is a single parent to make arrangements. As a Grandparent. I try to fill in and be home to get her off the bus and so does my husband, Since the mom is not home from work yet. We are already trying to adjust to the later day on Wed, for work and getting her to school on time, im totally against the idea of changing the school calendar yet again	Nov 3, 2012 6:49 AM
607	We are from Australia and the four term system has been operating there for at least 100 years I am guessing. It works really well, keeps the kids well rested and energized for learning. Often small assignments are given during the shorter breaks mostly reading reports. I believe the kids enjoy their learning more if they have recreation time spaced throughout the year and not all concentrated in the summer months. It would also help with obesity as kids become more active when not at school.a good thing all around for everyone.	Nov 3, 2012 6:48 AM
608	I could see it being a problem with kids getting burnt out on school because in the summer the weather is nice and they can actually get out and do things. If we give them more breaks throughout the rest of the year the weather won't be as nice on their breaks. My oldest daughter makes good grades but I could see her feeling overwhelmed with shorter breaks. I can also see this kind of change being overwhelming, making kids concentrate not only on their school work but also on the change in their calendar year. This kind of change should be incorporated in earlier grades so kids don't have to face such a large change.	Nov 3, 2012 6:33 AM
609	Students will be deprived of summer enrichment activities and a period of moratorium that is essential and allows kids to just "be kids". Many families depend on this time for family vacations or travel and time to visit with family that live far away. They would have to forget about summer sports activities, theater camps and other enrichment activities. This schedule would do a great	Nov 3, 2012 6:30 AM

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disservice to students. As someone who knows both students and teachers of a school that's already adopted this calendar, I have heard a lot of negative feedback and would be very upset for my students if we adopted this schedule.

610	If our school system is doing so well with the current schedule, and we always performed way above the state with a shorter school day, why are we wanting to change?	Nov 3, 2012 6:21 AM
611	I really need the summer to recharge as a teacher and I feel a longer break at thanksgiving is also helpful. Our son also needs a long break and we work at home in the summer on reading and other activities.	Nov 3, 2012 6:18 AM
612	I would prefer a schedule that started later in August and lasted into June	Nov 3, 2012 6:09 AM
613	If mcccsc would take on this calendar I would most likely have to look at a new school. This would not be at all possible to manage childcare with a normal work week as a single mother.	Nov 3, 2012 6:07 AM
614	I worry that on a non-traditional calendar, the high school athletic coaches will demand 2 and 3 a day practices for the entire break and take away any chance for rejuvenation/vacation for the kids since sport calendars aren't aligned with the breaks.	Nov 3, 2012 5:55 AM
615	I would think that an non traditional schedule might be advantageous to students because the breaks during the year would be more evenly spread out. I also strongly feel that the students would retain the material covered because learning would be more constant.	Nov 3, 2012 5:48 AM
616	No	Nov 3, 2012 5:34 AM
617	Teachers need the time in the summer months as do students and families. We have to remember that teachers use that time for extra jobs to supplement a lower than average pay, take additional classes, and get professional development opportunities. We also have to remember that by extending the school day, we cut time off of the ability for our students who support their families financially. Now, we are potentially doing that again. This is such a serious concern that should be strongly considered.	Nov 3, 2012 5:34 AM
618	I hope you truly are looking at this, and not just saying it. It's about time that MCCSC goes to year around school.	Nov 3, 2012 5:33 AM
619	I think going year around will be great.	Nov 3, 2012 5:31 AM
620	Balanced school schedule should have been adopted years ago!!	Nov 3, 2012 5:22 AM
621	Pay for support staff is not missing for 2 months or so causing financial concerns.	Nov 3, 2012 5:22 AM
622	Please contact another similar demographic community that has been through the process and get advice from families, teachers, and administration for ALL of the different ramifications (and ways to avoid difficulty to the change for EACH of the various groups being affected). For example, I know from a teacher that some students lose as much over a two week break as they do over a summer	Nov 3, 2012 5:22 AM

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long break! School employees are under more stresss and expectations and may now be asked to go without an extended time of rejuvenation which may ultimately lead to more "burn-out" of good staff and teachers.

623	The IU calendar currently has a week-long Thanksgiving break and almost three weeks for Winter Break - it would be great to match those two breaks more completely (plus Spring Break), even if it means extending into the summer a bit more. Maybe there could be a 4-day weekend in lat April or early May to balance this.	Nov 3, 2012 5:19 AM
624	The most important factor to consider is what is best for the students, not what is convenient for parents or educators. Student learning retention and family summer vacation time are both important for child development. Finding a balance is the key.	Nov 3, 2012 5:19 AM
625	Summer break is a must for families with traditions. Family time is extremely valuable while we can still make memories with our children. To take this special time away from our kids wouldn't only affect them but entire families near and far.	Nov 3, 2012 5:17 AM
626	Currently high school students not only need the time during the summer for work but also for internships, summer camps, college visits etc.	Nov 3, 2012 5:16 AM
627	It is important to have childcare available for those who work. Not just childcare, but affordable and productive childcare! We have tons of IU students just waiting for an internship!	Nov 3, 2012 5:12 AM
628	The changes won't affect my child as she is a senior, who has done very well with the traditional schedule	Nov 3, 2012 5:11 AM
629	I had went to a year round calendar in elementary school offered through MCCSC at and I loved it.	Nov 3, 2012 5:11 AM
630	At each break. A change in elective subjects to allow maximum coverage of varied interests to students	Nov 3, 2012 4:56 AM
631	Converting to a "year-round" school year, instead of the out-dated, "traditional" school year, is better for student learning and retention and it is looong overdue: It is time to make the change! I also suggest the Middle Schools convert to 9 week grading periods, with mid-grading period progress reports, to better implement PLC.	Nov 3, 2012 4:48 AM
632	Aligning with the IU breaks is very important in this community. In addition, the length of summer break does have a positive impact on truly giving students and educators a time of renewal.	Nov 3, 2012 4:45 AM
633	I do NOT favor a change in the calendar and I feel this survey is only set up to show the reasons we should change.	Nov 3, 2012 4:45 AM
634	There is a reason why we have been on a traditional schedule forever. It works! You keep thinking there is some magic wand out there with all these programs of the month that are sexy at the time....like New Tech! Let's just do what we do	Nov 3, 2012 4:40 AM

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better. It is all about blocking and tackling not about what new fangled sexy play you just put in this week. Let's focus on fundamentals. Keep our eye on the ball!

635 I think this is a great idea. There are several schools in Indiana that have made the change to a more balanced calendar and I think if it was researched by our committee you would find nothing but positive results. MCCSC should be a leading school corporation and not a "following" one. Nov 3, 2012 4:39 AM

636 I would like to see the kids go back later in the summer. Their summer isn't long enough as it is. And even though they are required to have 180 days of school, there is a lot of time wasted during the school day that could be more productive so they wouldn't have to go that many days. Also, I think the amount of homework given is ridiculous. If they can't get the work taken care of in the classroom for an 80 minute class, then that's crazy. Also, the homework should be explained well enough so the child can do it on their own at home without having to have help from parents and tutors in most cases. Nov 3, 2012 4:35 AM

637 Change is ALWAYS difficult. Tradition is not always best. Student overall safety is VERY important. Nov 3, 2012 4:32 AM

638 It is very difficult for kids to get back into the routine of school, homework, tests, etc. when they have to have 2 week long breaks every 9 weeks. I know how difficult it is for them to return to school after Thanksgiving break and Christmas break. What children forget over the summer can generally be covered in the first few weeks of school, or with parents help and enrichment programs. Nov 3, 2012 4:29 AM

639 If minds are made up to change the calendar, I hope you choose to go with the "balanced" calendar. Which I understand to still have a nice summer break but with built in longer breaks throughout the year. Nov 3, 2012 4:21 AM

640 Depending on the schedule proposed please be sensitive to the needs of working parts. Arranging enrollment in and transitioning to camps takes time-multiple small camps would be difficult for most parents. Nov 3, 2012 4:07 AM

641 effects on matriculation Nov 3, 2012 4:03 AM

642 PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE SCHEDULE. COCKEYED SCHEDULES ONLY HELP ADULTS< NOT KIDS Nov 3, 2012 4:00 AM

643 Great idea...cognitive development will be maximized Nov 3, 2012 3:58 AM

644 I believe the balanced calendar provides far more positives than negatives! In spite of the fact that it might conflict with the IU calendar, we know this is a calendar that will be best for student learning and success!! Nov 3, 2012 3:46 AM

645 I just don't understand why you want to continue to change the schedule. I'm just assuming that the powers in charge either A. Have no children or B. have one child. I, personally have one child and a rather flexible schedule.... But 90% of my friends have multiple children in different schools. You go changing the children's schedules then us as parents have to change our schedules.... Not everyone is in a position to just do that at the drop of a hat. End result...as I see Nov 3, 2012 3:44 AM

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it, children left alone, unattended or under the watch of older child...and depending on the home situation neither of these is a good option. I feel like the schedule has worked this way for a long long time.... Leave it alone!

646	If the school corporation goes year round I think it is imperative that they offer some kind of "mini-camps at one or two schools during each break. This will give parents some form of daycare and it will give support staff who typically have to find employment throughout the summer a chance to work. Otherwise support staff is making poverty level income.	Nov 3, 2012 3:30 AM
647	Summer is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn to swim, learn to play tennis, learn to play golf. During the school year, there is not enough time for children to have that opportunity. Finally, teachers need the opportunity to supplement their income. Many teachers work during the summer...I do.	Nov 3, 2012 3:20 AM
648	Consider leaving things alone kids need time to be kids and these new calander school years your looking at are for the parents that don't want to be parents and take responsibilities of their kids I think its nonsense and I think it's something that should be put on a ballot and voted on by the entire Monroe county population not just by the school board	Nov 3, 2012 3:03 AM
649	Adopting a non-traditional calendar will most negatively impact summer work and intern opportunities for high school students. All of my children have had important summer jobs and enrichment activities that could not happen in an abbreviated summer calendar. I would not support a move to a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 3, 2012 2:42 AM
650	I participated in a "year round" school calendar when I was in grade middle school. It was often difficult to maintain any type of consistency with homework and learning because of the 2 to 3 week breaks every 8 weeks. I feel that the students are more efficient learners when their schedules are consistent.	Nov 3, 2012 2:36 AM
651	MCCSC should concentrate of more time and effort teaching and stop worrying about which calendar to use. Scores are reflective of that.	Nov 3, 2012 2:32 AM
652	start the school day later	Nov 3, 2012 2:30 AM
653	I do not want the calendar to change!	Nov 3, 2012 1:41 AM
654	Please consider not having to adhere to IU's calendar, not everyone is affected by their scheduling. Let's give this a chance, it has the possibilities of a positive learning experience.	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 PM
655	This is a step in the right direction. Long summer breaks have been proven to lower the retention rate of knowledge. Its not the 1800s when we need our children home on the farm all summer to work. Also, long summer breaks give children the wrong idea about life. We must work, we don't get 3 months of unsupervised play when we are adults.	Nov 2, 2012 10:48 PM
656	I think the non traditional schedule would be wonderful	Nov 2, 2012 9:47 PM
657	MCCSC doesn't need to stick with IU's schedule. A non-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:47 PM

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	might also help parents to not take their students out for vacation since there would be more (and longer breaks). Right now people take their kids out because not everyone in Bloomington can ask for spring break off at the same time. If you go with a calendar change, it might be a good idea if both BHSS and BHSN would be on the same schedule (both a trimester or both a semester, not one of each). This makes it difficult for families that move for legitimate reasons!	
658	I went to school with the normal schedule and I'm fine. Leave well enough alone and dont mess up things that are just fine!	Nov 2, 2012 9:10 PM
659	Child care for random weeks would be nearly impossible to find for our family.	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 PM
660	old calendar is the best. Do not change it.	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 PM
661	It would be difficult to cover childcare during an extended Fall break--I strongly prefer to keep the schedule in sync with the IU schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 7:58 PM
662	It should be as closely aligned to the IU calendar as possible. Thanksgiving break should be a full week so that families can travel and spend time together. I don't see the need for having small breaks more often and not having a LONG summer break. How did we all survive and do so well in school with a 3-month summer when we were kids?	Nov 2, 2012 7:56 PM
663	Please stop creeping the start of the school year earlier and earlier in August. With band and sport camps, you are taking away part of July from families! I would rather have school go farther into June (when it is still too cold for swimming, etc.) and keep the start of school later in August so extended families can enjoy being together when the weather is warm in July and August!	Nov 2, 2012 7:55 PM
664	I think for people that work will have a major adjustment because of childcare and they won't be able to take the frequent long breaks. Change is hard with something that has traditionally worked for us. I think the studies on the non-traditonal calendar is not reliable enough data to move forward with this calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 7:20 PM
665	Alot of forward looking school systems all over the country are experimenting with non - traditional calendar because of advantages to the children.	Nov 2, 2012 7:06 PM
666	childcare is a major issue!!!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 7:05 PM
667	I hope that we as parents do get a say in this matter as I am not a fan of the late start on Wednesday and I don't see any need to mess with the current calendar that lets the kids and their families have a summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 7:03 PM
668	Keeping a slightly longer summer break with a non-traditional calendar year would be ideal. The six week summer break would still be nice. Having an entire week at Thanksgiving would also be very nice.	Nov 2, 2012 6:57 PM
669	Overall, the non-traditional school calender seems like it would give the most opportunity to students, and although it may interfere with the work calenders of older high school students, it will contribute to better education for students. This calender seems like a great idea to help students advance, retain knowledge,	Nov 2, 2012 6:55 PM

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and become more educated for the future.

670	Yes, please consider Monroe Co. Fair schedule to allow students time prior to fair to work with fair animal project(s) and prepare/finish them for presenting at fair. The valuable lessons and lifeskills learning through 4-H participation and Junior Leaders volunteer opportunities would be limited with the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 6:46 PM
671	My husband and I both work for IU. Even changing the spring break week this coming year has already caused considerable hardship for our family. If the school year has to be changed, we would still want a significant summer break for our children and to align the schedule with IU's schedule as much as possible. What would our children's camp options be throughout the year? What about childcare? I am currently off most of the time that they are, if you change this schedule then I will be off work when they are in school and my current job will be not profitable for our family if I have to provide other childcare options for our children throughout the year.	Nov 2, 2012 6:40 PM
672	If the schedule is changed, please look at the time required for support staff to work at the end and beginning of the school year. Hopefully this can be adjusted.	Nov 2, 2012 6:34 PM
673	I support adopting an alternative school year schedule. I think it benefits the students academically, and better suits the challenges of childcare issues for parents.	Nov 2, 2012 6:30 PM
674	My family would live to see a modified calendar adopted at MCCSC!	Nov 2, 2012 6:26 PM
675	Give our obese nation a 9 week break in order to be active in the sunny outdoors while you in administration figure out how to make the traditional school year more qualitative for learning.	Nov 2, 2012 6:26 PM
676	I feel any breaks should overlap with IU breaks. The undergrads at IU have one day off, but the law school has an entire week. One week of spring break should most definitely align with IU's spring break.	Nov 2, 2012 6:25 PM
677	I believe that a change to a "non-traditional" calendar would be most beneficial for students. The shorter summer break makes transitioning into the next school year much easier. Plus, more frequent breaks during the school year would improve academic performance and general student and faculty morale. I strongly believe we should make the change to this new (and improved) schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 6:13 PM
678	Preference for non-traditional to help my kids retain more and not lose a month each school year to reviewing information.	Nov 2, 2012 6:10 PM
679	I think a schedule that flows with colleges is apprehensive to maintain. There seems to be stability in the form. Non-traditional calendar is nice to think of, but there are options for children who have struggled through school or need refreshing if necessary. Besides, the beginning month or so is spent "refreshing" knowledge. More breaks could cause a need for More time to refresh. It is not a problem with my children.	Nov 2, 2012 6:09 PM

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680	I believe that the starting date for school to start in the fall should be moved back to late August.	Nov 2, 2012 6:06 PM
681	It would be wonderful if there were also a longer break in the coldest/most snowy month of January. Also, it would be beneficial for spring break to be longer to allow for rejuvenation when it is needed most.	Nov 2, 2012 6:05 PM
682	I think it's a great idea my kids don't participate in summer activities. I feel they lose too much if what they've learned over the summer	Nov 2, 2012 5:52 PM
683	I see childcare as a huge issue if the calendar is changed. Finding a babysitter for random two week time periods will be challenging, whereas in the summer it's easier (IU students are off, summer camps, that's when parents take their vacations, etc.) Attendance is already an issue since we have no real attendance policy and it's not enforced. We already have students who are taken out to go on trips to Florida, etc. With random 2/3 week breaks every so often, parents will now have even more of an excuse to say they didn't know when school was in session!	Nov 2, 2012 5:51 PM
684	Our son went to summer school after his sophomore year. He wanted to take a course that was unavailable locally. The course was at Harvard. Our son did pretty well. The professor wrote a recommendation for him. Our son is now at Harvard. How do you fit an eight-week summer class into a three-week summer break? The world does not revolve around the MCCSC. Our other son is a middle-school musician. When school is out this summer, his teacher, an IU professor, will take him on a concert tour for three weeks in South America. Then he'll be attending a seven week music school with Itzhak Perlman. How do we do that with a short summer break? We don't. We leave the school district. Please give us plenty of time to put our house on the market. Summer enrichment is important. Our kids read every day during the summer. We take responsibility for keeping them academically keen.	Nov 2, 2012 5:46 PM
685	I think a non-traditional schedule is the wave of the future and inevitability. It's only a matter of whether MCCSC will be on the forefront of this movement or lag behind. Long summers just are no longer necessarily and are incompatible with the accelerated learning that we expect of our students.	Nov 2, 2012 5:42 PM
686	In my opinion, by switching to a non-traditional calendar you will be robbing children and their families of their childhood. The summer vacations, activities and camps that are such an important part of growing up will be no more. Children continue to learn while not in school; traveling, participating in sports and going to camp. The hardships a non-traditional calendar will incur on families with two working parents is ridiculous, we will have even less time with our children during shortened breaks. People across the state are tired of having changes like this forced upon them. The only people that may benefit from these changes are teachers and administrators. If you truly want to put the children first, DROP THIS ISSUE!	Nov 2, 2012 5:40 PM
687	Thanksgiving and Fall breaks are toshort, especially for family who have to travel.	Nov 2, 2012 5:37 PM
688	Please don't change the calendar	Nov 2, 2012 5:36 PM

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689	I prefer the idea of a non traditional calendar, while still maintaining a "summer break" of some length. A month to 6 weeks would be an ideal summer break because it would be long enough to be a "long break" but not so long that students would lose much of what they learned AND there would be no "I'm bored" time as tends to happen a little more than midway through traditional summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
690	Quit trying to fix something that is not broken. Families across the state are tired of having these types of changes shoved down their throats. The only people that may benefit from these modified calendars are teachers and administrators. To state loss of knowledge over the summer as a reason assumes a child only gains an education during school hours. Please put families first and leave this be.	Nov 2, 2012 5:31 PM
691	Summer break is too long. Waste of time for children. They need to get used to year round work. The work force doesn't end just for summer!	Nov 2, 2012 5:28 PM
692	Would love to see a balanced calendar!!	Nov 2, 2012 5:26 PM
693	I feel that academic summer programming should be made available to students in all grade levels who need it. Some of the best and most focused time in my classroom is from January to March when there are very few to no interruptions to the school calendar. We fall into a routine and really settle in, I fear a calendar that has more frequent breaks will not allow for this as we will always be transitioning back into our routine from a break or building up energy winding up to one both of which can take away from the academic focus in a classroom.	Nov 2, 2012 5:25 PM
694	I am glad that MCCSC is considering this. It sounds like a much healthier avenue to follow. Thanks for asking.	Nov 2, 2012 5:23 PM
695	Keep longer summers & provide remediation for those who need it during the summer vacation. In terms of enrichment, Bloomington and IU offers many opportunities for enrichment beyond academics.	Nov 2, 2012 5:16 PM
696	Change is always challenging, but we adapt and overcome. I feel that camps, summer activities will adjust to whatever type of calendar is chosen.	Nov 2, 2012 5:15 PM
697	In general people don't like change, so they will object to the change. I believe that staff would miss less work, they could schedule doctor appointments and the like, which would be good for the school budget. I believe students would retain more of what they learned. Maintenance would have time more spread out throught the year to do jobs with no one in the building which in some cases would save money. I know the public would object from the unknown, but overall I do not see how school it's self could lose.	Nov 2, 2012 5:07 PM
698	I am in favor of keeping the traditional school year for several reasons: my older student needs to earn money for college, it is easier for us to schedule family vacations with more time available to us since we drive, and we visit relatives during summer months who live out of state. Furthermore, none of my children has ever "lost" anything learned due to a long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 5:07 PM
699	I don't mind starting earlier and having slightly shorter summer break as much as	Nov 2, 2012 4:58 PM

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	I do the idea of having shorter breaks all year round. I feel that would interrupt vacations and other summer activities. I think family vacations and family time in the summer is important and my children and I look forward to these things each summer. I feel longer breaks are important and much needed!	
700	This is not going to fix the poverty level at "failing schools" If it is to address that problem try it at those few schools. Leave the rest alone. It is another gimmick.	Nov 2, 2012 4:56 PM
701	I have a child in private school also. Changing the calendar would be a hardship for me for childcare.	Nov 2, 2012 4:52 PM
702	Teachers need to be valued. Already we had to work longer hours with NO increase in pay.	Nov 2, 2012 4:36 PM
703	It will make it harder for those who play summer sports. Harder for those who play travel ball. Leaving schools early on Friday for games. Can't attend church, science, and or math camps unless you have a break then. Summer intern jobs will be more difficult to get and so will summer job	Nov 2, 2012 4:36 PM
704	I like traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 4:34 PM
705	Pilot a nontraditional calendar with one elementary school as a magnet school option within the district. This gives the opportunity to compare and contrast the two calendars within our specific population without disrupting the entire district population	Nov 2, 2012 4:30 PM
706	I like the idea.	Nov 2, 2012 4:28 PM
707	I am not well read on the subject. I would like to see data regarding student success with different schedules.	Nov 2, 2012 4:16 PM
708	Year round school will provide students with a stable learning environment. Many studies show that children that are unable to take advantage of summer learning programs fall behind during the summer months.	Nov 2, 2012 4:08 PM
709	If we aren't actually going to ADD DAYS, I see very little advantage to moving the 180 days around the year. I actually have one kid enrolled at The Project School already and I find that calendar / schedule rather annoying so far.	Nov 2, 2012 4:08 PM
710	I think a more balanced calendar will really help with student retention of information and keeping teachers more energized throughout the entire school year.	Nov 2, 2012 4:00 PM
711	Adopting a non-traditional calendar is another way to make teachers feel under-appreciated and over-worked. As a teacher I spend 180 days acting as a parent, advocate, and counselor for my students and often feel as if I am neglecting my own children to parent others, I know that I and other teachers who have children NEED the extended break to reconnect with our own children. I know that I and many other teachers also need a sense of closure for the school year so that we can begin to relax and rest from the emotional and physical toll that teaching takes since we give all we can to our students. It takes at least 3 weeks to begin to unwind and rest from such an enormous toll. Taking this away from teachers	Nov 2, 2012 4:00 PM

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is just putting another stress onto us and showing us how little you care for our well being and the demands that constantly placed upon us. I became a teacher to help kids and I love it, but I did not sign up for indentured servitude and it is unfair to expect that my service as an educator should supersede my role as a parent.

712 I am a Grandma and I think the school should stay the way it is. Why change. Why can't our children grow up the way we did. Our way of life was wonderful. What is wrong with you people Nov 2, 2012 3:59 PM

713 This is a biased survey, poorly written and skewed to promote a Socialist ideology in order to appease the objective of the so-called "elite" members of the People's Republic of Monroe County. Nov 2, 2012 3:57 PM

714 Change is good Nov 2, 2012 3:52 PM

715 Although the traditional calendar is very handy for longer family vacations during the summer months, for farming families during their busiest season, and for students who either work or are involved in 4-H (or both!), the loss of knowledge that occurs for so many students seems to outweigh these situations. By building in vacations throughout the school year, students would be able to get remediation right after something was taught and/or benefit from a preview of what is getting ready to be taught during the next nine-weeks. In addition, for our families that do like to travel, this builds in more vacation throughout the year when prices and crowds are lower. Our buildings might also benefit as they could get maintenance for some things more than just once a year. (I still am waiting for the secondary schools to start later so that the kids can get more sleep! Studies have shown higher attendance, grades, and lower discipline issues...)

716 I would love a balanced calendar. Thank you. Nov 2, 2012 3:44 PM

717 I am in favor of the non-traditional calendar. Nov 2, 2012 3:43 PM

718 I like the idea of an non traditional calendar Nov 2, 2012 3:41 PM

719 DO NOT MESS-UP THE SCHOOL CALENDAR THE WAY YOU MESSED-UP THE SCHOOL DAY. Nov 2, 2012 3:36 PM

720 does not need to change---it works with parents days off now Nov 2, 2012 3:29 PM

721 I do believe a non traditional calendar would be beneficial to student learning. Students would lose less over the long summer, families can take advantage of traveling or vacationing during different seasons, and students could have tutoring opportunities during the breaks. Nov 2, 2012 3:29 PM

722 We believe that the benefits of having extended time to take advantage of time away from academics is just as important as time with academics. Somehow society has become so hyperfocused on academics that all of the benefits of non-academics are being lost. Having a summer job, having the opportunity to be involved in sporting teams, or just taking part in activities that a child is interested that can not be found in school are extremely important in developing Nov 2, 2012 3:19 PM

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	a well-rounded child.	
723	Please do not manipulate and skew the results of this survey like the previous survey concerning the extended school day.	Nov 2, 2012 3:18 PM
724	Education should be year round now and provide more opportunities for students remediation and/or enrichment. Change is difficult but very much needed.	Nov 2, 2012 3:18 PM
725	I like more break for th holidays.	Nov 2, 2012 3:16 PM
726	Keep the same schedule!	Nov 2, 2012 3:12 PM
727	I am a huge fan of a non-traditional calendar. While, it may be difficult to adjust and the surrounding community will have to adapt as well (child care options, summer sports/activities) I think the overall benefits far outweigh the negatives. I grew up on a traditional calendar and even as an older child/teenager I understood the benefits of a more balanced schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 3:12 PM
728	If it's not broke, don't try to fix it!!! How are these kids suppose to do 4-h, etc.	Nov 2, 2012 3:11 PM
729	Please do not throw more changes at us. Many teachers are already at (or past) their limit of sacrificing family time, health, and sanity for this job. Are we not doing an adequate job? I think we just got complemented on how well we have done, yet somehow it is never enough.	Nov 2, 2012 3:09 PM
730	3 week breaks are ideal for student learning retention and progression. Period. All other needs are secondary.	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
731	I really like the idea of year round school with short breaks--BUT I hope the school would be able to offer some type of childcare program during these breaks--or there will be lots of problems for parents who work full time	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
732	Too soon to adopt this on the heels of the many other changes we are still implementing, and very disruptive. LOOK at other college towns first, to see what HAS ALREADY proven to work well there, THEN consider this for our town.	Nov 2, 2012 3:04 PM
733	I live in Indy and everyone up here has the "balanced" calendar. I am all for it. Make it truly balanced though - if you give 8 weeks off in summer then you defeat purpose of it.	Nov 2, 2012 3:01 PM
734	stay with the traditional schedule with summers off	Nov 2, 2012 3:01 PM
735	I know that for political reasons we tend to bend our schedule to fit that of IU and I think that shouldn't be considered in this process. A long summer break may work for the higher education world but this shouldn't even be in the discussion of what is good for MCCSC students. And to be honest, what is good for the staff shouldn't even be considered (and I'm a teacher). We can suck it up. We should only consider what is best for the students here and it's my opinion that the students would benefit from a balanced calendar. I think the summer should be cut in half and down to 5 or 6 weeks.	Nov 2, 2012 3:01 PM
736	If any changes are necessary I would much prefer fewer breaks regardless of how long the breaks are. However my first choice is no change or a shorter	Nov 2, 2012 2:57 PM

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summer vacation by just a couple of weeks. Nine weeks on and three weeks off sounds horrible and completely chaotic. Childcare is an issue but will likely be an issue either way.

737 Please proceed cautiously and with thought to all age groups. Nov 2, 2012 2:51 PM

738 Our community needs to realize that many of our high poverty families would greatly benefit from a more balanced calendar. Nov 2, 2012 2:48 PM

739 Many corporations have successfully implemented a "balanced calendar". If academic achievement and retention of knowledge are two of the primary goals of the corporation, a balanced calendar only makes sense. Nov 2, 2012 2:47 PM

740 There is an obvious bias in the design of this survey toward changing the calendar. Nov 2, 2012 2:42 PM

741 I DO NOT WANT A NON-TRADITIONAL CALENDAR. TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE UNDER ENOUGH STRESS AND NEED THE EXTRA TIME IN THE SUMMER TO RELAX AND DECOMPRESS Nov 2, 2012 2:37 PM

742 I'm sure you are all much more qualified than I am to make this decision. Please consider available childcare options (availability of camps, etc) when making your decision, as I am sure (hopeful) that most parents have to work and cannot just take off for 3 weeks at a time every couple of months. Not to mention just the general break in routine and constant worry/planning every couple months. There are a multitude of camps that are available all summer that are not available on a non-traditional calendar that offer wonderful benefits for students while providing daytime care for working parents. It also causes much less anxiety to only have to think about what my daughter is going to do while I work at the beginning of every summer compared to every couple months. I can plan once. I have to pay the same amount for care either way. I budget throughout the year to plan for summer care. I am way happier to only have to worry about planning it in April, instead of April and 3 other times a year. But I am sure you will make whatever choice is best for our youth. And we will all adapt, I'm sure, if things change. :-) Thank you. Nov 2, 2012 2:32 PM

743 this is just another union tool to get less out of a teacher for more pay and time off. do not do it Nov 2, 2012 2:31 PM

744 If this is like most surveys MCCSC conducts and asks for parental input, it will be totally ignored and the Administration of MCCSC will do whatever they want regardless of what the parents want. An example of this would be the late Wednesday start and the extended school times. Nov 2, 2012 2:30 PM

745 Honestly I feel like longer school year would be best for the kids. I'm worried it might "burn them out" though and it might be more difficult to find childcare. Right now my husband works at IU and is off most times the kids are so I am really worried about childcare at this point. Nov 2, 2012 2:27 PM

746 Students and teachers need a long summer vacation. A non-traditional calendar is another word for year-around school, and I don't like it. Nov 2, 2012 2:26 PM

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747	Please leave the calendar alone, the Wednesday late day is bad enough for parents with jobs to manage.	Nov 2, 2012 2:24 PM
748	Please do not change the calendar. As a parent whom has delt with year round school it is a big fail.	Nov 2, 2012 2:23 PM
749	Teachers already work for a week at the end of the year to take their rooms apart for cleaning. We start at least two weeks before to get ready and put our rooms back together. (at least at the elementary level). That leaves very little time for summer vacation, workshops and rejuvenation .	Nov 2, 2012 2:23 PM
750	The school day is too long also.	Nov 2, 2012 2:17 PM
751	I BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN HAVE TO MUCH PRESSURE PUT ON THEM THE WAY IT IS NOW-WHY MAKE IT WORSE-KIDS ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BE KIDS VERY LONG IN TODAYS SOCIETY	Nov 2, 2012 2:16 PM
752	I like the idea of shorter more frequent breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 2:09 PM
753	If we do adopt a new schedule, I would like to see longer breaks in other times of the year so my kids can visit with parent out of state	Nov 2, 2012 2:05 PM
754	Please match Brown County Schools!	Nov 2, 2012 2:05 PM
755	It would be nice if the surrounding school districts would adopt a calendar akin to MCCSC. Is there communication between districts to enable this to happen?	Nov 2, 2012 2:00 PM
756	I think that 2 weeks after every nine weeks would be the best school calendar for students and teachers and families. It would give eveyone time to rest or go on a vacation. It would give the teachers a week of vacation and a time to do school stuff also their second week off from school. The shorter time off in the summer would be an adjustment, but schools used to have 12 weeks off and now they have 8 or 10 and people did and do adjust.	Nov 2, 2012 1:54 PM
757	A non-traditional calendar would be preferable based on the advantages listed. They outweigh the disadvantages listed, most of which will require adjustment, but will prove surmountable.	Nov 2, 2012 1:52 PM
758	In my opinion, the traditional calendar which is currently being used is far more suitable than the non-traditional calendar. The non-traditional calendar will provide only inconveniences for families and students, and will interfere with familial plans and schedules. On the other hand, the traditional school calendar which has been used for so many years prior is convenient and designed for the needs and preferences of families. I hope you will consider my suggestion that MCCSC should not adopt a new, non-traditional school calendar, but should keep the traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
759	I think that we should go to a nontraditional calendar. Kids will not get burned out and they won't lose what they have learned with the longer breaks. It wouldn't hurt to atleast try it for a year.	Nov 2, 2012 1:51 PM
760	Thank you for considering this option. I am a proponent of the adapted calendar idea although my son may already be graduated before it is adopted. I have to	Nov 2, 2012 1:41 PM

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admit that it would be a difficult transition because of what we are used to and that so many families do follow the IU calendar; however, I believe that statistically speaking, it would help our children and their ability to retain what they learn. From a personal standpoint, I know that for my son, who is not involved in sports at the high school level and struggles academically, last summer was long and boring (excluding one week of vacation and a one week mission trip). He was unsuccessful at finding a job for the summer as well. Additionally, we have German relatives, and I believe that some European countries have had this type of schedule a long time. It still allows for travel (a cousin spent two weeks with us one summer) but isn't so long that the students lose the rhythm of learning. For those of us that are not beholden to the IU calendar, vacation times other than Summer and Winter Break would be a great way to save expenses and avoid the crowds in certain areas.

761	I like the 9 weeks on, 2 weeks off scenario with a more lengthy summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 1:39 PM
762	Don't do it. Students will forget material and teachers will have to spend time re-teaching material at the beginning of every new session. Students will not be able to have consistent summer jobs.	Nov 2, 2012 1:36 PM
763	Longer school years would be more beneficial to students than longer days. This is especially true for younger children. When these children spend such extended periods in the classroom each day, they check out and instructional time is not gained. Instead, the material is missed by those students who are unable to maintain their learning for such extended periods of time. Reduce the length of the school day, lengthen the number of days in the school year and create a calendar with multiple 2 or 3 week breaks as opposed to the one long break. Provide mini camps for students during these breaks and give our teachers a raise!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 1:33 PM
764	I would hope that everyone (especially staff members) is notified of the calendar choices BEFORE a change is made.	Nov 2, 2012 1:30 PM
765	I really really hope the non-traditional calendar prevails	Nov 2, 2012 1:30 PM
766	I think going to a non-traditional calendar is a great idea!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 1:27 PM
767	leave things alone!	Nov 2, 2012 1:27 PM
768	Look at the research as far as student achievement.	Nov 2, 2012 1:24 PM
769	Need to think about how support staff would be paid.	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
770	Keep the summers free of school!	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM
771	I personally HATE this school system your changes from extended day on up have been poor, i have yet to see the school system to any beneficial for any child or teacher! instead of worrying about the calendar how about you boost your teacher moral so they feel like going in and enjoying their day! Extended day is in the WORST shape i have seen it in, in over 19 years! my children used to love to go and now they HATE it therefore they no longer go. it should not be an extension of school. I am actually considering moving to another school district, I	Nov 2, 2012 1:20 PM

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have had children in this system for 21 years and it has gone DOWN HILL!
shame on you!

772 There are so many changes currently afoot in the MCCSC. I think a calendar change at this time would be too much! Besides, many MCCSC schools have shown improvement without year-round school. I think the community would perceive this as needless tinkering. Nov 2, 2012 1:18 PM

773 I think so many families would greatly benefit from a non traditional calendar. So many friends in other states are already doing this and I've heard nothing but positive feedback. Nov 2, 2012 1:17 PM

774 How will this affect students on IEPS, speech, and other special needs Nov 2, 2012 1:16 PM

775 I just believe that a non traditional calendar would create much more stability and routine and therefore we would see a lot of progress for kids. I don't think there is any argument for the idea that a lengthy summer supports student academic progression. It makes much more sense to allow for frequent breaks to rejuvenate and get back at it then to simply allow one huge break. Kids dont need 10 plus weeks to rejuvenate. I believe a non traditional calendar supports achievement for our students much more than alignment with the iu calendar does. Nov 2, 2012 1:15 PM

776 Behaviorally students act up the week before and week after breaks. It takes teachers at least this long to engage students back in to the routine. Why would we add more breaks for this to Happen. Parents will also have to provide child care more often and not have Camps to send their children to like in the summer. This will be a financial burden on families Nov 2, 2012 1:11 PM

777 Change for the sake of change is NOT in the best interest of anyone! So many changes have occurred in MCCSC in the past three years, and I'm not convinced that anyone has benefitted by these changes! Please keep the schedule similar to the one we currently have! Nov 2, 2012 1:11 PM

778 I think you should take a look at this school corporations calendar. I think it would be a great change for MCCSC. <http://www.avon-schools.org/cms/lib02/IN01001885/Centricity/domain/4/district%20links/School%20Calendar%202012-2013.pdf> It would definitely make family vacations easier. The only thing that I might change about it, is that I might make the breaks between grading periods 1 week instead of 2, to make the summer break longer. :o) Thank you for asking for input from families before making your decision!
Holly Ginter Nov 2, 2012 1:11 PM

779 I commend MCCSC for soliciting input on this important question. Hopefully, the scholastic benefits will outweigh the social inertia and political resistance. Nov 2, 2012 1:10 PM

780 I would welcome a "year long" calendar Nov 2, 2012 1:06 PM

781 The summer scivities would adapt to the school summer eventually. More frequent breaks would help re-energize teachers and staff. And, I like the idea of more frequent opportunities for "summer" school type remediation. It may be hard for some families and day care, but I think too the day care facilities would Nov 2, 2012 1:05 PM

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adapt.

782	I would enjoy 9 weeks of school with 3 off. I want 3 weeks off in the fall and 3 in the spring!	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
783	Your surveys show the obvious slant toward convincing people of your latest initiative to change 80% of the students' lives because of 20% of the kids' dire needs.	Nov 2, 2012 1:00 PM
784	I am thankful this is our last year involved with MCCSC. We got caught in the redistricting and are glad to escape any schedule change.	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
785	I feel a balanced calendar would be better for my child's retention through the summer as well as our family time. It would allow for travel throughout the year. As a household with 2 working parents it allows us to spread out our vacations from work to be available more during their breaks as it is difficult to take all your vacation time during the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 12:59 PM
786	In our family, we appreciate the extended down-time from school's routine responsibilities, unending peer pressure, and constant societal expectations. Summer is a time for children to be children again; a thing that is being taken away from them at a greater rate all the time as many children have more responsibilities than many adults. Summer gives them a chance to form and reform their home and family routines, values, and find a firmer foundation based in love. I am frankly more interested in raising a stable and loving family than a monetarily "successful" one. Education is very important, but it does not define a person.	Nov 2, 2012 12:58 PM
787	I wish this survey were oriented so that we could rate the multiple advantages of a non-traditional schedule. A traditional schedule is just that. Traditional. It is based on an older, agrarian dominated lifestyle that no longer suits the majority of families. Our family would welcome a change in line with Bloomington Project School's 6 week summer break flanked with 2 weeks in fall & spring, and 3 in winter.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
788	I think it's silly to say that 2 weeks less of a break in the summer will help students to retain more knowledge. I don't feel that it is a long enough time period to matter. I don't feel strongly about either calendar though.	Nov 2, 2012 12:56 PM
789	As long as students get enough, parents do not care how the summer is set up. The daily calendar needs to be adjusted to give students break time.	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM
790	Older students and school staff that depend on summer jobs may not be able to obtain employment within the timeframe of the non-traditional short breaks. There are many options for students that need additional academic help in the summer. A majority of students will benefit from being a well-rounded student by participating in the many opportunities available to them during the extended summer break. Please put this family down as not in favor of non-traditional calendar. Keep our traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 12:54 PM
791	I like it the way it is. It will be too hard to adjust jobs, etc. for a new schedule. Hard enough with the Wednesday change.	Nov 2, 2012 12:53 PM

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792	Childcare is a huge issue for working parents. My question would be if all the programs in Monroe County were going to be adjusted to accommodate the change in the school calendar. Will it be harder to reserve a spot for your child because many parents involved with IU, one can be home in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 12:51 PM
793	We believe the current school calendar is excellent. I do have friends with the non-traditional calendar and were it not for help from family it would simply not work. Our family would not be able to afford the child care that would be necessary should MCCSC change from the traditional calendar as we do not have the family support to fall back on.	Nov 2, 2012 12:50 PM
794	We are excited about the possibility to start the non-traditional calendar/year round school with MCCSC!	Nov 2, 2012 12:48 PM
795	9-10 week summer break is good. If you want to shorten that down to minimum 8 weeks, then please revisit your school timings. These days kids leave home around 7:45 AM and come back 4:45 PM (9 hrs/day). Then they have homework (1 + hrs). There is no relax/play time=imp for their growth. On top of that if you shorten the summer vacation, that will also hurt.	Nov 2, 2012 12:48 PM
796	Non-traditional calendar would be great!	Nov 2, 2012 12:47 PM
797	I am all for the changes to be implemented, but I have no trouble with childcare, so I am not the norm. I know my girls would love to have longer breaks spread throughout the year, they get tired with the 5:30 wake up call and need a break sometimes.	Nov 2, 2012 12:47 PM
798	It would be much more difficult for me to switch to a nontraditional calendar. I need the longer summer to do work which supplements my low teacher income. Childcare every few weeks versus a longer period in the summer would also be harder to manage for myself and many other families. It makes much more sense to me to provide a summer term/school for students who struggle to retain learning. Many countries have a much longer school calendar than we do. The best way to insure retention and increase test scores would be to have a summer term for those who struggle. Nontraditional calendars don't seem like a minimal fix for a few students that would adversely affect all families. It makes more sense to me to spend more money on a summer term. Nontraditional calendars seem to be another fad.	Nov 2, 2012 12:47 PM
799	My place of employment runs summer camps and relies on these camps a great deal to fund other activities throughout the school year. With a shorter summer break this will greatly impact the revenue of this establishment. Also, I enjoy spending the summer with my children. Childcare is not an issue for us as it is for many other families. So I would simply miss having my children at home all summer. A break in the winter months is just not the same as a long break when the weather is nice.	Nov 2, 2012 12:46 PM
800	Kindergarten days are far too long. No matter what the calendar is for the school year, these kindergarteners need a better and shorter schedule. These extremely long days are not really helping the youngest kids learn more, they probably cease to learn much at all by early afternoon. They are 5 and 6 years old and spend more time at school than some adults do at their jobs. By the	Nov 2, 2012 12:46 PM

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afternoon, after all the curriculum, these kindergarten kids are tired and hungry and do not need to be in the classroom until almost 4pm.

801	I'm extremely supportive of a non-traditional calendar, because I have a child with autism for whom the lack of a regular school routine for so long during the summers is stressful. It also creates a great deal of information loss which makes it harder for him to catch up each school year. Even for typical kids (I have one of those too), I think smaller breaks are less stressful and create fewer opportunities for boredom than weeks on end of summer vacation.	Nov 2, 2012 12:44 PM
802	Why does MCCSC always feel the need to change things up. The longer day has not been good for the elementary level. The new report cards are poor and not environmentally friendly at all. Now you want to change around the calendar. Please just leave well enough alone!	Nov 2, 2012 12:43 PM
803	I hope that MCCSC does not adopt the year round school calander and leaves things as they are, and have been since we were all young. Thank you.	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
804	You keep making so many changes lately and make things a lot more difficult for families to function as normally as possible. I have not found the longer school day to be of an advantage to elementary primary grade students at all. Now you want to make the whole year crazy and messed up for students and families.	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
805	All the students feel as if they are studying for various tests and taking numerous tests per year. I as a parent feel they need more "life skills" then more testing. I know the teachers have small and various time tables to teach these things and some retain the information and some forget right after tested. School is not a desirable place for the kids anymore they feel overwhelmed and tired and burnt out regulary. But the longer school year makes things even more trying on the families due to work and home schedules. Are camps going to be ran at these various times off for working parents and then again it doesn't trully give the kids time to rejuvenate because they are still having to have bed times and early rises due to a different place to go. It would cut down on extracurricular activities kids due in the summer ie 4-H, visiting family further away, sports, and vacations. Please do not do year round school it is not what most kids want	Nov 2, 2012 12:42 PM
806	I am curious to see some options. A school in Indy had a great idea. 8 weeks in the summer, 1 week in october 2 weeks at Christmas and 1 week in March We only align with IU on the Spring break, everything else is partial overlap only.	Nov 2, 2012 12:41 PM
807	along with a change in the calendar ,i would like to see the same start time each and every single school day this different start times is crazy and is just confuseing to try to remember to get the kids up later to go one later day a week.	Nov 2, 2012 12:39 PM
808	I like non-traditional calendars. I find students are more rested and are ready to work when they come back after breaks. It would be beneficial for students to move to the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 12:38 PM
809	Please do not let IU make our decisions.	Nov 2, 2012 12:38 PM
810	It would help if it aligned w/ RBB and IU as much as possible for breaks to ensure childcare options.	Nov 2, 2012 12:37 PM

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811	I would LOVE a balanced calendar! I feel like it would make such a difference in my teaching and my homelife.	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
812	I think there should still be a summer break but not 9-10 weeks. I like my daughter having the time to enjoy the summer and not go to school but at the same time I think it should be shorter than 9-10 weeks.	Nov 2, 2012 12:36 PM
813	Changing to a non-traditional calendar would be a significant hardship for our family, which is on the IU calendar -- we would have to sacrifice either our field research or keep our daughter out of school for part of the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 12:35 PM
814	I think kids need at least 2 mo to enjoy summer and helps with family vacations	Nov 2, 2012 12:31 PM
815	Shorter summer, year round school would be most beneficial if in fact the main objective is the best interest of the children's education.	Nov 2, 2012 12:30 PM
816	I prefer the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 12:29 PM
817	My family lives far away and the summer break gives me the opportunity to spend a long ammount of time with them. Also, my son is enrolled in daycare. I remove him in the summer, which saves our family a great deal of money. If we moved to the non traditional calendar, I would be paying for daycare full time and wouldn't have the time to reconnect with him in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 12:29 PM
818	A balanced schedule would bring us into the 21st century. We are behind the times with an old "agrarian" model schedule. It would be very good for K-3 students especially who are building foundation skills and knowledge. For children in povery, it would give them stability over the summer too, hopefully to help us bridge the gap with those students.	Nov 2, 2012 12:29 PM
819	I, personally, would be really disappointed with an extended calendar for many of the reasons listed above.	Nov 2, 2012 12:28 PM
820	You can't make everyone happy and very few like change. We'll deal with whatever is decided and know that the decision will be made with all the children's best interest as a whole.	Nov 2, 2012 12:24 PM
821	no	Nov 2, 2012 12:22 PM
822	I am not sure why the first semester must end before Winter break. It really only benefits onehigh school in the corporation. the other is on tri-mesters. Elementaries do not have smemster exams, so end before winter break does not make sense. Also, with each break in the current calendar, elementary teachers must have grades ready when the break is over.	Nov 2, 2012 12:20 PM
823	I think the current schedule is terrible for children to retain what they have learned. Besides sports schedules, I see only positives for parents and children with the new schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM
824	Increase school calendar to 240 days per year. Teachers can afford a mortgage and school loan payments. Kids get extra instructional opportunities. Everybody wins.	Nov 2, 2012 12:18 PM

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825	John Hattie's research shows that balanced calendar is not a highly effective strategy for ensuring high growth for learners.	Nov 2, 2012 12:17 PM
826	I am afraid that during my breaks, I will spend time working to prepare for the students return. I work so hard every day all day and late into the night. I need a long break over the summer to truly rest, otherwise I will work work work and become overwhelmed and not get enough rest. I do not want to go to this non traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 12:17 PM
827	no	Nov 2, 2012 12:16 PM
828	We are no longer an agrarian society and so our schools should no longer be scheduled in that way.	Nov 2, 2012 12:16 PM
829	as previously stated too much time spent reviewing after each break.	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
830	I think it would be a change for the better. I like the option of a longer fall break for families that can't go anywhere in the spring.	Nov 2, 2012 12:13 PM
831	I Strongly disagree with going to a balanced calendar as it will create more scheduling conflicts and more opportunities for regression and retention for special education students.	Nov 2, 2012 12:12 PM
832	I am in support of the balanced calendar, starting the first week of August, only if it provides the long breaks during the school year, not like the calendar that was not approved for this school year that tried to start very early but only gave one or two days for fall break and one week for spring break. I am in support of a calendar that has a two week fall, winter, and spring break. I believe that the breaks should overlap with the IU calendar, especially for the convenience of teachers taking classes through IU and for parents who are employees of IU. Thank you for sending out the survey. Megan Parmenter	Nov 2, 2012 12:12 PM
833	It would be nice to know sooner, rather than later, if the calendar is going to change from its traditional format.	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
834	We don't have to change just because other districts are doing it. We shouldn't change the calendar. We are still trying to get use to the other negative changes. Children need more free time. They are in school way to long.	Nov 2, 2012 12:11 PM
835	I am all for it!	Nov 2, 2012 12:09 PM
836	I am only interested in this option if all my kids have the same vacation days. If the High School kids don't line up with Elementary School it would be the worst possible option for us.	Nov 2, 2012 12:09 PM
837	I would not want a summer break that is less than 8 weeks! I think bringing back summer school for students who need it may be an option. a week long break after 9 weeks would be ideal for all. Beginning classes at the same time as IU would be beneficial...less late enrollments. Finding out what parents would like is also beneficial....going back to a shorter day...or at least start time no earlier than 8:00am is better than what we have now....8:30-3:30 for Elementary!...the day seems too long for young kids...just come around Thurs. pm...and Friday	Nov 2, 2012 12:08 PM

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pm....Also, we know that HS students should not be starting earlier than 8 am!
Thank you.

838	The idea of having a shorter summer break with longer breaks between each quarter is great. We always waste so much time reviewing. The possibility of 2 week breaks throughout the year would allow for a good chance to plan ahead and prepare for the next quarter, reflect on the previous quarter and have a chance to re-energize and rest for the next 9 weeks. I would love to see a 2 week October break, 2-3 weeks winter break and 2 week spring break leading to a 6-7 week summer break. Childcare is always offered by places like the YMCA and Boys and Girls' club etc. The wellbeing of OUR MCCSC students MUST not be based on IU calendars. It is not in their best interest and we should not feel obligated to accommodate that schedule anymore.	Nov 2, 2012 12:07 PM
839	I think it should be considered as it will allow for time to rest throughout the year. The kids are tired now - seems like they are going, going, going.	Nov 2, 2012 12:06 PM
840	Please do NOT change the school year! The kids need an extended break from school/studies. It will put a hardship on us single parents trying to find daycare for unusual breaks in the school year. It is already proving very difficult that you have added odd days off (i.e. November 6th, and the Wens. before Thanksgiving). It is hard to find childcare for these days and I must work to pay our bills. These issues don't ever seem to be taken into consideration when you make changes. There is not an adequate supply of daycare for these young children!	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
841	Please, I beg you to GIVE PARENTS 1 YEAR OF NOTICE before adopting a new school calendar. I am in favor of adjusting the school calendar to a non-traditional calendar, but I am a working parent and will need some time to talk to my boss, arrange child care, etc. DON'T DO THIS AT THE LAST MINUTE before the school year starts! Please!	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
842	a shorter summer vacation and longer breaks during the school year would seem more conducive to increased subject retention and student success.	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
843	My husband works for the University so he is able to take breaks when our daughter has breaks from school. If a non-traditional calendar is implemented, it would make childcare for us very hard; as we do not have family in town or other ways for her to be watched as we both work.	Nov 2, 2012 12:04 PM
844	It would be a nice balance to shorten the summer break but continue to offer 6-8 weeks off for work opportunities and enough time for travel and enrichment opportunities.	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM
845	I think we should fix the ridiculous trimester vs. semester at North and South first. Why is South on Trimester? Has anyone surveyed the teachers or community? If it is only so smart kids can take more classes, I really feel that everyone else is at a disadvantage. Personally, the loss of books and the disengagement between terms when I change students 3X a year instead of just once is frustrating. I don't think changing the calendar is effective enough with parents who both work to deal with the childcare issues...	Nov 2, 2012 12:03 PM

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846	You clearly lied about the last survey we took regarding the longer school day. Survey us again and see the truth again. We do not trust you, so why should we take a survey where you are going to skew the data to serve your needs. You should be ashamed of yourselves!	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM
847	I know that RBB has changed to a non-traditional schedule for next school year, and if MCCSC does decide to change its calendar to non-traditional, I think it should match the schedule that RBB has made. This will probably give families in both districts more options for after school care.	Nov 2, 2012 12:01 PM
848	It's hard to answer this with out seeing all three on the paper.Very confusing.	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
849	I personally think shorter more frequent breaks are more beneficial. Students are bored at summers end and lose some of what they gained the previous year when unengaged for such a long period of time. Many of my daughters travel sports teammates attend school who have non-traditional calendars. We hear very positive things from them.	Nov 2, 2012 11:59 AM
850	I feel like all of the disadvantages mentioned in question 6 are certainly true! I know for my family my husband's job requires him to travel a LOT in the summer, and having that time off allows me to travel with him (which is a huge plus!) Also, the summer is truly a time of rest and recooperation after the school year.	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
851	The calendar should stay the same. Working parents have a hard time find childcare that works around their work schedule.We take a summer vacation, the kids play sports during the summer. Having more time off during the summer and keeping the same schedule just makes thing easy! If it's not broke why fix it! The school calendar is fine the way it is now.	Nov 2, 2012 11:57 AM
852	Don't change it...enough with these drastic changes!	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM
853	I would encourage the committee to include leaders from youth serving community agencies, childcare centers, and summer programs. This schedule change would greatly impact their programs and the current offerings they have for students during breaks. I work regularly with these leaders who have expressed concern about the calendar change possibility. This community is so strongly tied to the schedule of Indiana University, this change could dramatically disrupt some of the current offerings that make Bloomington such an exciting place to be during the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 11:56 AM
854	Actually, all the options in #6 were worthy of my consideration...but I had to choose just 1. I have friends on the new calendar and they have no real complaints. I imagine that no matter what I say in this "survey", we will see a new calendar soon. Please keep in mind that my schedule is already effected on a weekly basis with the inane hours for Wednesday. I change my work schedule around in the summer to be with my children and keep daycare costs down. I am unable to change my schedule several times a year daycare costs will increase and the amount of time with my children will decrease. Disney has already adjusted the costs of a vacation during October because so many schools have a 1-2 week break now. So please, before you enact the new calendar, please explain to me (with data please) why the new calendar is better	Nov 2, 2012 11:54 AM

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for the children. Right now, it simply looks like you're trying to keep up with the newest school fad going around.

855	Start after Labor Day	Nov 2, 2012 11:53 AM
856	As a single, working mother I find it extremely hard to imagine how I would manage child care during many breaks throughout the year. During summer break, I have camp options for my child. I have no idea where I would take my child during other extended breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 11:52 AM
857	As an MCCSC teacher for the last 23 years, I wholeheartedly support adopting a non-traditional calendar that provides a logical stretch of instruction followed by a short restorative break and then a return to the next level of learning. We are not the society we used to be in terms of learning patterns, lifestyles, work schedules, nor brain development, and retaining the current schedule in the face of new societal needs no longer makes sense.	Nov 2, 2012 11:52 AM
858	I don't feel this is a good idea for several reasons I.U.'s calendar being one but also the kids. I know mine don't want it & I'm sure others don't as well. With softball & summer sports you need that break.	Nov 2, 2012 11:51 AM
859	I agree wholeheartedly with changing the calendar to a more balanced approach. People will adjust. It's what's best for learning, for family time...we're not an agrarian society anymore!	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
860	Please do not go to a traditional calendar. It impedes opportunities for additional income for teachers, it causes more review more often and does not provide longer more substantial family time. The non- traditional schedules also impact our ability to further professionally develop through the University, have guest speakers, high school classes for credit. This would be a HORRIBLE idea!!!	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
861	The implementation of this change should be with a 1 year advance warning. My family already has next year's summer plans reserved with deposits made.	Nov 2, 2012 11:50 AM
862	This is also the time that we have to spend with our families, primarily our Grandchildren. Summer Break is also the time that I take workshops for more in depth Professional Development.	Nov 2, 2012 11:49 AM
863	I believe all responses to number 4 are valid.	Nov 2, 2012 11:48 AM
864	Like the extended day decision a few years ago, I hope this survey is not merely a way to find statistical "support" for a decision that has already been determined behind closed doors.	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
865	Extended Spring Break Would be nice for the lower income families that travel by car and not by air. Spring Break is also too early in March.	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
866	Child care is a big problem for family.	Nov 2, 2012 11:46 AM
867	I am not convinced that changing the DAYS off will help students more than it would be to change the HOURS attended each day. School would serve better if it were more condensed and concentrated for instruction to students.	Nov 2, 2012 11:45 AM

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868	I have worked in numerous international schools that offer non-traditional calendars. Each has their pros and cons. The fact that a great number of our students have parents that work or teach at IU is definitely a factor that cannot be ignored. This might not be a factor in other school districts. When I taught in France, a large complaint of the teachers was that we had frequent prolonged breaks which interrupted the momentum of school. However, the school life is so intense, that longer breaks were necessary in order for students to maintain their academic focus. Personally, I have another professional life in addition to teaching, so the longer summers are definitely a plus, but I do see how this might be a hardship for other families who are not in my same situation.	Nov 2, 2012 11:45 AM
869	It does not matter what we parents want. You have already made up your decisions. Leave it the way it is and no change. Kids need their long break to rest and take vacation.	Nov 2, 2012 11:43 AM
870	I would love to see us go to a balanced school calendar. There is no need to have such a long break in the summer. While I love my summers, I think longer breaks throughout the year would be better for our students and teachers-they get a breather here and there and they would lose less during the long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 11:43 AM
871	Teachers live in Bloomington and have spouses at IU, summer break allows us to spend time together and gain extra income. Summer break also allows teachers to take classes and learn new tools needed for teaching that we do not have time or energy to do while teaching full-time. Please do not change the calendar, this is too drastic of a change and it will start arguments in every directions. Many teachers became teachers for the love of teaching along with the schedule, summer allows us to spend time with loved ones and delve into projects and activities that we look towards doing all year.	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
872	Childcare facilities will adjust because they need money. IU's schedule should have no effect on our schedule, we have many students who's families have no affiliation with IU. I think it would be a positive move for the corporation.	Nov 2, 2012 11:42 AM
873	CHANGE WEDNESDAYS BACK TO THE NORMAL START TIME AS EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK!	Nov 2, 2012 11:41 AM
874	The non-traditional calendar will help students and staff remain focus on the material and avoid the extreme "burn out" we're currently experiencing.	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM
875	Not sure the need is in changing the school calendar to make it longer. Longer school days were just implemented...taking the summer as well is not necessary in the student's best interest. I think more time is spent in time off for others employees that are able to take it.	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM
876	MCCSC should do what's best for K-12 student learning. If that aligns with the IU Calendar, great, and if not, no worries. However, MCCSC will need to work with local agencies to supply the requisite child care to a large population of kids who have parents who work and can't take time off in the middle of, say, October. Given that most of the local agencies employ IU students to provide excellent care to our children while school is not in session, I don't know how this is feasible. I do think MCCSC has a responsibility to actively participate in child	Nov 2, 2012 11:40 AM

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care planning if a new non-traditional calendar is adopted where we will have big and small pockets of time out of school throughout the calendar year.

877 It only makes sense for us to get away from the traditional schedule since students have to be retaught information previously learned. A non-traditional schedule would eliminate burnout, and reduce student boredom in the summer. I would love to teach year round!!! Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

878 I think several small breaks are a bad idea. Maybe make summer a little shorter and have a few days off here and there but a week or two off will cause many kids to be home alone over the break Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

879 Base your decision on educational research and NOT on opinions Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

880 Breaks, whether 2 or 10 weeks still cause reviews to happen. Keeping our calendar close to IU is very important. Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

881 I know you plan to do this, but I just want to say please deeply explore the benefits and drawbacks other communities, teachers, and students are experiencing as a result of a non-traditional calendar. If you can present the research to strongly support it, people will be on board. If it's just another educational band-wagon fad, it will be very frustrating. Thank you for taking the time to make this decision carefully. Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

882 The school calendar shouldn't be based on flawed studies of academic achievement based on year round programs. Additionally, academic achievement is ultimately the responsibility of parents not schools. Give the parents more options to have more time teaching their own children, providing their children meet standards. Nov 2, 2012 11:39 AM

883 Retention of information is crucial for all students. The need for longer summer breaks is non-existent and outdated now. With the extension of the school day last year, moving to a more balanced calendar would be more beneficial for students as well as all staff members. Nov 2, 2012 11:38 AM

884 Any change needs to be gradual and certainly something needs to be done about the crazy W schedule. Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM

885 I LOVE the idea of a balanced calendar. The benefits outweigh the negatives! Very supportive of this! Nov 2, 2012 11:35 AM

886 I emphatically support a change to a "non-traditional" calendar, but I would be even more supportive of changing the start and stop time for the school day. Elementary schools should start earlier, secondary schools should start later -- ideally 9:00. Nov 2, 2012 11:35 AM

887 I would prefer a non-traditional calendar. Nov 2, 2012 11:34 AM

888 I would consider reducing the summer break to 4-6 weeks and adding time in elsewhere but there are a lot of factors to consider. For example, my kids are in marching band, they already begin school related activities the last week of July. If you cut the summer vacation too short, they will never have a break. I am sure Nov 2, 2012 11:29 AM

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other sports will also be impacted. How will this affect our participation in different leagues if we are on a vastly different schedule? Will it end up that we never have a time to take a break from Bloomington because our kids still have extracurricular responsibilities even if they are not in school. Also, I am absolutely NOT in favor of going back to school any earlier in August. In my opinion, we already return too early as it is. I would much rather extend the school year into June (as is common on the East and West coasts) and have July and most/all of August (our hottest months) free. In addition, I work in the schools so I can tell you that there is a large component of children of IU foreign staff/students. If you change the schedule so that it does not align with IU, these children will simply not be here for the first month or last month of school. How will this affect our test scores and when is it better for them to miss? Please consider all of these factors before you start to change the schedule too radically. We are finally getting on more solid ground in this district and it simply may be a bad time for another schedule change. Better to do nothing than make a change at the wrong time and lose community support. I would strongly advise you to move slowly on this initiative.

889 Adopting a non-traditional school calendar would facilitate retention of learning and provide more frequent breaks to re-energize both the students and the staff without hampering the pace of learning. Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM

890 I have mixed feelings about adopting a nontraditional school year. On the one hand, I think it could be advantageous in that it would maximize achievement and information retention for some students, especially those in general or even remedial education. On the other hand, I am concerned it could pose a problem for gifted kids, who often use summers to attend specialized, extended-period sleep-away camps; take enrichment classes; and generally focus on developing their unique interests and talents. I also think that for some gifted kids (such as my own), who may have difficulty sustaining focus and effort when it comes to classes/subjects in which they are not very interested or do not find sufficiently challenging, it could actually work against the idea of enhancing achievement, since I believe it might be more likely that they would "burn out" on and disengage from school if it seemed to them like the school year--and therefore the class(es)--was/were virtually endless. My child is very gifted, but it has been a constant challenge since she was very young to motivate her to stay focused when she is bored/disinterested in school, and that can be a very stressful experience for us both. I think it is essential to our well-being to have an extended summer break in which we can take a breather from the stresses and pressure of the school year. Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM

891 I think a new school calendar would be a wonderful opportunity for our students. I think that the benefits greatly out weigh any disadvantages to this new school calendar. I think we will see great gains and growth with students academically and two parent working families will see the advantage in having kids in school during summer months. months. Thank you for continuing to find new toways to help improve education for our students and for being open to new ideas and opportunities! Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM

892 I do not think it fair to take away a child's summer to try to teach to a test. If you want to improve the schools and children's education then give the teachers and schools the resources they need to accomplish this.cut the number of children in Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM

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a room- hire teachers who actually care- hire more teachers that are capable- give them the resources to actually teach! A calendar change does nothing but make teachers resent their jobs and children resent their school.

893 Even if a non-traditional calendar is adopted with more frequent 2-3 week breaks throughout the school year, students should still have 6 weeks off in the summer in order to participate in other learning/enrichment opportunities (outside of their traditional school) and for families to take an extended vacation. If those things could not be done, I would not be in favor of adopting a non-traditional calendar. Nov 2, 2012 11:26 AM

894 Can we please have a survey that is truly objective and not biased. Give me a break...agenda is written all over this as if a survey really will change your already made up minds. Just like longer school days...the PUBLIC in public education really doesn't have a voice unless it agrees with already determined decisions by the administrations. Nov 2, 2012 11:24 AM

895 I work full-time outside of the home, and would not have enough paid time off at work to be able to stay home during two-three week long breaks. I couldn't afford extra childcare costs during that time. I think many parents I know would be in the same boat. Nov 2, 2012 11:21 AM

896 Having longer periods of time off within the school year would be a HUGE problem for working parents. I work at IU and I can take time off in the summer to spend time with my own children. I feel I am their most important teacher and I value that time together. I can NOT take time off during the the Fall and Spring IU semesters other than Spring Break and Winter Break. It would be a financial hardship for me to find childcare for my kids if there are more school breaks. Please do not change the calendar. One change I would like to see is to not start so early in August. Nov 2, 2012 11:20 AM

897 I hope the district will continue to hear from families through MANY different forums before leaders decide to make this dramatic change. Bloomington is VERY different from surrounding communities, and for many reasons, a non-traditional schedule will prove challenging for families here. Nov 2, 2012 11:19 AM

898 Older students needs summer for jobs and/or enrichment experiences (e.g., specialty camps and the chance to explore topics and talents that they don't have time to focus on during the school year). Nov 2, 2012 11:17 AM

899 Although not ideal for all families, I feel the traditional calendar works best for our community Nov 2, 2012 11:17 AM

900 Summer jobs for older children are not just a source of additional income. They are also potentially a valuable source of experience of a kind that school cannot possibly provide. This may put those students who aspire to competitive undergraduate programs at a disadvantage in competing with students who have enjoyed a traditional calendar. Nov 2, 2012 11:16 AM

901 I am an IU professor. The questions presented in this survey are clearly meant to lead the school board into choosing what they want regardless of parent input. I will likely have to quit my job to accommodate this calendar. I have no outside family help and I cannot take that sort of time off during the IU academic year. If Nov 2, 2012 11:14 AM

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I were a school teacher with MCCSC, then I see that advantages of this program. I would be able to be off when my children are off and life would go on. I have one child who is in ALPS and one who tests in the 25% of her class so I understand very clearly both ends of the spectrum.

902 The most important aspect is what goes on when students are in school not when they go to there. We need to tighten up what happens during the longer days we already have. Students are rusty after the two week winter break. Now we will deal with that multiple times a year? If this happens the terms should be in one chunk not split up. This is a disaster for schools that serve the IU community. Their enrollment will be even more unstable. Nov 2, 2012 11:13 AM

903 I believe that children do need time to refresh and rejuvenate over the summer and the adoption of a new calendar would prevent that. Nov 2, 2012 11:10 AM

904 I know there are pros and cons to both schedules but I think the current schedule allows for additional summer activities that also are of great education importance to our children. Loosing that would be a greater loss then some information they learned in school that can be recovered with a little review at the start of the school year. Nov 2, 2012 11:08 AM

905 Please keep the calendar aligned with IU. The extra long school day already takes away from family time. Changing the schedule would only make that problem worse. Humans are always learning. Time with parents is a great way to learn very important things that are not taught in school. With IU being the biggest employer in the area it is important to stay aligned with their schedule so that family time can be maximized. Thanks. Nov 2, 2012 11:05 AM

906 There are traditional summer activities that are fundamental to my children's development: camps, sports, summer jobs, and family vacations. These experiences are often life changing, enriching activities that include the opportunity to see extended family that live far away. The non-proven gain from changing to a non-traditional school year is not warranted when one considers what families are giving up. Nov 2, 2012 11:03 AM

907 I would never take away the children's summer vacation. They work very hard all year and deserve some time to just be children. I would never have wanted my summers taken away from me when I was a child. Nov 2, 2012 11:03 AM

908 Although there are a few benefits to a non-traditional schedule, the downside of having breaks out of synch with IU, potential school conflicts with summer activities and more inconsistent schedule substantially outweigh any advantages Nov 2, 2012 11:02 AM

909 There are more important issues than this to worry about. Some of the current teaching styles are awful. I very much disagree with the way current students are taught. My kids have suffered with the present teaching methods. My son was in fifth grade and unable to read adequately due to current methods. We have to give credit to Huntington learning center for his ability to read because he was getting it from MCCSC Nov 2, 2012 10:58 AM

910 none at the present Nov 2, 2012 10:57 AM

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911	Why change the calendar when it's been this way for years? It's going to make it harder on the younger students. Just like the school hours have been changed.	Nov 2, 2012 10:56 AM
912	I am opposed to any calendar change, my profession would not accommodate family time during the school year.	Nov 2, 2012 10:54 AM
913	Why does our options have to revolve around IU?? They don't consider the MCCSC when they make their calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 10:53 AM
914	Why isn't this survey sent out to EVERY parent in MCCSC? I found out about in a roundabout way. Surely you have email addresses for most people, or you can snail mail the survey to everyone in the corporation. This is HUGE decision that impacts everyone. Why not more communication about it?	Nov 2, 2012 10:52 AM
915	I think it would benefit my children. I'm for changing the school calendar	Nov 2, 2012 10:52 AM
916	Pleae look at the options closely, we would be completely strapped for child care if kids are not in school when we are wokring	Nov 2, 2012 10:51 AM
917	Schools should start at a later time in the day. Getting up so early has no advantages what so ever.	Nov 2, 2012 10:49 AM
918	The fact that the K-12 calendar mirrors the IU calendar had a great impact in my husband and I choosing to move our family to Bloomington. My father was a professor at a college in another state, where the breaks did not line up, and we missed out on having good blocks of quality family time together as a result. I would be very sad to see the schools move away from the IU calendar without seeing real evidence for why another calendar structure would pay off. Thank you for collecting this feedback.	Nov 2, 2012 10:49 AM
919	There isn't any reason to closely follow the IU schedule. We should think about what works best for OUR students, not the IU students! We need to SET the bar, not chase it.	Nov 2, 2012 10:46 AM
920	When looking at other school districts that have adopted a non-traditional calendar, has there been a marked improvement in student grades and knowledge retention? If now, then I think it best to leave the current calendar as is, with a long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 10:45 AM
921	I like the idea of a non-traditional calendar. I believe shorter breaks would improve learning. I also wondered if you would consider offering an evening school for some students? This has been successfully tried in some large school systems.	Nov 2, 2012 10:45 AM
922	I strongly support a more balanced calender. Long summer breaks result in bored children and poor use of time. There are virtually no summer jobs for high schoolers anyway. More breaks would make each vacation day be more appreciated whether at home or a camp then 10 weeks of them lumped together. Kids could catch up on sleep and work ahead on large projects if they chose. Athletes would have fewer days of balancing school and practice or late games. It would be easier to schedule things like orthodontist appts. without missing school. It would also make missing school for college visits less needed.	Nov 2, 2012 10:45 AM

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An extra week in winter might reduce snow days and delays -- a plus for parents with jobs, and teenage drivers. It might also reduce days missed for flu season. A full week at Thanksgiving and/or two for spring break would reduce wasted days at school when half the kids are gone. Weather in fall and spring is better for playing outside/ going to the park than 90+degree summer days. Travel vacations could be spread throughout the year which would be a plus for some jobs where summer is not a good vacation time or only a few employees can have that one week of spring break off. Outdoor camps would have more options than dealing with excessive summer heat and sport camps could be offered nearer the actual season of some sports. High schoolers could study for the SAT nearer to the test date. (They don't test in summer.) Less time could be spent on review in school. Teachers would have more reflection time to evaluate how their plans for the year are working with their current class, rather than all that time lumped into summer when all they can do is review how it went and the kids they have after these thoughts will not be the same group the reflections were based on. This would give more chances for mid-course correction based on deep, prolonged, relaxed introspection rather than hurried, surface reflection. Fewer cold, dark mornings for walkers. Fewer days of getting on the bus or driving to school in the dark. Surely getting to school in the daylight gets things off more positively and makes the kids more awake in first period. Fewer late daylight summer evenings for adolescents with nothing to do to run amuck. Fewer winter recesses spent inside because of cold weather. Please, just notify the community early of your planned schedule so that if changes to camp schedules, work vacations, grandparent visits, etc need to be made they can be so there is a smooth transition. I am for getting summer vacation to six or seven weeks.

923	I like the traditional calendar. It gives me time for summer vacation, and spending quality time with my children. During the school year we are much to busy with the school schedule and working schedules	Nov 2, 2012 10:44 AM
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924	If the summer break is shortened to 6-8 weeks, I would REALLY prefer to have students in school the month of June and maybe even one week in July and off in mid-July and August. August is when many take family vacations before IU classes resume. August to me is more "precious" summer time than is June when it is too cold to swim. It would likely be cheaper to have children in school in June as apposed to the later summer months when demand for air-conditioning is likely to be greater.	Nov 2, 2012 10:43 AM
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925	This survey does not give us a chance to identify which calendar we prefer. You have no way of using this to determine if there is a community preference for one calendar over the other. That's a major problem.	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
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926	It is sad that the school system in Indiana is refashioning itself as childcare. The current schedule is already exhaustive to children and works AGAINST a positive learning experience. It is lamentable that school year is starting earlier every year, with the consistently hot August weather NOT inducing learning. In addition, students are kept at school until 4:00PM, reducing any hope of their desire to study on their own. Needless to say, it is not surprising therefore that students are assigned less and less homework, with schools sending a message of unimportance of independent study. Why not compare the calendar to the schools in other states, where schools do not start until after Labor Day and the	Nov 2, 2012 10:41 AM
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school day is not as long.

927 This is a great case of if it is not broke dont fix it. Nov 2, 2012 10:40 AM

928 I think it is important that MCCSC considers and adopts a non-traditional calendar. I believe educational research supports a move to this type of calendar. Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM

929 We already added an extra hour to the school day- which is too much in my opinion. Locking up more time with school will be a great inconvenience and make students miss extra travel and camp opportunities. Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM

930 I can see the reasons for considering a non-traditional academic calendar, but because the rest of our town & IU are not on the same calendar-I see more issues arising from the new schedule than the current "issues" being relieved. Also, I believe there is research that shows there is no significant change in students' test scores from a traditional calendar to non-tradition calendar. Although the many breaks would give time of rest for staff & students, I'm afraid it will actually be more difficult to change the family's schedule so often. As soon as you get in a groove & rhythm for your family-the schedule will be changed once again. I stay home with my children-but for families who are single-parent or have two working parents I could see the challenge to arranging childcare for a schedule that is filled with frequent yet inconsistent breaks I am VERY hesitant to change to a non-traditional school calendar & hope that much thought & time is being put into this decision as it would have a great impact on our family & the families in Bloomington, especially those (as is the case with ours) who's lives are so intertwined with the IU calendar! Just because it works for the school districts around us does not mean it will be what is best for our schools & the broader IU/Bloomington community. Thank you for giving us a voice through the survey & this comment section! Nov 2, 2012 10:39 AM

931 I appreciated the opportunity to provide input yet I realize that many parents, for a variety of reasons, will not. It is my hope that the committee will make decisions based upon the needs and best interest of all students and not solely upon the limited information that the forced options of questions 3 - 6 will provide. Nov 2, 2012 10:36 AM

932 I think the routine of school is lost with such a long summer break. This includes the routine of learning as well as being away from home. The transition back to school in the Fall would be easier with a shorter summer break. I also feel that student and teacher morale would be positively affected by longer breaks during the school year. I am excited that this topic is up for discussion. Nov 2, 2012 10:33 AM

933 Our family travels extensively in the summer. If the schedule changes substantially, my child will need to miss significant periods of school in order to be with her family on these trips. Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM

934 The summer break seems to go so fast the current way it is I can not imagine making it any shorter. Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM

935 Look at the system in use in European and Asian countries where the students do better than the US. Shorter summers and longer breaks within the year. We Nov 2, 2012 10:31 AM

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	should clearly do the same. Why should IU dictate anything for us? We are not an agricultural economy anymore either (monroe county)so the kids do not need to be on the farm in the summer. I know, I have a farm. Go for it, you know you want to, just do it.	
936	i am against changing the current calendar	Nov 2, 2012 10:30 AM
937	No	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
938	I'm not in favor of changing the calendar in any way. I think it's good for discipline and college preparation to have full semesters with a certain demand for maintaining work ethic and self-discipline. I'm concerned that a calendar with many breaks will not prepare students well for college/ university or for the kinds of demands of regular work.	Nov 2, 2012 10:29 AM
939	I support this calendar change 100%	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
940	S.O.S Save Our Summers. My hope is that MCCSC will save the summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
941	The non-traditional calendar, I believe, is dis-advantageous to the older students. Many rely on income from summer jobs, use the time to condition for sports and attend summer camps. Last when when we had 2 wks off for Christmas break and then two days off a week and a half later, my teenagers were board stiff. By contrast, they can get into a routine and really enjoy summer break. Unless you can afford to vacation on each of these extended breaks, they just are long enough to get into any type of productive routine.	Nov 2, 2012 10:28 AM
942	For moms and families that stay home it's not a good thing! We would like to spend good quality time with our children!	Nov 2, 2012 10:27 AM
943	Single parents are the most affected by these changes. I am a working, single parent and depend on a routine and regular schedule. I can only hope that some level of child care will be made available to those of us most effected by these changes. However, most options provided by MCCSC have not benefitted me as I have to be AT my job by 7 a.m.	Nov 2, 2012 10:27 AM
944	keep it the way it is!	Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM
945	I would vote for a 4-6 week summer vacation. I think the hardest part would be getting the kids the rest that they need (going to sleep during daylight hours) so that they would be ready for school in the mornings. My family would enjoy a longer break during fall, Thanksgiving and Spring. Additionally, payiong the costs associated with summer childcare is difficult. If the breaks were more broken up, I could likely take more of that time off of work and be at home with my children rather than the long days of camp during the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM
946	If the year round calendar is adopted, I would strongly hope that MCCSC would try to align as much as is possible with the IU schedule so that there is time for summer travel for families who are tied in to the IU calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
947	I am happy to hear that MCCSC is looking at an expanded calendar. If MCCSC	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM

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	truly has every child's best interest at heart it will adopt this new calendar. Poor children lose too much learning during the summer. They need the stability that an expanded calendar can offer. They have many fewer opportunities for enrichment activities. In fact most of their enrichment activities happen at school.	
948	Our daughter will begin public school next fall. I would have liked to include retention of learning as well as travel time being important. Our family is not wealthy, but we love to travel. Travel is very expensive during traditional breaks. Traveling in the offseason would allow us to give our children these opportunities and experiences we want to provide for them. Please change to year round; it would boost learning inside and beyond the classroom.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
949	we would elect home or private schooling if this initiative were to develop any legs. we absolutely need a long summer break.	Nov 2, 2012 10:23 AM
950	I prefer the traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 10:22 AM
951	The way the survey has been written makes it seem that you have already made up your minds.	Nov 2, 2012 10:21 AM
952	I think the survey should ask what our preference is, I am not sure if it comes across in our responses. I prefer the new schedule with a shorter summer and longer breaks (also more recess)	Nov 2, 2012 10:19 AM
953	There are too many people in this community who have a parent who works at IU. If MCCSC schools are not on a similar schedule to IU, this will be a major problem.	Nov 2, 2012 10:18 AM
954	I hope that teachers will have a stronger voice in this decision than we did when it came to increasing the length of the school day.	Nov 2, 2012 10:17 AM
955	Please DROP the extended day schedule. The day is too long and interferes with outside activities and is confusing and inconvenient	Nov 2, 2012 10:16 AM
956	The non-traditional calendar is especially helpful elementary students who need breaks. I believe child care programs will adapt to the new schedule. Most summer enrichment can be arranged around a 6 - 8 week break. Consider school days beginning a hour and half hour - easier to manage and remember.	Nov 2, 2012 10:16 AM
957	It seems the new schedule is what's best for students and their learning.	Nov 2, 2012 10:14 AM
958	Child care is not a problem for OUR family. I can see both sides of the problem. I do think it will help children learn more as they won't spend the first part of the year relearning what they did last year. However I also know that more breaks will make it very difficult for working families to find child care. As of now it is hard enough for low income families to find childcare options that are affordable and several different ones are available. If we switch the schedule what will those families do? Will MSSCS offer a reduced free program for those who can't afford it?	Nov 2, 2012 10:14 AM
959	People hate change. But this one is needed.	Nov 2, 2012 10:13 AM

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960	I wld have liked to be able to choose more than one option in each area. Shorter more frequent breaks will help w retaining information, rest and rejuvenation, more opportunities for extended travel for families and easier care for children than long summer breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 10:13 AM
961	I think this change would be very welcomed. It would help relieve the burden of the cost of childcare during the long summer. It would break up the cost. Additionally the children would retain more information. Thank you.	Nov 2, 2012 10:13 AM
962	Why fix what's not broke!! I grew up with this schedule and turned out fine! Let a kid be a kid!	Nov 2, 2012 10:12 AM
963	We'd be very happy if there was a change and we'd also be very happy if things stayed the same	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
964	The biggest concern I have had for many years is that teenagers need more rest than the recieve. For those who are involved with sports, not only are they busy throught-out the regular week but also on weekends and summer break. They desperatley need more time to sleep.	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
965	It's fine the way it is. My child gets great grades and deserves the long break. Do you really want to take that from the students who do good, just because the the ones that need extra help from parents in the summer are not getting it? If the parents do their job and assist their children in the summer to help retain the knowledge, this wouldn't be an issue.	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
966	I taught for a school system that utilized a modified year-round calendar (9 weeks on, 2 weeks off, with a slightly shortened summer compared to now). The two week breaks were used for immediate remediation, enrichment opportunities, school trips, etc. Teachers were encouraged to submit ideas for enrichment and remediation classes and were paid to facilitate these during the breaks. The 9 week grading periods followed by 2 week breaks allowed for all to recharge and come back strong after the break. I saw great benefits concerning retention and motivation in my classroom. The drawback was that the community I was in did not step up to provide opportunities for children whose parents had to work through these two week breaks, creating hardships on families. As a special education teacher, the long summer break often means lost academic ground each August, as well as the possibility of students' decompensating behaviorally/emotionally over the longer break due to lack of supervision or unstable home environments. I am totally in favor of a modified, year-round calendar as described above.	Nov 2, 2012 10:11 AM
967	Who cares what IU does?	Nov 2, 2012 10:10 AM
968	We would strongly endorse an improvement in the calendar including a summer break of about 6 weeks or so. This would be ideal for student learning and achievement.	Nov 2, 2012 10:07 AM
969	I think the non-traditional is a good idea.	Nov 2, 2012 10:06 AM
970	I like the idea for longer breaks, spread out over the year. There wouldn't be much difference in the length of the summer break than what it is currently.	Nov 2, 2012 10:06 AM

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971	A non-traditional calendar is a bad idea. Many families have working parents that would find it extremely difficult to manage the more frequent breaks. I am strongly against any change in the current calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 10:05 AM
972	Wednesday morning change is so difficult - to have a late start one day of the week isn't fair. If the breaks were regular that may be ok but finding care for my situation is most difficult when things change too often.	Nov 2, 2012 10:04 AM
973	The summer breaks do get long, but there are many wonderful summer camp programs for kids (often staffed by school teachers and college students who have summer time available). As a family with two working parents, childcare is a concern. I like the idea of having breaks evenly spread throughout the year, but we would need a place for our child to go for some of that time.	Nov 2, 2012 10:04 AM
974	The current calendar SHOULD stay as it is.	Nov 2, 2012 10:02 AM
975	I think it would be a better calendar plan for the children in school.	Nov 2, 2012 10:02 AM
976	I hope this is not implemented before my youngest child graduates.	Nov 2, 2012 10:00 AM
977	Strongly favor keeping current summer and break calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
978	As a parent, I have chosen a career that allows me to be at home with my child during the existing school breaks. Cutting the summer break would almost surely mean year-round childcare for him, rather than time at home. His reading jumped 3 levels this summer because we had more time to read with a less busy pace.	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
979	Fall, Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks should still overlap with IU breaks. Part of our family works at IU as well as others I know so being off at different times would make travel impossible. Please note that the IU Law School does have an entire week of fall break so alignment with that would be wonderful!	Nov 2, 2012 9:58 AM
980	Please keep the school calendar as is. People will always find a reason to complain about something, the present calendar allows for summer sports camps and other activities (ie. travel) that benefit the students. Thank you.	Nov 2, 2012 9:56 AM
981	Given the number of children associated with faculty, staff, students and post-docs at IU who attend MCCSC, I think the plan to move away from a traditional calendar is misguided. Among myriad reasons, the chaos of students arriving with their parents in Aug. to find a school year already started, is reason enough to keep the calendar we have.	Nov 2, 2012 9:55 AM
982	Several of my children attend a school that has adopted the non-traditional calendar. I thought it was going to be a problem at first and I was not looking forward to it. Now that we have participating for several years with the new calendar we really like it. Our family enjoys our summers much more and love the breaks. I have been able to take the family on holidays in October this has been a added plus being able to see much more of America in the fall and we have had some wonderful new opportunities as a family. Having the additional time off with the traditional calendar my kids would become bored well before summer was over even though attend camps and sport programs. I feel the	Nov 2, 2012 9:54 AM

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kids do much better in school they retain more concerning their academics with the six week summers.

983	I'm not against trying the non-traditional school year calendar. I think there are positive things like longer breaks throughout the year, the kids would retain more during the summer. But before I can really say that I would like for MCCSC to go to the non-traditional school year calendar, I would like to try it for a year and then evaluate to see how it goes for children, their families, and school teachers/staff.	Nov 2, 2012 9:53 AM
984	I think that there are many more disadvantages to a non-traditional calendar, basically everything listed on #6 above. Families have fewer time together as it is now, I think a shorter summer break would make it even more difficult.	Nov 2, 2012 9:52 AM
985	My oldest son, currently in 9th grade at BHSN, attended Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade at a school in Illinois with a non-traditional calendar year. Hands down it surpasses the traditional calendar used here in IN. I have 3 more children who have only known traditional calendar attendance. I am able to compare the adv and disadv. I believe school is a child's job. MCCSC needs to provide the best environment for the children to learn and retain. It's about the children learning, not the convenience of the parents. Once the non-traditional calendar is in place, we need to be creative in offering options for families who need daycare. Question: How are other schools functioning on a non-trad year? I bet they see results!	Nov 2, 2012 9:51 AM
986	I have seen non traditional calendars and how they work. I feel it is the way to go for our children and staff. I look forward to the day when MCCSC implements it!	Nov 2, 2012 9:50 AM
987	Childcare will be very difficult to manage during frequent shorter breaks, versus a long summer break. Children will not be able to participate in enrichment activities or summer school. I have friends who are teachers and their schools have gone to a non-traditional calendar and they do not see any benefit.	Nov 2, 2012 9:49 AM
988	My biggest wish is that the days all start at the same time, even if they end at different times (i.e., move the late Wednesday start to an early Wednesday dismissal)	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
989	It is quite apparent from this survey that, as usual, MCCSC has already decided to adopt a practice with no regard for what stakeholders may or may not think. I will not be voting for another referendum. I made calls for the first one and you made a liar out of me. Hire more teachers. Reduce class sizes. There's plenty of research to support this tactic. And stop with the iPads. The tech infrastructure can't even handle what's already there.	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
990	I am in full support of adopting a non-traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 9:48 AM
991	During the school year, you'd lose momentum on every extended break, plus there'd be that darned slush time prior to breaks when no learning goes on.	Nov 2, 2012 9:46 AM
992	All of my kids were totally stressed due to the long school year, after having to get up so soon, and bored and anxious after that long summer, (as were the	Nov 2, 2012 9:46 AM

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parents :) A 6 weeks on -- 3 weeks off would be ideal! I know some schools who loved this arrangement. Besides, 3 weeks is sufficient for anyone's vacation! Thank you!

993 I'm not in favor of changing to a year-round calendar. Nov 2, 2012 9:43 AM

994 I think that it might be challenging for kids to go through a new transition multiple times throughout the year as they return to school after each break. I would strongly urge committee members to have the school calendar begin on a day other than Monday, as it is hard for kids to start back with a 5-day week. Nov 2, 2012 9:43 AM

995 I've long been an advocate of a non-traditional calendar. I only wish this was considered when my children were younger and our family could have enjoyed the benefits. Nonetheless, I have no doubt that this would prove to be a good move. Now, if you could line of the start times during the week (get rid of the 'late' start on Wednesdays), that would be a real crowd pleaser! Nov 2, 2012 9:42 AM

996 I really like the idea of going to school for 9 weeks off 2 weeks. Both of my kids have learning disabilities and they just lose too much over the long summer break. Nov 2, 2012 9:42 AM

997 I work at IU and my vacations are usually aligned with MCCSC. It works best for working parents because I would have to either pay a lot more for daycare and not be able to always have time off when my child does. I am not really sure if it will work for others who work at IU. Childcare is a huge issue! Will the Boys and Girls Club be open on those days. I depend on Camp Rock in the summer for my child. Nov 2, 2012 9:42 AM

998 I think having a more "spread out" school schedule (a few weeks on, a few weeks off) would benefit many people including students staff and Parents. Students would retain more information throughout the breaks, We would all have more diverse opportunities for travel and boredom with school and indeed breaks would be minimal. Nov 2, 2012 9:41 AM

999 I believe you should ask which one we would prefer. I strongly prefer the non-traditional calendar from an academic perspective and from a family trip and time off perspective. Nov 2, 2012 9:41 AM

1000 In many ways, I feel that a non-traditional calendar would be great because it would offer more opportunities for families to travel instead of being restricted to summer break. However, I know from my experience when I was in school and with what I have experienced with my own children, a review of information is necessary, even after two weeks off. So I feel that two or three weeks at a time compared to 8-10 weeks for summer, there is still going to be a need for review on information. When kids are out of school, they are out of school, they do not want to think of anything but the fun they plan on having during their time off. Also, two weeks off at a time, should be two weeks off, and I think many teachers would try to give the kids assignments for over the break. That is not giving a child a chance to relax and re-energize. So if it is changed, then it should be a time for a child to relax and not have to deal with completing a big assignment that is due the first day back to school. I think that is something that should be enforced if the calendar is changed. Children should not have to deal Nov 2, 2012 9:40 AM

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	with homework during their time off, they should be allowed the same rest and relaxation that they would have during a traditional summer break.	
1001	I would prefer year-long schooling with bigger breaks in between terms.	Nov 2, 2012 9:39 AM
1002	I think short breaks (like fall break) would be fine as long as it is not 2 or 3 weeks off at a time. It will be difficult for some families to afford childcare. Please take that into consideration.	Nov 2, 2012 9:38 AM
1003	My son has a difficult time adjusting to new routines. I do not want to upset his schedule more often than necessary. Also, as a single, working parent it is difficult enough to arrange childcare for the schedule he currently have.	Nov 2, 2012 9:38 AM
1004	Is this the last question - pretty bad survey for such a drastic change to the calendar	Nov 2, 2012 9:36 AM
1005	I prefer shorter breaks in the summer. My daughter has special needs, and she is not eligible for summer school. Shorter breaks would improve her academic performance. She previously attended a school with a we come from a town with a nontraditional calendar, and it was much better for the children academically. Most parents adjusted easily, since there was still time in the summer for vacations, and a longer fall break allowed for family time as well.	Nov 2, 2012 9:36 AM
1006	WE had one at TPS--I did like it. I would not mind going to a non traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:35 AM
1007	The delayed school day start time on Wednesdays needs to be eliminated no matter what calendar format is used.	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
1008	Keep the traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
1009	The non-traditional calendar would be more appealing to our family if there were camps or fun activities planned during the breaks. This way kids had something to look forward to and being organized, it would be easier on the families who need childcare during the day.	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
1010	The non-alignment with the IU calendar would be a major problem. And managing child care for two-week breaks in the fall and spring, and THREE weeks in the winter would be a big headache. Yikes!	Nov 2, 2012 9:34 AM
1011	I realize that some children (particularly students who are struggling academically) may benefit from year round school, to help them retain information learned. BUT, for advanced students, the longer summer provides incredible enrichment opportunities. For example, my children have attended full-summer music camp, theater camp, sports programs, and travel, all of which have greatly enhanced their learning. Also, as an IU professor, it is VERY important that the MCCSC schedule be aligned with the IU schedule, for the sake of family time and travel.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
1012	What a poorly designed survey. Regardless of HOW the calendar is changed, if it simply provides the BARE MINIMUM of 180 days of classroom instruction, and provides more vacation time for "rejuvenation" throughout the traditional	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM

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schedule, this is a completely worthless exercise. Way to go Indiana! Let's keep our instruction time at their minimums!

1013	The reality is that the IU calendar is a year-round calendar already, and attempting to align MCCSC's 180 school days has not been successful as it is. While many are comfortable with the traditional/current school calendar, a balanced calendar provides students and staff nice breaks throughout the year, which might help to reduce absenteeism. As a child, I went to school on a 45/15 calendar (45 school days in, 15 school days out year round) and enjoyed it very much. About the time I was tired of school, we were out, and about the time I was getting antsy at home, we went back to school. There are some children with autism or other behavior disorders for whom this kind of scheduling might be disruptive, but with appropriate leadup by school staff, problems may be minimized.	Nov 2, 2012 9:32 AM
1014	For those who argue that a non-traditional calendar would be difficult for childcare, I believe options through the city and the school system will be most likely made available, as they are now.	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
1015	Not everyone who supports MCCSC has summers off. It's difficult to manage the change, both from ensuring my child is kept active to managing the change for my child. It's chaotic and unnecessary. Let's give our kids more time in the classroom focused on math and science.	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
1016	As a single parent finding care and working is a challenge for summer breaks. The idea of finding care for multiple breaks terrifies me. The IU students I currently use would be unable to help since the schedules would not align. This schedule would so have a major conflict with custody agreements for the summer. Removal of summer vacation would mean another trip to court for arrangements and thousands of dollars. Please consider the far reaching impact.	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
1017	We would like to adopt a non-transitional calendar ASAP.	Nov 2, 2012 9:31 AM
1018	I have had a child in a middle school (The Project School) where the calendar is balanced. At first it was difficult but in the end, we really liked it. This particular child had been going to summer school for many of her elementary years so we had to be home during that summer month of school anyway. It was almost like a balanced school year for her anyway. I do enjoy the thought of having vacation time other than summer. My kids are usually "bored" by the first of August and ready for a routine change (or routine in general). I agree that summers need to be restful etc. but many of the kids are very busy in the summer and are not resting a ton anyway. I do think it will be tough to get in a vacation, camp, 4-h, work and other activities in a shortened summer.	Nov 2, 2012 9:30 AM
1019	adopt the non-traditional which has been used for a looooong time other places.	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM
1020	Please keep the current calendar aligned with IU since it is a major economic and social driver for Bloomington. For example - we spend most summers overseas and the children actually have the opportunity to go to school there due to the extended summer vacation period here.	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM
1021	I completely oppose any efforts to make the school calendar align with the	Nov 2, 2012 9:29 AM

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agenda of business, and its failure to account for the parenting duties of individuals. Shared custody for me Mandates my children be in Seattle for 6 weeks of the summer, the destruction of summer with my children is not acceptable. There has been No Mention of custody in this entire survey, it is as if the writers live in a societal vacuum. The children with needs met by a nontraditional calendar are often served by existing programs which should be enhanced and funded, rather than damning all to a disruptive new course.

1022	I am definitely for a new balanced calendar. I hope MCCSC will consider this strongly. It has been my experience, with my four children, that they do not retain their knowledge over the summer, causing more extensive review in the fall. Thank you for your consideration.	Nov 2, 2012 9:28 AM
1023	I don't think IU calendar should be an issue at all. This is a public school district, not an IU subsidiary.	Nov 2, 2012 9:28 AM
1024	Our family like the longer summer break. We do a lot of traveling because the rest of our families are out of state. Summer gives us the time to visit family and friends out of state. We also like be tied into IU schedule. My husband works at IU and this allows us to do more family activities.	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
1025	Really consider the impacts ... Don't just go through the motions	Nov 2, 2012 9:27 AM
1026	We have friends in the Columbus, Indiana school system. They have a shorter summer break that is still long enough for vacation travel, plus 2 weeks for fall break, a Thanksgiving break, 2 weeks at Christmas, and 2 weeks for spring break. Sounds perfect.	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
1027	9 weeks on and 3 weeks off is much too extreme. MCCSC needs to take into consideration the students who participate in summer sports, music, etc. camps and competitions. The number of kids participating in these activities is increasing every year. "With participation in youth sport at an all-time high, it would appear that things are rosy in the sporting world of kids. In 2000, the number of American youth who played on at least one organized sport team was found to be 54% of kids between ages 6 and 17" (American Sports Data, Inc. 2005). "A similar study five years later showed that among a slightly older age group of 10- to 17-year-olds, sport participation had jumped to 59%" (National Survey of Children's Health 2005). Keep in mind that these statistics do not include music, art, or "wilderness" camps. Children will miss school more often in the summer months to attend these events. I will have no problem taking my son out of school for a week or two in the summer to participate in his sports activities. These experiences are extremely important to our family and contribute to his overall well-being and learning. I know of at least 10 other families who will do the same. At the very least, it would be better that MCCSC match the calendar of RBBCSC than work against IU AND Ellettsville. That would be a logistical nightmare for local camps, etc. since kids from all over the county utilize them - not just Bloomington kids. Futhermore, MCCSC has been awarded an "A" rating from the IDOE. What we are doing currently has been very successful. Please keep these details in mind before making the decision to radically change the school calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:26 AM
1028	Don't mess with the calendar. Faculty at IU can't have their kids home at weird	Nov 2, 2012 9:25 AM

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times of year. Working parents at hourly jobs should not have to pay extra to have someone babysit them when there should be school in session.

1029	I would 100% support the move to a non-traditional calendar. Less knowledge loss over the long summer. For our family, it would be easier for us to manage a few longer breaks during the year than the entire summer. More family time during the school year since we could take time off of work for all or part of those 2-3 week breaks. Can't take off that amount of time during the 9 - 11 week summer break. Love the idea of being able to take a fall vacation without the child missing school.	Nov 2, 2012 9:25 AM
1030	I see very few negatives with changing our current calendar. Thanks for asking!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 9:24 AM
1031	Research (John Hattie, Tom Many etc.) indicates that changes to the school calendar are not very impactful on student learning. While it can help some students, there are other, less jarring, tools to implement that have been shown to have a much bigger impact.	Nov 2, 2012 9:23 AM
1032	Please shorten the school day. I have a daughter who will be beginning kindergarten in the fall. I believe this long day is detrimental to very young children and takes valuable homework, family, and fun time away from them. Elementary schools should be done by 3:30. It is almost dark outside by the time children get off the bus in the winter. Thank you so much for allowing an outlet for parent opinions.	Nov 2, 2012 9:22 AM
1033	This survey is fairly lame and not well put together. For # 6 it's a combo of vacation time with family, corespondence with work schedules and summer enrichment activities. We will withdraw from public school if a change is made. BTW, our forefathers who went to school after Labor Day and got out before Memorial Day were all smarter than the kids today who get basically more babysitting. I think a change in schedule is anti-family, the family being the backbone of society, even though and maybe especially so in the urban setting, the traditional family becoming more rare. Thank you for seeking out input, despite the poor survey design.	Nov 2, 2012 9:22 AM
1034	I think most camps would adjust to meet the new schedule. As a working parent in a dual career couple we have to find coverage for the days regardless of the time of year... IU calendar only applies to faculty... Staff work 12 months as to most academic administrators. IU calendar as defined above applies to faculty and instructors.	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
1035	I just hope that everyone's opinion is considered as it would be VERY difficult for my family to go to the new calendar! Childcare being the biggest issue!	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
1036	It's about time. 3 years to go until all of my kids are out of mcccsc, and this is at least a decade overdue. There are national models galore, yet no apparent investigation ever being done by mcccsc (that has been made public knowledge). Time to get with the millennium.	Nov 2, 2012 9:21 AM
1037	With so many parents working at IU, it will be very difficult for us to adjust to a non traditional calendar with breaks in the middle of the fall and spring	Nov 2, 2012 9:20 AM

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semesters when we all need to be working at IU.

1038	Well regardless to what the survey shows - you will do what you want. Like the new crazy reports cards - how can a kid set a goal of straight A's or AB honor roll if there isn't one? There are less numbers than letters it doesn't work out. So why take surveys?	Nov 2, 2012 9:20 AM
1039	I would be for a slightly altered calendar such as Richland Bean Blossom has instituted: begin school year beginning of august, two weeks off for fall, three weeks at Christmas/holiday break, two weeks at spring break, and end the year the end of may (don't go into June). Remove one day holidays here and there that seem unnecessary. I believe that would work best for parents to adjust to, yet shorten the summer to 8 weeks.	Nov 2, 2012 9:20 AM
1040	If childcare resources are available at an appropriate cost then it makes more sense, but it seems that it could interfere with traditional learning opportunities in the summer as well as physical activity--if kids are going to school in the summer, they miss out on at least a month of good weather to get outside.	Nov 2, 2012 9:19 AM
1041	I have been in favor of changing calendar for some time as summer break is long and kids get bored. I believe that giving longer breaks at other times and a shorter summer would be beneficial to my kids so that they wouldn't get burn out by the end of the school year.	Nov 2, 2012 9:19 AM
1042	Our family would love a non-traditional calendar with shorter breaks throughout the year. Summer break is too long!	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
1043	I do not like the current schedule. I have been involved in balanced and/or year round schooling and find that it is a much better alternative to ensuring student success in the classroom. I see it as a tremendous benefit to not only my children, myself as a teacher but also to the community. I have no affiliation with IU and frankly do not care what IU's schedule is compared to MCCSC. Other cities function quite well without total integration between university calendars and school corporation calendars.	Nov 2, 2012 9:18 AM
1044	please re-consider the length of the school day - it's too long and the recess is too short.	Nov 2, 2012 9:17 AM
1045	Indiana University is a separate institution from MCCSC, yet 33% of the questions listed above had a reference to IU's calendar. We live in Bloomington, yes, but IU isn't ONLY the university! I get tired of IU, and something I have no association with, ruling my family's life and children's education because of a few professors with children. QUIT catering to a few and think about the positive change for the many in continuity of education!	Nov 2, 2012 9:17 AM
1046	I'm an IU student, so I really like having the schedules so similar. If my child is on on break when I'm not, this makes it fairly difficult for me to find childcare for him. I don't think a little bit of review at the beginning of the school year is a disadvantage. I would rather the calendar stay more traditional ...	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
1047	This survey is flawed in that did not ask whether people favor a calendar change or not and did not give the opportunity to rank answers- all of the choices were	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM

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valid, I don't see what value it has to come up with a top reason for each question without an overall question about whether these reasons would cause people to favor changing the calendar or not. I am NOT in favor of changing the calendar to eliminate the longer summer break.

1048	My kids do not enjoy the end of summer as much as they do the beginning. However, they LOVE breaks throughout the academic year. The breaks give them an opportunity to relax a little. By the end of the summer, my children become a little antsy, which can lead to a little more mischeviousness. I would really like to see at least a week off between each grading period to allow them time to refresh themselves, but not enough time to contribute to boredom.	Nov 2, 2012 9:16 AM
1049	I understand that Professors like the same schedule but not all IU employees teach who have children in the school system. With the surrounding school systems going to the modified schedule if we switched, then extend family fall trips would be easier to take because the breaks would be the same hopefully for RBBSC and MCCSC.	Nov 2, 2012 9:15 AM
1050	Why doesn't the school day mimmick the traditional work day more closely? There isn't as many stay at home mothers as there once was...	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
1051	Having a balanced calendar has both pros and cons, as with any calendar option chosen. It will be impossible to make everyone happy. One big issue for us would be that daycares do not give the option of taking a few weeks off here and there, so paying for childcare while I am home with my kids does not seem reasonable.	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
1052	I'm glad you asked! I believe that a traditional calendar benefits students, staff & families. Students are able to work part-time/internships; staff can spend time with family; families have more time to be just family; alignment with the IU calendar is very important. Please contact me, I am trying to locate information as to when the committe meets and if it is open to the public.	Nov 2, 2012 9:14 AM
1053	i wish the school system would quit trying to change things. i hate the wednesday school schdule and i will not like the non traditional calendar. why do we always have to change things?	Nov 2, 2012 9:13 AM
1054	The school calendar is fine the way it is. We don't need to follow every new fad.	Nov 2, 2012 9:12 AM
1055	Although I will miss the long summer break I really think the students will benefit academically without actually going to school more days. I don't know if the cost of the two different schedules is the same.	Nov 2, 2012 9:12 AM
1056	I like the idea of all year school.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
1057	In California the nearby districts on a year round profile were happy that facilities were used year round, but as far as education was concerned it was less productive. They were always coming off a break or getting ready for one. Review and slide was the mentality. It was a constant cycle of August and June. We are happy to be on the traditional calendar, aligned with IU.	Nov 2, 2012 9:11 AM
1058	I support a non-traditional calendar. While I appreciate that it meshes so well	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM

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	with the IU calendar, the opportunity to have a shorter summer break (and thus less learning lost) is one that should definitely be considered. I would hope that the City would be cooperative with scheduling swim lessons and other fun activities that are traditionally summer activities at such hours that they could still be done.	
1059	should be aligned with IU calendar How will this affect school activities sports, choir, etc, breaks will not really be breaks for these kids. It would be terrible for parents for childcare making for daycare with Adults working schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 9:09 AM
1060	I am so thrilled to hear that MCCSC is considering doing this. I believe it should have been looked at years ago and I'm excited to see this happen. EXCELLENT PLAN.	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
1061	I am happy with the current system. Why change it when it has worked and we like the lazy days of summer when there is NO stress or a huge hurry to get up and go everyday!	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
1062	This decisions should be based on learning and not on convenience.	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
1063	I wish this was a multi-answer survey. I would also say #4 students may lose some of what is learned. My kids are usually ready to go back to school about 3 weeks before they do. It has been difficult to schedule family vacations with a few days here and there with our sports schedule that peaks during spring break. I would choose for #5 also positive impact on family activities, opportunities for enrichment.	Nov 2, 2012 9:08 AM
1064	I would like to keep the way it is.	Nov 2, 2012 9:07 AM
1065	Please keep the calendar year the same.	Nov 2, 2012 9:07 AM
1066	While I understand the desire to follow with other districts and move to a non-traditional calendar, so many things in Bloomington are tied to the university. IU employs such a large majority of parents that it is very tough to make changes for child care etc. mid-year when the non-traditional calendar calls for it rather than the traditional calendar breaks. I think the enhancements for academics need to start at home. Last year my child was given an enrichment/review packet to complete before school started. She did so. In return she got a little trinket from her former teacher that made her feel good about doing the work. Things like this will go farther with children than the in school 9 weeks then off for three. It can be extremely disruptive to families and staff.	Nov 2, 2012 9:06 AM
1067	The traditional caledar has worked for 40 years - why fix something that is not broken. Athletes will just be sitting around doing nothing because if they want to keep their position in their sport they have to go to practice unless you make it madetory no sports.	Nov 2, 2012 9:06 AM
1068	I think it is a wonderful idea to adopt a non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM
1069	Childcare will be a major issue for our family unit. I imagine there are a number of families who would feel this way.	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM

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1070	I really like the idea of high school to have opportunity for a summer job. Can't do with non traditional schedule. Messes with summer camp attendance, participating in sporting events at a high level that require travel.	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM
1071	It will be an major inconvenience to all working parents. It will hurt local business that rely on providing summer jobs for high school and college students as well as unique summer camp opportunities to the kids. I do not think this schedule should be implemented!	Nov 2, 2012 9:05 AM
1072	I love this idea	Nov 2, 2012 9:04 AM
1073	I love the idea of extended day	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
1074	it messes with kids that have a special needs	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
1075	I would prefer more short breaks than such a long summer break and for school to start later in August or the beginning of September.	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
1076	For parents who find breaks easy to deal with, a long summer vacation allows them to do various meaningful, educational things with their children. For parents who both have jobs and would find it hard, lots of little breaks would make finding childcare solutions really hard. Summer vacations are an important part of childhood. The school days being too long area already a serious problem, adversely affecting students in MCCSC. Destroying summer vacations would make things even worse. If you worry about disadvantaged children being at loose ends during the summer break, please address the problem directly by providing low-cost, educational programs for them. But frankly, ALL the choices raised in question 6 are very serious! Changing the calendar would be a serious mistake.	Nov 2, 2012 9:03 AM
1077	Many more opportunities for community input are needed beyond this simplistic survey.	Nov 2, 2012 9:02 AM
1078	I prefer the traditional calendar...	Nov 2, 2012 9:02 AM
1079	I think a non-traditional calendar would be a welcome change. Students tend to wear out with the longer school day and very few breaks. Two week breaks interspersed throughout the year would be a better option.	Nov 2, 2012 9:01 AM
1080	For my kids the summer break is too long, both in terms of remembering subjects and boredom. At the same time there is too little break between semesters. While I know there maybe some difficulty with childcare, I am sure solutions will spring up to accommodate that which would also allow for the cost to be spread throughout the year instead of all in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 9:01 AM
1081	Children with parents that live in separate households (especially if one is out of state) may be largely effected by shortened summer breaks. It may greatly decrease the time they get to spend with their parent that has primary custody during summer months.	Nov 2, 2012 9:01 AM
1082	We no longer need to be tied to the agrarian calendar. Let's consider what research shows is best for all students schedule-wise.	Nov 2, 2012 9:00 AM

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1083	I wish I could have chosen more of the choices or concerns. Unfortunately, it will only give you one.	Nov 2, 2012 9:00 AM
1084	If the school calendar changes, we will be able to spend MUCH LESS time with our son, because his breaks will not coincide with our own. He will have to go to some kind of day care while we work, and then when we have a more flexible schedule (summer, winter break) he will be in school. Also, right now he participates in a series of activities out of Bloomington while visiting family elsewhere (Iowa for drama camp while visiting one set of grandparents, Rochester for Hockey Camp while visiting another set, Italy to visit his father who teaches there during the summer) and since other municipalities have a traditional calendar, he will not be able to benefit from any of these things if he is in school while everyone else is on break. Other school systems assign summer work to help students retain what they've learned -- why can't MCCSC?	Nov 2, 2012 8:59 AM
1085	The current school calendar has worked for years without any problems. The non traditional calendar would cause hardships on many families. The late day Wednesday already causes enough problems. Thank you.	Nov 2, 2012 8:59 AM
1086	Currently very satisfied with current calendar schedule, as a single mother would be difficult at best to accommodate the proposed schedule. My son also is involved in summer internships at IU for pre-college credits and this would not be possible with the proposed change.	Nov 2, 2012 8:58 AM
1087	I am strongly opposed to switching to a non traditional school year!	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
1088	I see no reason to change the school calendar. I recall school starting after Labor Day, and ending close to Memorial Day. I believe it should stay that way. Kids need to have their holiday & summer breaks to look forward to. If they are forced to attend school for longer periods of time, it's going to have a negative impact on many students. Leave things well enough alone!	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
1089	No need to fix something that isn't broken.	Nov 2, 2012 8:56 AM
1090	There are strong grounds for questioning the rationale of MCCSC adopting this arbitrary and potentially disruptive alternative calendar system.	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1091	100% for non traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1092	I do not agree with the non-traditional calendar. I believe this calendar harms the child more than it could help. I agree with every answer on question 6 except for the "match to IU". I don't feel like that should be a consideration.	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1093	Aligning the MCCSC calendar to IU is important as a large population of IU faculty depends on summers to do research abroad. Shortening the summer will lead to children being taken out of school on either side of the break so that they can accompany their parents on their academic research travels. Please don't shorten the summer break by more than two weeks!	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1094	Speaking as family that has two IU employees (parents), it is imperative that we have similar calendars to match my son's school year. I am also a graduate student and so the summer is a natural and fitting time for coordination of not	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM

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only vacations, but also for summer sports, summer camps etc. My son is also special needs: ADD and Aspergers (Autism). Change is hard for him in general. Let's not make changes that could benefit a few and impact the rest. IU is Bloomington's largest employer. Many of our co-workers rely on the summer break as well.

1095	For older children in sports (golf) that require intense summer participation, a new calendar would detrimental to the extra practice and travel opportunities necessary to excel. These opportunities often lead to college scholarships.	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1096	Only change the calendar if there is evidence to support that such a change will benefit the education of the students. After all, that is first and foremost among responsibilities of the school system. All other inconveniences brought about by a change to the school calendar will result in gradual adaptation. In other words, childcare facilities will develop new hours and policies; local employers will adjust hiring policies of temporary employee to be able to hire teenagers on a periodic basis; traditional summer sports and camp providers will alter the times when they provide such opportunities to meet the needs of the community (to retain their customer base); etc. On the other hand, the shool system may need to address if they are adequately equipped in their buildings and vehicles to provide effective and safe comfort for students and staff during what may be some of the hottest months of the summer. As a single working mom of teenagers, I see many benefits to a school calendar with more frequent extended breaks instead of just one extraordinarily long summer break: the monotony that sets in about the 4th or 5th week of summer break can be avoided; the spring and fall festivals can be more easily attended; more opportunity to visit a university during an actual school session to give prospective students a more realistic look at their university choice; and family vacations can be planned during less competitive times for travel resources; While MCCSC may become out of sync with the IU calendar, that would also be true of nearly every other university and would just require adjustment and replanning on the families affected. Meanwhile, continuity of the curriculum can be more easily preserved and students' retainment of concepts learned should improve. Oddly enough, my children support such a change and have prepared essays/speeches for their classes voicing their support. Be bold, be brave and make a change for the better!	Nov 2, 2012 8:55 AM
1097	Focus on students' well-being and learning, rather than convenience.	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM
1098	I strongly wish MCCSC to adopt the non-traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 8:54 AM
1099	I support the change to a balanced calendar, but only if the community was all in on it, so children's activities and camps meshed with break times year-round, and employers worked with the new calendar in scheduling vacation time. And I would like to see the secondary students' school day start 30-60 minutes later than it currently does. I would also like to see the MCCSC focus on community input and discussion as they consider a change that would have a major impact on many families.	Nov 2, 2012 8:53 AM
1100	We are 100% in favor of a nontraditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM
1101	We moved here from FL where my daughter attended a not-traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM

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school. She was not able to attend many summer enrichment activities because she was in school.

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| 1102 | There is absolutely NO WAY my family can do this without reliable, excellent, and affordable child care options during the breaks! I cannot stress this enough. Will MCCSC be talking to some of the providers (Girls Inc., YMCA, Kid City, etc.) to ensure that they will be able to provide care? If so, who will they get to staff their programs? IU students will be too busy with school to work full-time jobs providing child care in a non-traditional time. | Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM |
| 1103 | I am in support of a change in the calendar year. I believe a shortened break over summer to 6 weeks would still allow for vacation time and enrichment time, while not being so long as to inhibit retention of academic material. This change would also allow for longer breaks during the year which I believe benefits students and teachers, which need more frequent breaks, and also allows for greater chances of travel during the school year. | Nov 2, 2012 8:52 AM |
| 1104 | I am definitely for the non-traditional calendar, as long as there is a viable, affordable option for elementary-age child care for those of us who work full-time. I adore the extended day my son attends at Clear Creek - I'd really love to see some type of "Camp" adopted by the school system during these breaks for the young children of working parents. | Nov 2, 2012 8:51 AM |
| 1105 | I think that either calendar will have its benefits and disadvantages. Living in a college town I would really like for my kids to still be able to be involved in all the summer programs I.U. offers. I also think that before this decision is made someone needs to look very carefully into the childcare, camps, and other affordable arrangements that would be available to working families if the students have more frequent breaks. | Nov 2, 2012 8:51 AM |
| 1106 | I am extremely tired of this school corporation making changes based on students and families that are either low income or struggling academically or behaviorally. My kids don't need a longer school day, they get support from home if needed. My kids deserve a full summer break to visit family, relax, go to summer camp, have a lemonade stand, catch lightning bugs, play jumprope, go swimming and hiking and camping among other things. My children need about zero time to review good manners and appropriate behavior once they return to school whether it was a weekend or 10 weeks. Don't punish my children because some kids take 9 weeks or the whole school year or a lifetime to learn respect, good manners and responsibility. Why are we taking childhood away from American kids? Do we really want kids as young as 5th and 6th studying every night until 10:00 at night like some of the stories I have heard from friends and neighbors who have come from other countries. Comparing test scores in this country to other countries is, at times, apples and oranges. I am pretty sure there are kids in other countries in poverty whose test scores are not even in the statistics while our country teaches ALL children. This type of unnecessary change aimed at the lowest 20% of the student population is exactly why some parents are opting for charter schools and other private schools. I have a big heart and donate my money and time to children and adults in need, but the school corporation needs to find other ways to help those struggling children that don't involve my children going to school longer on a daily basis or in the summer. I am SICK of this. | Nov 2, 2012 8:50 AM |

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1107	In addition to any changes PLEASE discontinue the Wednesday late day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
1108	Please do not change the calendar. I find this option to unstable for children in poverty..... They are more important than Convenience to those who can make this changes easily.....	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
1109	Please strongly consider changing to non-traditional schedule. Kids get bored in the summer.	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM
1110	I am adamantly opposed to changing the school calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
1111	I think it would be really nice for the students to get time off throughtout the year.	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
1112	9 weeks off is too long, by the end of summer everyone is ready to go back to school, parents and kids alike. When august rolls around every year my family has stopped appreciating the joys of summer. It would be amazing to have short 2 week breaks throughout the year to rejuvenate everyone.	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
1113	As a parent planning a trip to Europe with my child and family, it could be very hard to plan that same trip with a new schedule. Other vacations would be harder to plan, too, and may cost more if the breaks are during peak time. Summer camps for the children wouldn't be or may not be possible. Concerning day care/child care when school is not in session, that would probably be an issue no matter when it was. It would be more annoying to have to deal with it sporadically. However, I understand there are benefits to not having a long break. I would think very, very carefully, though, as to when the breaks in the school year are.	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
1114	If it isn't broken (and it works just fine as is) then don't fix it!! Please stop changing things..the late Wednesday is bad enough!	Nov 2, 2012 8:48 AM
1115	I am most concerned about what options might be available in the community for my children to participate in during the breaks that would be affordable, safe, and fun.	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
1116	The calendar needs to be left alone. Kids already have lost time off thru the summer. I truly believe kids need the break thru the summer! Changing this would be ridiculous!	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
1117	I support a year round calendar--wanted to check all the advantages above to the non-traditional calendar. Not only will the kids retain more but they need breaks! The teachers do too. I want well rested students and non burned out teachers--the non- traditional calendar will help with this.	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
1118	Thank you for asking for parent input. Please keep us updated, and please truly consider our input. An explanation of how and why a decision was reached would be much appreciated.	Nov 2, 2012 8:47 AM
1119	We are in support of a non-traditional calendar. Makes more sense for travel plans, for students who do need the stability & resources that the schools can offer, and for better material retention. My kids get bored in the summer, period.	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM

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Even if we do a trip and have activities they are signed up for, they get bored and I see the advantages of a more balanced calendar.

1120	Would recommend kids being out of school during the hottest weeks of the summer (can swim, too hot to use playground equipment)	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
1121	These were good options, but the disadvantage of students retaining less over a long summer and the advantages of more frequent, longer breaks of a non-traditional calendar really go hand in hand. My kids, 5 years apart, are both completely burned out on school by mid April (and kind of stop caring about learning essentially wasting the last month and a half of the school year) and definitely lose some of what they gained during the school year over the summer. I believe giving them more frequent breaks to decompress and shortening the summer break would help them maximize their potential. And it would also be lovely to be able to take a vacation during a season other than summer :)	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
1122	Yes, I did not like the changes on times school starts during the week. Our kids go through a hard time getting sleep anyway because of the work load at night. My child not only has school but she has activities outside of school 4 nights a week and is just run down. Now you all have the bright idea of taking away a restful summer. Bright young minds need rest to keep them bright, they are not machines. all have the bright idea to take away	Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM
1123	Would like to have complete community involvement in making a change to go to a non-traditional calendar. We have resources to support the current calendar. Make sure IU is at the table as they will need to work with their employees in order to allow time off to care for children during times that are not traditional in the IU calendar. All stakeholder representatives need to be at the table. Change can be good if we do it right.	Nov 2, 2012 8:45 AM
1124	I think this would be a positive change! Keeps the students fresh with longer breaks throughout the year, but shorter summer break when they tend to forget everything. Would be fantastic to schedule family vacations during better times of the year (fall/spring).	Nov 2, 2012 8:44 AM
1125	I absolutely believe MCCSC should adopt a year-round/balanced schedule! We had the pleasure of sending our oldest boys (12 and 10 now) to a year-round school in Wilmington, NC in 2005-2009 and it was wonderful in every regard (Codington Elementary). Students AND teachers came back from the 3-week breaks recharged and that translated into immense success. Codington had phenomenal test scores and results and it was clear how beneficial the year round calendar was for students. Also, one of those 3 weeks was reserved for optional "enrichment" program or for extra tutoring to those who needed it. The shorter summer meant kids could move on to new material quicker in the Fall. The fall and spring breaks meant vacations could be taken during the off-season which was a great benefit to families. For those who needed child care during those times with both parents working, the community just naturally developed alternatives to help cover care (the YMCA and other community programs). Loved it! Please consider this here! - Sally Hanchett	Nov 2, 2012 8:44 AM
1126	I'd like to retain the summer break but perhaps shortened to 8 weeks combined	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM

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with a 4-week winter break and week long Fall and Spring breaks. In general, however, I support more school days during the year in total.

1127	I think the traditional summer break is extremely important for children to learn in other ways and other things, to experience new challenges and quality time with family and friends. Please do not take away the much needed summer break. I also feel periods of extended breaks and then switching back to school routines many times throughout the year makes is difficult. I prefer to be in the school routine for a period of time and then summer routine. Too much change is hard especially when you have children at different ages.	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM
1128	I don't know what you're trying to garner from this survey, but only letting the respondents' select one option is too limiting.	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM
1129	Stop trying the latest and greatest new thing that comes up, stick to the basics and teach the children in the time allotted.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
1130	I teach in Brown County, though my girls attend BHSN. I was resistant at first to our "balanced" calendar, but now I LOVE It! The extra time we lost in summer was worth the break in October. We were able to have a physical and mental break after our first 9-week period. It made a big difference in our attitudes! Our semester still end before Christmas...it's great!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
1131	I strongly encourage shorter summer breaks....and more and longer breaks throughout the entire year.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
1132	The extended day data has not been distributed to see if this has been effective. I see no academic benefit to an alternate school calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
1133	I think the more you can keep children doing something consistently the better their chances at retaining what you are trying to teach. That said making kids go to school basically year round with breaks along the way will be a challenge for parents to provide day care when needed and plan vacation time with their children. We as parents dont always know when we will be able to take off each year and having the 3 months in the summer to try and plan something only helps. Take that away and parents I believe will be forced to choice between work and their children.	Nov 2, 2012 8:42 AM
1134	I think it is a great thing to look at and am very interested in MCCSC changing to a system that is more advantageous for our students and not just what works best with IU.	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
1135	The change would definitely be a win, win. The kids would get more breaks, less problems for parents with child care issues, and we dont have to worry about what the kids are retaining what they've learned over the school year. They really dont need that big of a break. My oldest son has an Autism diagnosis, so I know he would greatly benefit from the new change to the school calendar. They've done it this way for years in Europe, I say we do the same. Its just a matter of when anyway, right?	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM
1136	I think we need to be worrying about the content of what our kids are learning and how it is being taught vs. different school calendars.	Nov 2, 2012 8:40 AM

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1137	I hope the MCCSC will, for once, actually listen to public opinion. The early daily start time was shoved down our throats and all we gained was sleep-deprived teenagers (and teachers) and an hour of study hall...	Nov 2, 2012 8:40 AM
1138	I am entirely opposed to this. I can see no advantages, and many disadvantages. The decision should absolutely not be based on sports. South runs on trimesters and students sometimes don't take a subject for 12 weeks at a time; so there can hardly be a problem with students forgetting material, which might be the academic argument. Having to find camps and activities throughout the year instead of only in the summer would be a huge problem, both for the many providers of excellent summer camps in Bloomington, and for the parents. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
1139	Children need a "down time" in the summer, Summer activities will have to be altered and some families will not be able to participate with this sched.	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM
1140	I WOULD NOT WANT THE CHANGE!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
1141	High School really needs to start at 8:30 and go until 4:00. Studies clearly the teenage brain is wired to perform worse in the early morning. Don't let sports guide the school day. We all know it does.	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
1142	Go all year with 2 week breaks. Many families take vacations during the school year (while class is in session) to avoid the summer rush.	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
1143	Leave things alone!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:38 AM
1144	We have one child at the Project School with a balanced schedule, and we love it. I'd like to see the MCCSC go that way.	Nov 2, 2012 8:37 AM
1145	Yes, strongly consider how working families will manage the longer breaks in the middle of the school years. Figuring out child care when you work is a big issue.	Nov 2, 2012 8:37 AM
1146	This is a terrible idea, for all the reasons mentioned in Question #6. It is important to note that the current calendar is NOT aligned with IU's calendar. MCCSC starts 10 days before IU in August and ends over 1 month after IU lets out, in early June. I would be in favor of: 1) Returning to the earlier era of having MCCSC start in late August or just after Labor Day; and 2) Having longer school days during the school year, that is, going until 4:30 or 5:00 pm.	Nov 2, 2012 8:37 AM
1147	I would love to change to a non-traditional calendar. I like the idea of a shorter summer break-which leads to loss of learning retention and boredom! I would also love to be able to travel with my child during "off" season! Thank you-	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
1148	should match the I.U. calendar, since this is a university town, businesses, parents (attending IU), prefer consistency.	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM
1149	Under no circumstances should MCCSC even consider changing to a non-traditional calendar. Kids who need remediation are better served by providing that time in the extended summer months. Childcare is far more difficult to arrange in little short-term bouts. Extended time off is absolutely critical to the mental health, the physical health, and the creative health of children. I have	Nov 2, 2012 8:36 AM

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found that the current school pressures on my own children are so overwhelming that it takes them a full two weeks to relax and become human again in the summer. Shorter breaks will not allow for any of the time off to genuinely rejuvenate the whole person and still allow time for family as well as for pursuing other interests besides the traditional three R's. Plus, changing the calendar will prevent teachers from engaging in quality, extensive continuing education opportunities that enhance learning. Please do not just go with the status quo. Do what is best for children -- a traditional summer off calendar.

1150	I do not think changing the school calendar will do much to improve what the students learn or remember. There are too many other variables to consider. I believe it needs to be what schools do when kids are in school not when they go.	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
1151	This is difficult. My youngest child is now a sophomore in high school, so whatever is adopted will affect him minimally, but the students will probably benefit most from a non-traditional schedule from a retention aspect. I also believe the teachers can definitely spend less time on review.	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
1152	I think the extended school day creates the need for extended breaks throughout the year to break it up more. The kids need to be able to rest their brains and switch to a more "kid-like fun/physical activities" for an extended break (couple/3 weeks) between quarters. Longer than normal 3 day weekends but not long enough to require teachers to re-teach everything. I think this will then allow the kids to be more focused when they return to school. I am all for the non-traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
1153	The problem is not necessarily the school calendar but rather what the time off is used for. Students that squander their summer break and do not engage in meaningful activities seem no more likely to do so with shorter breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 8:34 AM
1154	I really prefer a traditional calendar over non-traditional. The traditional calendar provides children with a long summer break, which they need to rest and rejuvenate. I see the long summer break as a staple of childhood and do not want that taken away from my kids. I do not like the idea of longer breaks during the school year as it is going to interrupt both kids' and parents' schedules. It will also bring additional challenges of finding a childcare for those longer breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 8:33 AM
1155	Best for my child would be two-week mid-semester breaks _and_ a long summer.	Nov 2, 2012 8:33 AM
1156	I strongly oppose "year round" public education. Children should be allowed to enjoy the summer months, engage in new and exciting activities, and learn how to behave during unstructured times. Moreover, for dual-income families, it would be extremely difficult to find childcare sporadically throughout the school year. Many school systems across the country have tried "year round" public education and after a few years went back to the traditional calendar (for example, the Raleigh / Durham / Triangle Park area). Why put people through the pain and misery of that experiment?!	Nov 2, 2012 8:33 AM
1157	I really like the idea of a non-traditional school calendar year. I think the summer break is too extensive and the children lose much of their knowledge and do not continue learning throughout the year.	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM

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1158	Stop messing with the school day/calendar! The longer school day has been difficult enough to deal with! If the break schedule is changed, I will seriously consider home schooling my children.	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
1159	I feel that changing the calendar will not have a positive impact on the kids or families. Child care is difficult enough during the summer, it will be even more difficult with more breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
1160	Don't do it!!!!!!! I want my children to have their entire summer! Do not want them to have thoughts of school year round!	Nov 2, 2012 8:32 AM
1161	The implementation of the non-traditional calendar has our full support!	Nov 2, 2012 8:31 AM
1162	There are many educational opportunities available outside the traditional classroom. Changing to the non-traditional calendar would be a detriment to children being able to take advantage of many of those opportunities. My son has sat through many movies of no educational value over the past 11 years. The calendar change is not the problem or solution.	Nov 2, 2012 8:31 AM
1163	I would like to see a more balanced calendar. 1 week for fall and thanksgiving, 3 weeks winter/Christmas, 2 weeks at spring break. I do believe a shorter summer would be beneficial to student learning. Thank you!	Nov 2, 2012 8:31 AM
1164	I like the idea of more time off for breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 8:30 AM
1165	I think it is a great idea and long overdue. All three of my sons eventually complained about boredom over the summer - after about four to six weeks. I would like to see the breaks spread out over the year - a fall break and maybe, just once, we could have a spring break when it's spring - not winter? And don't kid yourself. We're not aligned with IU except for spring break. IU gets out earlier and goes back later over the winter holidays and they end almost a month before we do in May. Also, in my job I have to take six weeks off over the summer. Unfortunately that is a peak time of year for us athletics-wise and vendors don't postpone billing out of the goodness of their hearts until we all come back. There is serious work to be done over the summer in my present job. And the biggest reason of all? Kids' brains need to be stimulated year-round. They do forget what they've learned when they're off for ten weeks. If other districts are doing it - then extra-curriculars will fall in and make the necessary adjustments.	Nov 2, 2012 8:30 AM
1166	I would truly think, MCCSC, being so closely related to IU, would not want to change the calendar away from being similar to IU.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1167	I have a preference for the non-traditional calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1168	I would like to see summer be no longer than 8 weeks. My kids get bored with anything longer than that. A longer fall and spring break would be really nice for my family...these feel so rushed as they are now.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1169	It would make sense to me if both high schools followed the same schedule/calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM

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1170	Given that IU is a major employer in our community, aligning breaks/vacation with IU is tremendously helpful to working parents. Trying to manage childcare for multiple short breaks is cumbersome and not feasible for many families. In addition, the long summer break is essential for family/rest time.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1171	Being a dual-working family with 4 children, having 2-3 weeks off during the traditional academic year would add a large amount of additional stress. I believe it would be more challenging to get the students re-focused after each break and taking critical learning time out. What type of childcare options would this town be able to provide to all of students affected and who would they hire to provide the childcare/camp opportunities? Also, what about extracurricular activities? Families that have children involved in any after school activities would not be able to leave and go on vacation during those break times.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1172	This is a great idea. Much better than the longer school day. But please give the teachers adequate lead time to adjust their teaching plans. The longer school day seems to allow for remediation time, or in school homework time while increasing the likelihood our students are not getting adequate sleep.	Nov 2, 2012 8:29 AM
1173	While I understand and agree that MCCSC needs to focus on the educational needs of the children in their schools, there is a potential huge impact for families who need care for their children during school breaks. Many families in Monroe County do not have enough vacation time to manage a year round school schedule, and will need to find alternative care for their children, which may have difficulty due to fewer staffing possibilities for camps and programs.	Nov 2, 2012 8:28 AM
1174	I would rather the school year go back to a normalized schedule letting the kids sleep longer in the morning. I want school to start at 8:00 or 8:30 and go longer in the afternoon like it did when I was a kid.	Nov 2, 2012 8:28 AM
1175	I think it is a good idea	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 AM
1176	Traditional calendar years allow time for students to go to camps, and work, or go on family vacations. Students need a long block of time for personal interests and enrichment.	Nov 2, 2012 8:27 AM
1177	A mon traditional calendar is what my sister and her family has in Utah and they really like it. I would too if we can make it work around a work schedule. Kids get so bored during a long summer.	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM
1178	The summer break is important to our family. We take time to visit out-of-state family members and do activities/trips that we are unable to do during the regular school year.	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM
1179	I don't think I can overestimate how difficult managing child care for working parents a new calendar will introduce. By not aligning with the IU calendar, you lose a large pool of people that run summer programs and the like, and they would also not be available to run programs during a two or three week break during the semester that the MCCSC school would have. It's hard enough to find care for the one day here or there let alone for three weeks in the middle of the semester.	Nov 2, 2012 8:26 AM

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1180	Please do NOT go with year round school program!	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1181	no	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1182	I strongly believe adopting a year round calendar is the most advantageous for the students (the most important stakeholder) We need to put our own personal conveniences aside and do what is best for the children. Like any major change, people will adjust eventually, but it would be helpful to create a strategy to assist families of all situations to adjust- if this was developed in advance and presented you could sell a new calendar a lot easier. (you have to answer all the- "Well what am I supposed to do about....vacation, childcare, personal time, etc.)	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1183	while the impact to student income, particularly for college savings, will be highly impacted, especially as higher ed inflation increases at rates far above general inflation, teachers that have summer income opportunities will also be impacted, potentially costing school systems more in employee costs with possibly nominal educational returns.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1184	With 2-3 week break in between terms on a non-traditional will increase that amount of time that is spent reviewing every term rather than just at the beginning of the school year. Students have a difficult time retaining information over long weekends, winter and spring breaks.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1185	I am curious how athletics would be affected with an altered calendar.	Nov 2, 2012 8:25 AM
1186	Starting school early in August really interferes with many summer activities.	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
1187	I am 100% in favor of a non traditional calendar	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
1188	I think having more breaks will not allow the kids to be free to do other things during the summer. We like the way it is now.	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
1189	I am glad that I do not have young children because I feel that childcare would be a nightmare if there are many breaks throughout the school year. My children are in honors classes and they look forward to the long summer break more than just a week at spring break.	Nov 2, 2012 8:24 AM
1190	It seems to work in RBB and other areas so I think it's a good idea. Childcare options in community would be helpful-not sure if B&G Club, YMCA, Parks & Rec or MCCSC could have options available even at a low cost.	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
1191	I prefer the calendar as it is! It's hard enough with Wednesday school schedule! Being off periodically in the year means that I either spend more money on camps for when school is out, because my work schedule can not work around all that time off!	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
1192	Why change summer break. This has worked for years. Why change what isn't broke	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM
1193	This survey does not ask parents for a preference, which seems a bit confusing. I strongly support a balanced calendar with 2 weeks at fall and spring and 3 at winter. The earlier the decision is made, the more effective a transition for	Nov 2, 2012 8:23 AM

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	other agencies in the community will be (such as Boys and Girls Club.)	
1194	I like the idea of changing the calendar to a year-round semester schedule. I think the consistent learning and reinforcement help maintain learning and regular breaks helps kids stay focused.	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1195	I hope this is approved, it would be great for my son!	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1196	I would like to see the calendar stretched out a bit to be more year long-but there should still be a substantial break in the summer (such as all of July) to enable children to enjoy the summer weather and associated activities. Two weeks would not be enough.	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1197	My biggest problem would be not matching IU schedule. Sometimes it's not a problem for me but I know for many co-workers that would be a issue especially if they are 3/4 time it works now that they are off work when the students are out of school.	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1198	I prefer the calendar stay the way it is....traditional. My parents followed this schedule, I followed this schedule, and we all did well in school and enjoyed our summer off to be with family and friends	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1199	MCCSC contains many working families. Making the calendar unaligned with IU will make summer travel and family activities difficult at best. Having extended time off during the academic year will leave big gaps for which children hang out with nothing to do. Also- the impact to the community of shortening summer programs will cause a significant financial impact as well.	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1200	I am very much in favor of a non-traditional calendar. Many concerns about childcare and camps will be met with parks dept. Y etc expanding and adjusting to the requirements of the non-traditional calendar. I saw this happen in Wake County, NC. where we used to live.	Nov 2, 2012 8:22 AM
1201	I urge Bloomington to be one of the only districts to retain some common sense here. Finding child care here and there for a few weeks at a time will present an unnecessary hardship. Extended holiday breaks would be a nightmare. What is a kid supposed to do for an extra week in the dead of winter? Build legos?	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
1202	I prefer this not to happen	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
1203	I personally like the current schedule. It works for my whole family, even my college student!	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
1204	I think the change is a great idea.	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
1205	With the increase in part time work by 1 parent and full work with another parent, I think it makes more sense to allow students consistent learning and activities and enjoy the shorter breaks to relax and be involved in other camps or things. I used to be against the year round schedule, but as my kids get older, I think it would help them academically and provide needed breaks in between a busy school and athletic schedule.	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM
1206	I would not like the non traditional calender and would withdraw our student from	Nov 2, 2012 8:21 AM

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	MCCSC and either home school or enroll in a private school that followed a traditional schedule.	
1207	If you go to non-traditional calendar you might consider a child care program for the break times. I think that is going to be the biggest challenge for parents.	Nov 2, 2012 8:20 AM
1208	Keep the current school calendar --- do not change just because others are and do not change just for change sake.	Nov 2, 2012 8:20 AM
1209	I would LOVE to see MCCSC switch to a more year-round calendar. I have experienced it first hand, and it so much better!	Nov 2, 2012 8:20 AM
1210	Im 100% for adopting a non-traditional calendar!	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
1211	I would agree that the summer break is way to long!!!!	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
1212	I think having a shorter summer break is a wonderful plan!	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
1213	This is not a good idea with the university playing such a major role in our community. Please take this into consideration.	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM
1214	A nontraditional schedule would be a hardship for our international community, many of whom have children in the MCCSC; if the MCCSC schedule did not match the IU schedule, some of our international students might have to leave families back in their home countries--a poor choice	Nov 2, 2012 8:19 AM