

2019-2022 Calendar Survey Comments

#1 concern---TUSD breaks should match UA spring breaks, otherwise, better to have no spring break. Should also respect Jewish holidays such as Rosh Hashanna, Yom Kippur, and Passover.

1. Why is my age and race relevant to this issue? 2. What is the rationale for shortening the fall and Spring break? (In the future, maybe it can be included with the overview (which was helpful). I'd like to know why you want to shorten traditional/customary breaks.

2 changes I would like would be add a Wednesday for Thanksgiving break and take one day off at Christmas break. Also have a few days before Christmas off instead of a few days off after New Years. It would help with travel and/or planning for the holidays. Having Christmas break right before Christmas Eve is too hard.

2 days off for fall break. Then take full week off of thanksgiving.

3 days off got Fall & Spring Breaks? WHY????????? That's ridiculous. Maybe you guys should go in the classrooms and teach while those overworked hardworking teachers get the TRUE Breaks they deserve.

A better calendar would be to do away with Rodeo Days altogether. Give a Friday and Monday, or Thursday and Friday for Fall Break. Put Spring Break right after Easter & do away with Spring Holiday. Or give the Monday after Easter, or Friday & Monday of Easter weekend off. #RedforEdisDEAD

A calendar with an option of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off would be preferable; i.e., Wednesday - Friday off for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a major holiday, and it's difficult to travel, plan, etc. with school held on that Wednesday.

A change in vacation break dates would be extremely disruptive to legal parenting time plans that are in place.

A full week break for fall & spring is good for staff and students to relax and come back prepared to resume learning

A full week for fall and spring break are best. Some districts have a 3 week Fall break which is too much, however 3 days is too little.

A full week of fall break is crucial for RUHS band as well as other fine arts programs to maintain their outstanding levels of performance and high reputation in Arizona.

A is a much better choice!

A is the best for all school years.

A longer summer vacation is not positive for the children's retention of skills from one year to the next. Additionally, it adds a great fiscal burden to the summer that we are able to negate spread over the year.

A lot of these calendars and surveys do not include the pre-K/transition/special education students. It would be nice to have more focused messages for those groups whose schedules differ from the typical classes.

A week for fall and spring break is a hardship for Working parents. I pay over 300 for a week of childcare for two kids. It's not doable.

A week long break for both fall and spring break is important so teachers don't get burnt out.

A week long Fall break allows for sports and band to schedule practice or rehearsal as they get close to their championship or state competitions while still allowing for families to have time off.

Add an option for a 1 week Thanksgiving Break with shorter fall break.

Adjusting the calendar to start on a Monday for all options would be better

Aligning the school calendars with other large school districts in the Tucson area is ideal.

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All of these make no sense other than you get 1 extra day off for Easter.. It should go back to how it was when I was in school, we started on Aug 18th and ended on May19th.. with all of the same breaks.. I dont like the kids Starting so early in August...

All of these options seem fine to me *provided that affordable childcare options continue to be available during breaks*. It would also be great if TUSD's spring break could line up with UA's.

All options have too many days off. All breaks should only be a Friday Mon Tues off. Kids lose too much knowledge with long breaks.

Allowing a full calendar week for fall and spring break makes it easier to plan cover at work and to plan vacations. The partial weeks feel awkward.

Although I do not have a student in the school district, Option "A" matches up with their school districts preposed calendar with matching fall and spring breaks.

Although I have no children in kinder I think starting on a Monday makes for a long week for young children. My kids are older as would be able to handle it but I think starting on Thursday has been the best thing tusd has done. It gives everyone a gradual start to the school year.

Amphi has a good schedule. No grading day. Conferences held 3 days before fall break and report cards handed out then. I would rather start Monday, August 5, skip grading days, and have full week for fall and spring break.

An Aug 1 start makes it impossible for students to finish internships and extracurricular activities abroad or in other states.

An August 1 start makes it very difficult for students to participate in any activities, camps, or internships in any state outside of Arizona. We want our students to be competitive in national college admissions and should not deprive them of these opportunities that exist for students everywhere else. Please balance this with the need for breaks throughout the year.

As a classified support staff I really like the full week off for fall break but its is such a financial hardship to not get paid for that full week. I feel like I am just getting back on my feet from not being paid during the summer and then a full week unpaid and an unpaid grading day is very hard on my family. I vote for less unpaid days off

As a family, we have our vacation times planned out around the way the schedule is now. It's great the way it is.

As a parent and as a stay-at-home mother, I can tell you that my children need and enjoy a full week off during fall break.

As a parent and teacher, I feel strongly that students need a full fall and spring break. Students begin to get sick--emotionally and physically--once the weather changes and the stress and exhaustion of first quarter has set in. With a week off for fall break, students rest and regroup. I have taught at UHS for 18 years and I have 3 kids in TUSD k-6th and I have noticed a significant improvement in student work and health as well as teachers and staff once we started a week of fall break. Teachers use fewer subs, kids miss fewer days. The amount of time kids miss for illness would exceed the amount of time we give for the full week breaks. I believe taking the full fall and spring breaks actually cuts down on the absences from illness and stress for both TUSD faculty, staff and students. The improvement in the health of the whole community is far more important than starting later. I know it can be a hardship for working parents, but in my observation and experience, the benefits for the week long breaks surpass those challenges.

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As a teacher support, I see the need for a fall break week that allows teachers to come back rejuvenated for the challenging second semester which can be challenging for students with holiday stressors.

As a teacher trained in child psychology and pedagogy with the best interests of my students and fellow teachers at heart, I would highly recommend staying on the current schedule of 1-week fall and spring breaks.

As a teacher, I find a full week of Fall Break and Spring Break very important. It gives me time to do a better job of planning for the upcoming quarter. I use my Fall and Spring breaks not only to rejuvenate, but also review and reflect on the past quarter and to use that information to prepare. If it is less than a week, I would still spend my time reviewing/reflecting/planning/preparing, but I would not have much time for resting and rejuvenating.

As a teacher, the week long break during fall and spring really helps.

As a teacher, with all the additional trainings and meetings, etc., now required by TUSD, those full-week holidays in fall and spring are extremely important both for stress reduction, but also for grading and prep -- time for which has been reduced during the active school days.

As an educator and parent, I really appreciate starting the year off on a Thursday for students. I don't want that to change. As well I want the full week off for fall and spring breaks.

As an employee I like the school calendar as in and do not want it to change.

As part of the TUSD staff, it is essential for staff to have breaks during the school year. These breaks provide staff time for well deserved self-care, everything from going on vacation to just taking care of necessary medical appointments, car services, and family needs.

Aside from this, I would opt for a schedule that has school starting later in the summer - I don't understand why it starts so early now...

Asking age & race? why not gender or gender orientation or gender identifying as???? Education system in 21 century run by Baby Boomers? Hire your blood if you wanna get in to young peoples' minds.

At this age, I like the routine of the current schedule.

B is the worst choice, we need Spring Break

B schedule allows families the ability to spend time with their children and not be significantly effected with missing work. We can plan simple vacations or activities for a few days rather than finding a baby sitter for an entire week while we go to work because we can't afford to take an entire week off 2X a year, plus Winter Break. This also helps with the family budget when it comes to hiring out for baby sitters.

Because Fall and Spring breaks are unpaid for less than twelve month employees, they pose extreme financial hardship for me and my family. I would prefer that they be as brief as possible, but will respect the wishes of everyone involved and continue to feel extremely lucky to be part of the Tucson Unified School District.

better to have Fall Break- the energy to set students on the right path in the beginning of the year is exhausting so it is wonderful to have Fall break for refueling.

By October the kids are tired and need a full week off to rest and recover. A long weekend will not be enough. I'm sure if you implement this you will see absence increase. However, shortening the Summer break would get my vote. 6 weeks would be plenty so make spring break longer and then let the schools break up for Summer later. Thanks.

Calendar/agenda teach kids how to be better organized, in addition, they can practice their writing skills.

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Can someone kindly explain what my age, ethnicity and zip code has to do with a district calendar decision? I would like access to the collected data results of this survey.

Can't travel to visit family in 3-4 days. Need entire week off to visit people living in a state we can't reach by car.

Changing our schedules should not even be a topic for discussion.

Classified in the elementary schools need to have the Fall and Spring break paid for like all other classified in the district or at least have not so many days or have it broken up so we don't have a fully week--we do not have summer break paid and we don't have those two weeks for fall and spring break paid--making it very difficult for all of us financially. All classified need to be treated the same!

Consider a later Monday start date earning with a four day T-F fall and spring break with a Monday grading day. Consider also adding the Wednesday before thanksgiving to the break.

Consider a year round schedule, and a 4-day school week.

Consider adding teacher work days into fall and spring break. So on Monday is teacher work day, and Tues thru Friday (4 days) fall/spring break.

Consider allowing Classified Staff Less than 12 mos employees to use their pers/sick/comp time for compensation during Breaks. There appears to be a lack of EQUITY that we work at school sites WITH students, YET Central Ofc may use their pers/sick/comp time during BOTH Breaks.

-Coordination with UA spring break would assist many families -Spring holiday is really Easter holiday - which is kinda uncool (hiding it as a 'spring holiday' + supporting it over holidays from other religious faiths that are already getting shafted by not being released from school) -Why not incorporate the fall break days on Thanksgiving so that everyone can take off the entire week? (people are already taking off Thanksgiving anyway...)

Could surveys always be available via the Intra-net or be links be sent to employees via TTS "Official" email to ensure security? Thank you-

Current calendar serves everyone but ExEd students well and seems to be working smoothly so why change anything, deseg suit? Dump deseg suit TUSD is minority majority district and racial balance is not and never has been a real possible outcome.

Current fall break is too long, and parents do not have such a long break.

Do not want to lose full week off for fall, spring break

Do option A please and thank you.

Do the Spring Break dates align with Tanque Verde and UA? That would be ideal!

Does not specify if this affects early learning centers

don't change it pls

Don't really like the split week times off makes it hard to schedule things

Don't change anything its been the same for yrs .they need a week at fall break

Don't change it! This sounds terrible.

Don't change the calendar

Don't rock the boat. Find something better to spend time and educational funds on. Like education not pointless meetings and time spent on changing vacation dates or names. Geesh

Don't shorten our Fall Break, please! I like having a week! I always go on vacation that week and I don't want it ruined!

Don't take away Rodeo week vacation!! (Thursday, Friday of 2nd week of Rodeo...)

Don't think that long fall break makes any sense, would prefer longer Thanksgiving or spring break.

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During school, the breaks are essential for the students learn. We need an academic break to rest our heads that are constantly working and learning. The teachers also need this break because ty work every hard to grade and prepare lessons every single day. A week is the best option to keep the students happy as well as the teachers need a break.

Easter holiday observance is critical for the Pascua Yaqui community.

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Ethnicity should not be a factor in this survey.

Fall break allows staff and students to plan vacation time in uncrowded settings, as summer and spring destinations tend to be crowded.

Fall break and spring break are good do not take them.

Fall break families enjoy that week as well as teachers

Fall break IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE DONT HAVE ANY OTHER BREAKS IN OCTOBER ??? SO IS SPRING BREAK??? 3 DAYS IS NOT ENOUGH WE ARE TIRED AND IT PROVIDES AN UNDERDTANDABLE END TO THE QUARTER

Fall break is just too long and is really difficult for me as a single working parent. Shorten fall break please.

Fall break needs to be the same...

Fall break should be during Thanksgiving!!! It is ridiculous to travel and only have 2 days off!

Fall break should never be shorten than a week

For employees that are not 12 month should be able to use their PL/SK time if they have it for the days we don't get paid on Fall and Spring breaks. It really puts a hardship on some of us to get by with our financial bills. We did it one year and it out for me.

For families with two working parents, random days off such as the proposed 3 day fall break are a big strain. I'd rather have no such break and start school a week later than what amounts to a 5 day weekend. (also, few alternative care programs run in those tiny breaks, placing even greater burden on families.) Also, May 20 feels like a very early end date. Is it really essential to end before Memorial Day?

For question #3, my child is currently in a preschool program at one of the elementary schools, so I marked K-5 since there was no other option for the pre-k students.

Full week breaks during fall and spring has been nice and has given youth a chance to take a breather and motivates them to continue to work hard.

Full week for at least spring break is appealing. Staff working for grading day on the Monday of spring break in option C would be difficult.

Full week long breaks are needed at the quarter marks. Other successful school districts, such as Vail, have these kinds of breaks with shorter summers that allow kids to retain information more!

Full weeks off are easier to plan for and students get a better break that they look forward to.

Get paid during fall break

Good idea to spread out the spring and fall breaks for both staff and parents.

Good luck and God bless.

Half weeks are counter productive for childeren, teachers and parents. This is the only reason I chose option A across the board.

Hard to find day care

Has the district thought about following Vail District in terms of their calendar?

Have a week off st thanksgiving. 2 days aren't enough— instead of fall break

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Having a full week break from school during the best weather time in Tucson is preferable as it allows time for a "real" breather and a brain break.

Having a full week for fall break allows families to plan vacations and activities. It is a great way to reenergize for the next nine weeks.

having a full week off is a financial hardship for employees who cannot participate in the alternate pay. Bills don't go away

having fall break for 5 days is needed. by October a lot of staff start to stress out.

Having more time off before Christmas, rather than after Christmas makes it easier to keep kids busy. Also starting later in August is better aligned with national school schedules.

Having school start on Thursday is hard. There a good number of people who attend church conferences this week that causes students to be absent.

Having the full week for fall break is what influenced my choice. It provides a nice break for a short vacation.

Having the kids home together for 12 long days twice a year without setters or programs is too long.

Hello

Hey

Holidays are meant for family time and I want more time to spend with my family. My students and their families do need more time to enjoy with their families, too.

Hoping this also benefits the Early learning facilities such Brichta, PLEASE do not leave those children in the limbo we needs the daycare to stay open. We are many families.

Hoping we will continue to push toward year round school, with 8 weeks on, two weeks off, two weeks at winter holiday, several more weeks at summer. Helps with improved reading, writing, math, and test skills (research based).

Hourly employees should get paid vacation days for all district-wide breaks.

I like the week long fall breaks and spring breaks, and school starting around Aug. 6. thanks!

I actually don't like any of these options. We have students in TUSD and Vail school district. We LOVE the year around approach that Vail has (which isn't too far off of these schedule recommendations). Why not have TUSD, Vail, Sunnyside, and any other school districts in the Tucson area model similar school schedules? That would help parents immensely that have children that cross districts.

I agree with shorter summers and longer school with breaks in between.

I already have fall break plans for 2019 using option A!

I am a teacher and do not live in the district.

I am a teacher and think a full week for fall break is best for students and staff. Also starting on a Thursday has worked out really well.

I am a TUSD teacher and parent.

I am also a TUSD staff. the way the calendar is set now is the best option for many at our school. Many parents did not receive this survey.

I am assuming on question 8 that NA stands for not applicable. I chose this because I am of two races above and do not separate one from the other. Also, it does not have any impact on my choice of calendar options.

I am both an employee and a parent and this survey would not let me pick both. I think it is important to be able to be recorded as both.

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I am glad to see that the Monday after the Easter Holiday was considered . I'm happy that, that was one of the options.

I am in favor of a longer school year with longer/more breaks throughout the school year.

I am interested in knowing attendance data for Easter Holiday and start of school year on a Thurs. In order to make an objective decision, attendance data would help. Also, The options would be more comparable with a late start and similar weeks off in March for Spring Break (the two full week options).

I am new to Arizona and as a parent I am happy to have input into the school calendar. This is something new for me and I really appreciate how TUSD involves parents.

I am totally option A for all three school years! :)

I appreciate a full week for Fall and Spring Breaks. A longer summer, even by four or five days, helps no one, especially not our students.

I appreciate the May 20th last day. This gives time for additional professional collaboration time to plan for the next school year.

I appreciate the opportunity to weigh on this. Either B or C would be much preferable to A.

I believe it is crucial to keep Fall Breaks, Winter Breaks, and Spring Breaks in full week configurations; to start some on Thursdays and Fridays through Mondays is an invitation for wide-spread absences before and after the breaks.

I believe it is important for both students and teachers to have a full week break between 1st and second quarter (Fall break) and between 3rd and 4th quarter (Spring Break) in order to recuperate and be able to better transition back into a school schedule refreshed and ready to tackle more content with an open mind and enthusiastic spirit.

I believe keeping the calendar roughly similar to the present one is the best plan for vacation planning and such. Including weekend days as part of holiday breaks, such as fall and spring, hardly seems fair because students always off on weekends. Monday through Friday seems more appropriate for breaks where a 5 day total is calculated.

I believe option B is best because schools starts first day of the week on a Monday. I have been a resident member of Tucson my entire life. I product of TUSD graduated from Pueblo and always hated starting on Thursday.

I believe starting school on Thurs is a mistake bc, unfortunately, many families & students don't come to school that 1st ir 2nd day. They know teachers go over their individual syllabus. Then, on Mon, when these kids DO show up for school, teachers want to begin teaching/reviewing but have MANY students who have to be given the syllabus, who don't know the do's & don't's of their classes, & also don't even have paper, pencils, notebooks, etc. MAYBE, by starting on Mon, less kids will begin the year already stressed & behind!

I believe the calendar for this year is very good. I don't believe there needs to be any changes.

I believe the kids need a full week break and it's easier for us parents to remember.

I believe TUSD should stick wit option A which is what we have be doing since our children started school early a few year ago.

I believe we need to keep Our kid's in a set schedule\ calendar. They need brakes in between study.They as well as Us parent's deserve as much time with one another. School is important and I appreciate the Board for including Us parent's and TUSD family come to a vote.

I choice none of the above. Change school to returning mid August

I consider myself white and Hispanic.

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I direct a Preschool in the TUSD area and try to stay in line with the TUSD calendar to accommodate parents.

I discussed with the children which calendar they preferred and they like having a full week off for Fall and Spring Break opposed to starting school later in August.

I dislike that the students start the school year so early. It disrupted family summer time. The students don't need a full week of Fall break. It's difficult and expensive to find childcare or activities for 1week in October.

I do not believe that age/race or zip code should have anything to do with this

I do not like B or C

I do not like the fact that the calendar for 2021-2022 on each option, a, b, and c have staff and students returning on New Years Day since most families travel around this time.

I do not live within District bounds.

I do not want to start school in July! Please don't let us do that!

I don't agree with the only two days off for thanksgiving break I think kids should have a little more time to spend with their families most kids do travel to see their families so they need more time

I don't have any issues with the current calendar. I'm very thankful I'm able to have child care for my daughter.

I don't like options A, B, and C. School should start in September and end in June instead of May. We should get rid of fall break.

I don't think kids should go back to school on or before January 1st seeing as most places look at that day as a holiday and parents are off anyhow.

I don't believe TUSD did a good job of explaining what the pros and cons would be of each schedule to the district or the student. Parent is left to make assumptions prior to making decision.

I don't feel that we are given a reason why these changes are being considered. I feel that there is missing information that we should be given if we are to make an informed choice about the options. A justification for the sudden thought of making changes would allow me to make a more informed decision than just looking at a few different calendar options. I feel as if I am voting as an uninformed voter, and that doesn't benefit anyone.

I don't know any of the options

I don't really like any of the choices. I don't understand why they don't start after the holiday in September. So it is what it is.

I don't think it is necessary to change the school calendar. It's better to keep it the same.

I don't think there needs to be Spring break and Spring holiday. There just needs to be Spring holiday. Too many breaks sends poor messages to the kids.

I don't think we need to keep changing and going through this every year. Just leave it the way it is.

I don't understand what the changes in options B and A are trying to accomplish. Some background as to why these are being considered would have been helpful. As a parent of a student open enrolled from another district (with another child enrolled outside TUSD), I would love to see all districts make an effort to coordinate their calendars. The vast differences are absurd. Short of that, leave the calendar the way it is. The only minor suggestion I have is to give students the day before Thanksgiving off. It is always a high absence day; just start school one day earlier and stop fighting the mass exodus the day before Thanksgiving.

I don't understand why one has to answer questions 5 and 6 after one has chose Option A.

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I don't understand why option C has only 3 days of Fall Break (for teachers) but the only difference is one extra day around Easter (Monday). Why can't we have 4 days of fall break (5 for students) and the Friday and Monday around Easter off?

I extremely like fall break and spring break so I like they should be kept to 4 days. Additionally, I also think more no school days should be given before Christmas instead of after in order for us to enjoy the season and travel without rush.

I feel like the full week of Fall Break and Spring Break are vital and necessary for teachers, administration, and students to rest, relax and reboot before moving into the new quarter.

I feel not having full weeks will result in more absences.

I feel Option A gives more real breaks spread most evenly throughout the year... spread out in a good way that allows for rejuvenating students and teachers.

I feel students need the extended full week break for the fall. Which is why I choose what is most like the current calendar.

I feel teachers need that full week break. The only exception I would make is a two week fall, 3 week winter, two week spring and 6 weeks summer.

I feel that having the full weeks gives families time to go places. As a teacher I need the full. Week to.

I feel that if employees must take time off during the school year we should be paid for it. It becomes quite difficult to fill in gaps financially. Summertime is not a problem due to the amount of weeks off, it's easy to find part time employment but a full week with no pay during the school year causes hardship.

I feel the first day of school should start on a Monday.

I feel year round school would be better, to me the kids forget everything over the summer and so much time is spent reviewing what they did at the end of the previous school year. Just my opinion.

I go to UHS and *need* a week at the end of the semesters!

I have a permanent custody and visitation agreement with my son's father, who lives in another state. I am ordered by the court to bring my son to his father on Sunday at the beginning of Spring break and pick him up on the Sunday after Spring break. School calendar option B splits Spring break between weeks so that I will have to return to court and change this order. This will cost me about \$2,000 (or more if he fights it). I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to Option B.

I have a strong preference for start date that's closer to the 2nd week of August.

I have **NO** idea what race and age have to do with school calendars. You guys are idiots for asking for opinions and then asking information like race. I hate your admin team more and more with every survey. Get to the point, not your meaningless data.

I have no idea why race has any importance in this survey. That is a terrible practice, and considered data mining for economic gain. Very illegal.

I have one child in the Vail District and another in TUSD. The Vail calendar is far better, in my opinion, and I'm sad it's not even an option to vote on. It could be a great opportunity for interventions. Next year, I will be looking for jobs in Vail, literally for the sole purpose of having my family on the same schedule. I get the hardship it would provide for some families, but I feel TUSD could create programs to assist. If families can figure out one week, then they can figure out two.

I have worked in TUSD for 26 years. The current calendar is by far the best of the three choices. Parents, students, teachers and staff are all re-energized by the full week breaks in the fall and spring.

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I honestly don't care much about the dates so much as your days off match other school districts around town. Having a child in Cat Foot and one in TUSD stinks. It disrupts our family time off and makes it hard to do rewarding trips and activities for our kids hard work.

I just got my tax statement and charging homeowners 147 dollars for your desegregation lawsuit is wrong

I just have one question, is the school staff prepared in case of a stranger with a fire arm walks in to the school's property? Would they know what to do if it ever happens? Thank you.

I just want the calendar to have the same break weeks as the Amphi district, like it is this year.

i just wish that the breaks corresponded with the Waldorf school, but they do not have their calendar out yet for 2 and 3 years down the road.

I like having a full week at Spring and a few days for Easter break. Fall three days is enough

I like having a full week off for fall and spring break!

I like having a long break after each quarter. It is refreshing and something to look forward to, for the educators, students and families.

I like having the full week for both fall & spring breaks, especially when they coincide with the districts from Sierra Vista & Phoenix (family).

I like how the school calendar year was when we were in school. Back in the days...

I like it the way it is

I like our calendar the way it is with no changes

I like plan B the best because as a teacher of a music class that performs every quarter, plan B gives the most equitable distribution of instruction days for each quarter.

I like semesters that are equal in length.

I like starting on a Thursday, but Aug 1 is really early

i like that fall and spring break are sandwiched between two weekends and gives you a continuous break. Having two partial weeks would make it harder for the students and teachers to adjust.

I like that we have a week off for each season (basically), because it gives us a rest even if its a little one

I like the calendar as close to what we have now as possible.

I like the calendar how it is.

I like the calendars that have breaks that split across a weekend: Friday, Monday, Tuesday.

I like the extra day for spring holiday and I like starting school on a Thursday

I like the Friday/ Monday off option for Spring Holiday but I don't want to come back from fall break on a Wednesday. It would be really nice to be able to fit in both a full week of fall break and two days off for spring holiday, maybe change Rodeo days???

I like the idea of shorter breaks at Spring and Fall; better for overall continuity and momentum.

I like the Idea of the students starting school on Monday. I never understood why they would go for 2 days then have a weekend. I wish they would go back to the schedule we had where school ALWAYS started the Tuesday after labor day, and graduation day (last day) was the first Wednesday in June. the good ol' days

I like the late start date but not having 3 days for fall and spring

I like the later start date for school and the slightly shorter breaks during the school year (fall and spring breaks) since student activities are going on at those times. I also like having the days before/after Easter to allow families to have that time together.

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I like the longer fall break, rather than bits and pieces vacations. I like how fall break is at the end of first quarter and gives students time to relax and rejuvenate before school goes into full swing. It should also give teachers the same benefit. For business' that provide child services a week long camp gives employees time to get to know their clients and makes for a better experience for children and camp leaders.

I like the longer Xmas break. I'm all for no full week of fall break as it is not really necessary, let alone sports in high school are still occurring so my son had to be at practices and games that week. If its' a break, there shouldn't be school activities. I'm for just a short break in Oct and March, most people don't do anything anyway. I choose Option C as my second choice as it still gives a spring break for those that like it as spring break is more popular than fall break.

I like the M-F Fall Break to re-energize and regroup. If that's not chosen, I'd rather start on a Thursday to give 2 days to get to know the students and have the weekend to finish setting up the classroom before starting with a full week.

I like the original schedule as far as holidays and breaks. Having the breaks broken up makes it harder to plan vacations and sync up with parents taking time off work.

I like the schedule the way it is, this TUSD should not change the schedule because my opinion should matter.

I like the setup we have now. The fall break is a nice addition for the kids and allows for more family time and vacation options

I like the Spring and Fall breaks being a full week. I also like the Spring Holiday being Friday and Monday especially for those who travel. I wouldn't mind seeing the school year expanded by a day to extend the Spring Holiday by a day.

I like the week off for spring break and having Monday off after Easter.

I like to leave town and travel in the off seasons to spend time with my family out of state, so the week long breaks are a treasured benefit of Option A.

I love going to conferences or learning experiences for the week of Fall Break and Spring Break.

I love our current calendar and hope we retain it! Thanks.

I love the current schedule, as it gives time for children to rest between quarters.

I love the past 3 years having Plan A

I may be reading it incorrectly, but it seems that both options B and C result in a loss of 1 day off? I very much appreciate having a full week off for Fall Break and Spring Break-- it marks a break between the quarters nicely and sets up opportunities for travel, camps, etc. I'm very strongly in favor of maintaining this schedule. I also like the Thursday start at the beginning of the school year; I feel like it gives students a nice short week to begin getting used to their new classroom/environment before immersing themselves in a full week!

I need a break in April. April and May are to long to go without a break.

I need a full week of fall and spring break. It allows me to catch up on sleep and i believe it is better for my mental health. .

I only ranked the 2019-2020 school year because we will not be impacted the other two school years. I like the slightly later start because some college apps are not available until August 1st and this gives them a few extra days to devote to them.

I personally don't think the days of school they are off make a difference in their learning. Days off ate NOT the problem

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I personally feel that starting school on a Thursday makes no sense, and should start on a Monday. I also like having a week off in fall and spring, but I like days being Thursday through Tuesday too. I don't like having 2 days off for Rodeo days as I feel like that promotes animal abuse and we should not support or honor that when we should instead honor the 2 holidays we have to have kids in school.

I personally would like an option where we have a break the entire week of Thanksgiving.

I prefer a week off at fall break. That is my #1 request.

I prefer classes beginning on a Monday. It gives students a whole week to get acclimated and accustomed to the daily schedule and routines. Thank you for including families for this important decisions!

I prefer the full week of fall break more than the full week of spring break but would prefer having both a full week fall and spring break more.

I prefer the full week off for Fall Break.

I prefer to have grading days about 5-6 days before the actual holiday to save time for travel.

I prefer to have more time for family & friend the week prior to Christmas. Instead of into the new year.

I prefer winter break longer and getting out earlier in December to have time to prepare for the holidays. I also prefer starting a little later in August. Overall, these new schedules seem to be better as far as my wishes. Thank you!!!!!!

I rather stay with the current system. My child while not attending TUSD but has similar schedule. My second choice is choice B since we start the school year later. Thank you

I really believe kids should start school on the first that's when rent due and a lot of parents don't have money for school clothing and supplies on the first.

I really feel the full week for fall break and spring break, is good - both for students and employees. It comes just when we are all needing time for rejuvenate.

I really like the current calendar.

I really like the Thursday start date, so I was looking for an option that would start a week later, say Aug. 8, 2019 rather than Aug. 1, 2019. Having both spring break and spring holiday (a holiday of more than 1 day) seems like it will make the spring semester choppy. I chose Option B as my first choice since my main interest is a later start than August 1st!

I really wish spring break could line up with the UofA spring break. We can't ever do anything like travel as the breaks don't line up so my husband works while she's on break and she's in school while he's on break.

I really wish the 2019 school year started a week later so that the Fall week off would be October 14-20 to fit the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles so we can celebrate it. And I would like the 2020 school year to start a week earlier so the fall vacation would land on October 3-10 for the Feast of Tabernacles. I may have to take my child out for those weeks. Just something to consider so we can celebrate the holy days.

I recommend the spring holiday to be Thursday and Friday off instead of Fri. and Mon. Many parents take these days off.

I rly don't care what happens after I graduate

I strongly feel the calendar should keep the full week of fall break.

I strongly prefer option A. The other two are so much less preferable that I would rather not rank them at all.

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I suggest we follow the Vail School Calendar & do year round school with 6 weeks on, 2 weeks off.

I teach at TUSD and have children enrolled in TUSD schools.

I teach kg so its nice to have 2 days with kiddos and a little break, to get pictures taken, class in order, and give kids a break before a full week.

I think a full fall break is needed as a parent and worker of Tusd. I would love the day after Easter off, it is needed for A LOT of families. Thank you.

I think fall break is too long. Just when the kids are getting back to school. There is another break.

I think having week long breaks for fall break and spring break are really important. It gives families time to take vacations without having their children accrue absences. Regardless which plan is chosen if we are going on vacation during the fall or spring break my child will just have to have the absences if the district chooses to shorten the breaks.

I think it benefits the students staying in school, keeps them focused and stimulates the brain. Too much time off is unused energy

I think it is helpful to have the full week fall and spring breaks instead of partial weeks.

I think it works better for students and school staff to start on a Thursday instead of a Monday.

I think it's best for the kids to start school on a Monday rather than have them start and then break for the weekend.

I think our students need more time in the classroom. We need to make sure they are prepared for the future and are able to compete in the world for jobs.

I think Plans C and B are more beneficial, especially for the special needs students (which I have 2 of in school). They need regular schedules and such long breaks often cause them to have concerning setbacks to their behaviors and progress. I think these 2 schedules are phenomenal ideas. Thank you!

I think school should start in a Monday and breaks are perfect specially since we get the extra grading day off. Option B is perfect

I think starting the first week of August is WAY too early! It is so stinking hot! If we must start in August, I would like to see mid August, even at expense of shortening fall and spring breaks and going a bit later into May.

I think that it is important to have a full week off for Fall Break. Staff and students need the break to recharge and prepare for the next quarter. In addition, we start back earlier and earlier each year. As a staff member I receive fewer days off during the summer due to having to return to school earlier in August.

I think that the week long breaks are important for families to have options for planning family vacations.

I think the best option is to keep the calendar the same, Students, Teachers and Staff love having a week off for fall break and spring break. For those of us that still work during those times, it is a great opportunity to get caught up. For a Thursday first day of school start up, it is ideal for food service.

I think the calendar is perfect the way it is.

I think the day after Labor Day is the best date to start a new school year. August weather in Tucson is very uncomfortable which affects student learning.

I think the district needs to explore 4 day school weeks.

I think the fall break should be a week....

i think the planning for option B was very well done

I think the school should take into consideration some parents having to work.

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I think the school year should go back to how it was originally. First day of school should be the day after Labor day and School ends in early June. It is too hot and humid in Arizona for the kids to be at PE and Lunch, and waiting to be picked up after school or take busses in August.

I think the shorter breaks will help the hourly staff financially. Also, having more time in April helps all staff. That is always such a long stretch.

I think the week off for fall break is important because there is so many fun holiday things going on. Good to get in the holiday spirit!

I think we should have Wednesday before Thanksgiving off and Friday and Monday for spring break by adding a two days to the end of the school year.

I think your calendar should be similar to other districts, keeping the full week spring and fall breaks. It makes it easier for families that may have parents working in other districts.

I thought the 2019-2020 calendar was already voted on.

I very very much dislike plan B for our calendar decision

I vote to keep it the same - its working.

i want a two week long winter break

I want my family to be able to go somewhere for more than a long weekend during break.

I wish it were possible for TUSD to have fall and spring break at the same time as CFSD. Having children in 2 different districts with such difference schedules is challenging.

I wish school start in September! I work on the bus and the most of Bus has no AC!

I wish that TUSD would align its calendar with other major districts such as Cat Foothills so that families like mine that have children in both districts can have time off concurrently.

I wish there was a survey for the school start times. A lot of parents work 8:00-5:00 and since kinder my daughter gets dropped off at 7:30 in the morning, I am fortunate there are staff at the school at that hour. Just wish it started earlier.

I wish we could coordinate with other major districts, like AMPHI where we have grandkids...

I wish we would start school on the Tuesday after Labor Day and end in June.

I would actually prefer to have no fall break and extend the summer by one week.

I would appreciate very much if week-long spring breaks could attempt to coincide with University of Arizona spring break. Option C in the first year is the only one that does. Also- I'd prefer if going to a shorter break, that it be all within one week, rather than over a weekend (i.e. Mon-Wed off, rather than Fri/Mon/Tues), as that makes it easier to plan camps, etc for continuous days or for grandparents to come for a shorter period).

I would have liked to see a calendar option with at least the Wednesday before Thanksgiving being a holiday, if not the whole week. There are many absences (students and employees) that could be avoided. Many for traveling.

I would have preferred to vote one year at a time, instead of 3 years at the same time

I would honestly pull my kids from TUSD if option A does not pass. The other options are not suitable for our family.

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I would like TUSD to return Spring break to the days surrounding Easter Sunday. The Pascua Yaqui community is a large part of the student population and this is a very crucial time for our culture and our children. TUSD used to have one Spring break and it was during holy week which is very special and meaningful to our culture. This tribe's tradition has been overlooked in all the recent changes and political changes over the past few years and that should be remedied. The least that TUSD can do is to extend the Spring "holiday" to 4 days to include the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before Easter and the Monday after Easter... And you may shorten Spring break if you must in order to honor and simply respect our Yaqui community, which again, I must add, is a large part of the Tucson community and the TUSD student enrolment.

I would like a choice with a week for Thanksgiving

I would like a week off at Thanksgiving.

I would like for Spring Holiday to have a day off that Monday. This should be put on Option A as well. Students are tired on that Monday back to school or are absent. It only makes sense, Monday was off back then.

I would like information on the UA calendar before decisions are made.

I would like it to stay the same as Marana District. I have kids that attend there.

I would like the schedule to stay as close to what it is now as possible.

I would like the school calendar to stay similar to the current year for child care purposes. I can get coverage for 1 full week but when breaks are broken into 2 partial weeks, childcare is not available.

I would like to follow a calendar similar to Amphi as we have this year as I have a student in TUSD schools and Amphi schools. Following the same schedule or similar schedule has made breaks more convenient for my family.

I would like to have option A as first, second and third choice and have no other choices.

I would like to keep the calendar's exactly as they are now. As a teacher in TUSD, they work perfectly.

I would like to know why the district wants to change the school calendar? Are they adding days to the school year? I like having a full week during fall and spring breaks with my children, and it gives the children a nice break. Instead of two broken weeks of school.

I would like to request that Fall Break continue for a full week, but be moved up by one week. As a teacher who has children in another school district (Vail SD, High School calendar), my time off for Fall Break never coincides with that of my children in the 4+ years that I've worked for TUSD. Thank you for your consideration!

I would like to see a calendar option with fewer days off for fall break and more days off for Thanksgiving break

I would like to see a mid week for winter break and mid week to return in Jan. as an option (still 2 weeks off)

I would like to see more days of near the beginning of the week. Mondays and Tuesdays for example.

I would like to see more options with starting the school year in September like other states and ending in June.

I would like to see TUSD not observe the Rodeo, it's barbaric and promotes cruelty to animals.

I would love a schedule that arranged for more time at Thanksgiving, as 2 days is rather short for people needing to travel. If time were taken away from fall or spring break to give more days at Thanksgiving or Christmas, it would be preferable.

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I would love to see an "option D"- essentially option C with a Monday start date for the first day of school. The only option for a Monday start date has a shorter spring break, which I wouldn't like to see. However, I wouldn't mind fall break being shorter- I think it's too early in the year for such a long break anyway. Is there a way to have a Monday start date, shorter fall break (including grading day) and 1 week spring break?

I would prefer a calendar similar to the Vail district and feel it should be an option.

I would prefer a week fall and spring breaks but start school on 5 or 6th of August not the 1st of August each year. We still have summer activities the beginning of August. We will be missing school next year because of the August 1 start date.

I would prefer if they had fall break around the fourth week in October. Around the 20th. Thanks.

I would prefer no Rodeo and more time off at Thanksgiving

I would prefer the school year to start earlier and end later with a two week fall break and a two week spring break.

I would prefer to start later in August and finish in early June.

I would rather go longer for the year and start school after labor day.

I would rather have more time during Thanksgiving than any of these options. Do away with rodeo days all together and give us a whole week for Thanksgiving.

I would rather have the calendar begin in mid to late August and end in lat May or early June. This aligns more closely to other states and allows for families to gather in August.

I would rather see a full week at thanksgiving than a full week for fall break

I would really like school to start on a Monday again.

I would really like to have the day before Thanksgiving off every year.

I would really love it if you would consider doing year round school. We have considered moving to the Vail district many times, solely because of their year round school schedule. It's too hot to doing anything outdoors here in the summer - why not have the kids in school when they can't be outside??

I would really prefer the 3 day fall break but a full week for spring break.

I would really prefer to vote a for all 3 choices. Having an Easter break day is a complete waste for anyone who isn't Christian. It is a great waste. You consider no other religious group ever... so why do Christians get every one of their holidays? How about no religious holidays off period? Everyone can do their own thing.

I would strongly prefer to start later in August and to have TUSD's spring break overlap as much as possible with the University of Arizona's spring break.

I would support a longer thanksgiving break and less of a "Spring holiday" this is usually for Good friday which is a religious holiday and I DO NOT support that. Also, I feel that school should start on a Monday, not Thursday thank you

I would very much like to see another two days added to Thanksgiving.

I would vote for a calendar with a week for Thanksgiving.

I wouldveven prefer longer breaks in the fall and spring and additional days for Easter.

I'd like to see an option that provides Mon - Fri off the week of Thanksgiving

I'd prefer a shorter fall break but would like to preserve a full week of spring break. Thank you.

Ideally, for planning purposes, it would be very helpful to have the calendar revised and finalized one year prior to ending of the current calendar.

If it were doable, I would not be opposed to first day of school start on August 8, 2019 for option A for 2019-2020...

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If it's not broke, quit trying to fix it.

If possible can Spring Holiday be scheduled for April 19 to 23rd. This will help when students need to be out during these days.

If school breaks match with UA break, it's the best!

If the last day doesn't go back to a Wednesday, I'll be looking for a different job

If the school schedule is different from the other districts it would be more convenient for those parents or guardian that work. So parents and guardians are not requesting the same time off. It would give more flexibility in the workplace.

if there were less benchmark testing days, only pre testing and semester finals and the standard ACT tests, use of powerschool for continually grading, use of mastery manager for data keeping and testing there would be no need for grading days and more time spent teaching and preparing students for graduation, ACTs type tests and college.

If there's less days for breaks such as fall break, then give us a few more days in summer.

If you could also REMOVE RODEO BREAK would be great. My husband and I do not have rodeo break, spring break or fall break where we work, so every time our kids have these breaks we have to pay daycare because we work. I'm fine with spring break, but seriously rodeo break is just ridiculous, and kids are just starting school in August, and then get 6 days off school in October?? after spending two and a half months vacation during the summer I don't see the point to have another break in October Thanks

I'm a third grade teacher and two weeks off for Spring Break is too much right before testing. As it is, parents take their kids out whenever anyway. I don't think it's the best idea. I send home optional packets of work, and not even 1/2 complete and return it. Thanks for asking.

I'm always wondering why you can't add two more days of vacation to Thanksgiving holiday? You can accommodate

I'm an old-school TUSD graduate, and we always started after Labor Day. With so much of the country still on that schedule, it seems worth considering going back to that. Also, fall break is too long and happens too soon after the start of school. I find my kids have a hard time adjusting. Maybe just a few days rather than an entire week in October would be a better option.

I'm curious why age and zip code were needed in this survey?

I'm not so sure it's good for students to have the extended breaks. It feels like the first week of school three additional times throughout the year--every time there is a long break.

In every case, I prefer to have 'whole week' blocks of vacation time. I would never prefer to have a Fall Break include a regular weekend.

In general, We would prefer a mid aug start with a later end of the school year.

In my opinion the school year starts too early. I would like to see it start like years ago towards the end of August or at least the middle of August.

In my opinion, Option A regards the best utility of calendar time for each year represented. Teachers and students benefit from a schedule that highly regards their well earned vacation time which is neither too much time off nor too sparse and crammed into an already full agenda. Time off helps us all assimilate knowledge.

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In my opinion, Options B and C are not academically sound. The three-day school weeks (book-ended by weekends and center-punched by five days off) suggest two short "wasted" academic weeks and no opportunity for real rest or vacations. Option C is better than Option B because it preserves one of those longer breaks. The best choice is Option A which has a full week off between weekends in the fall and spring which allows families to go on vacation and kids to return fully refreshed and this option does not create two short academically challenging weeks. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

In the future, can we take a day from fall break and add it to the Thanksgiving break? The same for Christmas. For people travyfor the holidays, having to work on the 23rd of December is just impossible.

In truth I do not like option B and C but you do not provide an option to reject them. Another option could be, instead of having a fall brake, add one week to Christmas holiday and leave the 2nd semester unchanged. Thank you

Instead of fall break, make Thanksgiving break a week long so families have time to travel and visit. Also consider extending the day to 8 hours and no homework sent home. And cutting some extra days to make summer a little longer. Such as starting after Labor Day.

Instead of sending three similar schedules that essentially don't make a difference, why not think outside of the box and give us three extremely different options. With the push for a good work life balance on the rise, don't you think it is time for our children to have that flexibility?

instruction should be provided if teachers red for ed again

Interscholastics do not adhere to breaks. HS student athletes still practice and compete so fall and spring breaks are practice/game time.

it hard to break this but still I enjoy my classic time off.

It is a lot easier schedule and vacation wise to be able to do a week on fall and in spring. Please bear that in mind when creating the calendar. It allows families to have a more varied time with their children.

It is good to start a little after August 1, but it is better to have also a whole week of fall break and spring break.

It is great to have a full week for Fall Break after all the work it takes to get children settled into a routine at school. Plus many vacation destinations are not as crowded and not as expensive which is quite a bonus for teachers!!!

It is important that TUSD students should have school on Indigenous Peoples' Day that way it could be a day of learning and understanding the importance of the people who were the first to call this land home. If Indigenous Peoples' Day takes place during Fall Break, this day will be overlooked by many students and teachers within TUSD. The TUSD Governing Board passed and adopted the Indigenous Peoples' Day (second Monday of October) on Oct. 3, 2018. It is time that we start acknowledging this and teaching our students.

It is only fair to allow 9, 10 & 10.5 employees to be able to use their personal, comp time like 12 mo employees are allowed to do. What's w/the personal questions. Unnecessary!

It is only fair to allow 9, 10 & 10.5 month employees access to use their personal time off for unpaid days.

It is too bad the school year starts so early. It means many national summer opportunities are not available to High School age students.

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It is very hard on students and teachers to come back from summer and complete a full week of school. Why can't we have two days in April. We have sufficient school days. By this time of the year teachers and students need the break for testing. Thank you.

it is very important that we classified all treated the same. It is a hardship to not get paid for fall, spring and summer. Bigger job load and less time.

It only makes sense to have a day off after the Spring Holiday. So many parent go camping or out of town and students are tired and its hard for them to return to school after that spring holiday.

It puts Arizona children at a disadvantage when they start the school year in early August because they cannot participate in out of state college readiness activities and camps that extend through the summer

It was difficult to remember the options and choose at the same time. The calendar should have been in the survey to very and then vote.

It will make things a little more difficult for parents to split their kids days off between 2 different weeks. Having Thursday and Friday off on one week and then Monday and Tuesday off from another.

It would be great if the TUSD calendar could be the same as the other Tucson schools. It would be helpful to families if all Tucson schools could be on the same schedule!!

It would be great if you could keep having these calendars to us at least a year in advance. I usually book my vacations a year in advance. For example, next year, I have already booked my vacation with (fingers crossed) that it will align with whatever TUSD picks for fall break. Also, changing fall and spring breaks to less days directly impacts my custodial parenting plan as I get fall break and my ex gets spring. Shortening these will have the impact of him getting a full spring break with the kids, but me getting only four days in the fall.

It would be great to have the spring break line up with UA and/or Pima

It would be great to more align the spring break with UA or PCC spring break .

It would be ideal to coordinate TUSD spring break with the University of Arizona spring break. UA calendar: <https://catalog.arizona.edu/calendar/2018-2019-academic-calendar>

It would be nice if fall break and spring break lined up with the high school students in neighboring districts. Many parents on the edge of the district depend on high school kids for childcare during breaks.

It would be nice if schedules lined up well with other school district break times.

It would be nice if spring break could overlap with U of A spring break as much as possible.

It would be nice if the students were out the week of Thanksgiving instead of having a week for fall break.

it would be nice of the TUSD spring break can be overlap with UA spring break.

It would be nice to get a full week off for Thanksgiving and shorten the fall October Break just so families can get visit other families in other states/countries that are off at the same time..

It would be nice to get a longer Thanksgiving holiday as opposed to two days for a spring holiday that we all know is really an Easter holiday

it would be nice to have a full week off for Thanksgiving to allow for travel, or at least have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off

It would be nice to have an option with the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off.

It would be preferable to have calendars align across districts as many TUSD employees and children in other districts and vice versa.

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It would be really convenient if the spring break aligned with UofAs spring break.

It would be really great if we could have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off. Vail does this and it is very helpful when preparing for the holiday.

It would be so wonderful if the districts in the area could coordinate their breaks so families with children in different districts can be on vacation together. If there any way to align the calendars please?

It would be wonderful if Spring Break for TUSD was the same week that the UofA's is. It makes very little sense that they routinely happen on different weeks since the UofA is the city's largest employer as the lack of overlap means that families needlessly have to scramble to cover child care when many of these same people will be free just a week after.

It would make sense to begin after Labor Day. AC, weather, and out of state travel factors into this suggestion. Forego the fall break.

It's nice having longer blocks of time off for family trips.

Its hard enough to make plans for their breaks. Please leave them basically as they are this year and the last few years.

It's hard to plan vacations with only 3 days break - the week version is preferred!

It's much easier to find childcare for 1 week out of school than it is if they are out of school for days broken up, unless the school provides a care program

It's ridiculous to start students so early in August. The later the start the better.

I've found that each break existing allows students to be more productive in the coming quarters.

Just keep it the same

JUST KEEP THE CALENDAR THE SAME PLEASE!!! THERE IS REALLY NO NEED TO CHANGE IT, ALL THIS WILL DO IS CAUSE CONFUSION AND MAKE IT HARDER ON THE PARENTS BY MAKING US HAVE TO REARRANGE OUR SCHEDULE WHEN WE ARE ALREADY USE TO THE CALENDAR THE WAY IT IS NOW...

Just leave calendar the way it is.

Just leave it the way it is. Some of us plan vacations around the spring and fall breaks

Just leave the school calendar alone. Really? This is how my taxpayer dollars are being spent? Don't you have schools that are failing, and parents who need some stability – knowing what to expect at their children's schools from year to year?

Keep it how it is right now!!

Keep it the same as always

keep it the same!!! and why do we care the age and/or ethnicity???

Keep it the same. Maintain stability.

Keep it the way it is!

Keep the calendar the same. Don't keep changing it. It gets confusing for everyone.

Keep the full week of fall and spring break with school getting out at the end of late may. Basically the current schedule.

Keep the long fall/spring breaks

Kids need the first two days and then the weekend to get back into the groove. Kids need this fall break (so do parents as many MANY trips are planned during fall break - so you will LOSE attendance!) What is with this extended spring holiday? That does not seem important. Please do not change things!

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I like the idea of starting later in the year. Although living outside of TUSD boundaries I am worried about holidays will sync up with Sahuarita USD.

Larger chunks of vacation is always preferable than fewer days, even if school starts earlier and ends a little later. Thank you for asking!

Later School Start Date!!! Ok if school extends into June.

Later starting date is better

Leave all calendars as is. Thanks!

Leave it the same

LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS!!!

Leave our breaks, please. They are greatly, and widely, appreciated throughout all schools and students.

Leave our calendar the way it is.

leave rodeo break ~ rodeo break!!! Changing the name is changing history.

Leave schedule as is - one week for spring break one week for fall break.

Leave the calendar alone.

Leave the schedule the way it is.

Leave things as they are, there are plenty of other issues to deal with.

Less break and more school so parents do pay babysitting too much

Less school

Let's keep it traditional. It's perfect the way it is. Who's idea was this anyway?

life is much easier in our house without the 2 full week spring and fall breaks!

Like the one week fall and spring breaks.

Like to start after Labor day and end the Year in June.

Live on east side but daughter attends Dodge in different area code.

Long breaks during the school year are very difficult for working parents. We would much prefer a longer summer and shorter breaks.

Longer breaks are better.

Longer breaks. Shorter year.

LOVE a week off in fall and spring

Love having full week off for Fall Break. Would be great if Spring Break/Holiday were combined to allow for later school year start date. Or even if just Spring Break was shortened.

Love the break schedules!

Many parents have the dreaded challenge of finding an alternate day care option for these breaks and grading days. I think that whenever possible, grading days should be part of the fall break and spring break (within the same week). I understand teachers and staff would need to work one additional day within the break week but that ONE extra day presents problems with families that need to work and have no one to watch their children. Fall camp and Spring camp programs do not offer an option for the extra day.

Match other districts so it is not a hardship on working families.

Matching up to the vail school district calander would be best for our household. It gives divided families more time together without having to pick a child

May the Force be with you!

Maybe you should prevent kids from walking out every time there is a immigration debate so you would not have to worry about days off.

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Me gustaria que el año escolar iniciara una semana antes y terminara una semana despues parta tener 2 semanas de fall break y 2 semanas de spring break. Gracias!

Minimizing vacation days in Quarter 4 may help students & staff keep focus.

More breaks please! School is too stressful for constant work!

more breaks throughout the year is better and students don't regress as much with a long summer break

More the vacation days the better....always.

Move school start to later in August. Thank you!

My 2nd option is not one listed. I would prefer to have had an option like C but added a Wednesday off at Thanksgiving time.

My age and race have no relevance in this survey.

My child graduates 2020 but the survey required my responses for all years.

My children attend another school district and option A follows their schedule. I have to take less days off work if area districts have similar calendars to ours.

my children desperately need a week long fall break!!!!

My children don't do well with long breaks. I.e. A week long fall break.

my children will be school aged by the times these calendars are in effect, but do not currently attend TUSD schools.

My daughter graduates in 2020, so I don't really have a preference for the subsequent years.

My family and I are grateful for the Fall and Spring Breaks, and the schedule set up, as is. We believe our vote to is for the schedule that best suits our needs.

My graduates in 2020

My kid is graduating this year. However, I wanted to let you know that the inclusion of a Fall break and a longer Spring break, the past few years has been GREAT. I do wish that school began later in August and ended in early June. But that is just because I grew up with school starting in September and ending in mid-June.

My opinion should matter to my school district

My opinion should matter.

my position requires me to work during fall break and spring break, which are unpaid holidays for faculty. I do not even get compensated with my regular pay rate when I do work, so why in the world would I choose to have that many days off at that time? Compensate me at my regular pay and I will be fine with working those days off.

My son will graduate in 2020. I think u should consider a week off over thanksgiving or Wednesday and Monday around Thanksgiving. Consider anything that shortens the hot summers

My sons at UHS feel grateful for the mental break of Fall break. The school work is very rigorous and they need the week break. Thank you for asking for our input.

My TUSD family LOVES having Fall Break that runs M-F. It is the best time in Arizona to camp, and travel.

My wife works part time with no vacation time so a week for fall and spring makes it nice.

my zip code is not on there.

My zip code was not listed in your options-85756

my zip is 85145

need a full week for spring break

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Need to think about Native America students and families during ceremony time. Yaqui Holy Week and Tohono O'odham first week of October. Thanks

Nice teachers my kids love to school

No additional comments

No additional comments in general. The calendar that we have work. I don't see the need of change. All parents and Staff have a system implemented. Works well!

No changes please!

No Comments

No comments

No comments at this time.

No current comment.

No kid wants to start their school year on a monday or have shorter breaks. There's no plus side to plan B

No mention made of the benefits of switching calendar. Why are we reviewing?

No multiple-race options? Kids are mixed, including White and Hispanic (this is 2018!)

No need for a whole week off from school during the fall or spring time if there's not a national holiday during those dates no point in taking a week off.

no need for entire week off during fall or spring there's no national holidays during those times.

no need for rodeo days anymore, no one goes anymore.

No one wants to start on a Monday

No school

No U!!!!!!?

None of these options actually take into account what families really want... a Thanksgiving break that allows for family time outside of Tucson!! It was voted on last year and had an overwhelming majority but obviously didn't suit TUSD.

None of these plans are ideal, starting school on Aug 1st and going back on Jan 1st is absolutely ridiculous.

Not much of a choice between B and C. It would be nice to have more varied options, like 3 weeks for winter break and a shorter summer break.

Not sure what my race or age has to do with my opinion for the calendar school year. Seems unnecessary.

Not sure why my race is important for voting. More options would be nice like eliminating fall break all together.

not sure why public input is requested

Nuestros hijos necesitan descanso, se esfuerzan mucho.

Of the three options, B is preferable. However, none of the calendars are what I would choose. I believe the Fall and Spring breaks should be eliminated completely and the first day of school be later. Go back to having 3 days at Easter (Thursday, Friday, and Monday). If there are going to be 3-day Fall and Spring breaks, I believe Thursday, Friday, and Monday would be better than Friday, Monday, and Tuesday.

One week for fall break does nothing for us. We just took summer vacation so we don't do anything. Having a shorter spring break but still 5 days and an extra long weekend in April is much better for us.

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Only in the option C 2019-2020 does this spring break overlap with UA. Having the same spring break as UA would be great.

Only thing better than option A is year round school with multiple breaks. Go to Vail schedule!!!

Open-Ended Response

Opt A

Option #3 would have been my second choice if school started on a Monday. Why doesn't it start on a Monday? Why does it have to be a Thursday?

Option A allows a more balanced school year.

Option A is the best for everyone.

Option A is the best option because a week in between quarters gives me the rest I need

Option A is the only logical choice. The others will cause issue. You'll lose more kids to charters and other districts than you ready are. You will lose our family without option A.

Option A matches my personal needs.

Option A would be great but add the Monday after Easter as a day off as well. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the day after helps to have off.

Option B accommodates other religious beliefs

Option B and C might offer better flow. As much as I enjoy the week off...it is hard to restart.

Option B and C would require odd childcare schedules from the community, like Kidco, since the fall and spring breaks are in two separate, but not complete weeks.

Option B destroys spring break, 9 days with week end. Many students and staff will call. Please do not do.

Option B interferes with my custody arrangements

Option B is completely impractical and I hate it

Option B is really the only one I would want. The early start forced my daughter to stop going to her summer camp and I find it absurd to start when it is roasting outside and the rest of the country starts a month latter.

Option B is the only one that would not conflict with major minority required religious holidays.

Option B is the worst schedule I've ever seen in my life.

Option B should begin on a Thursday as well. The first two days of school are lost anyway with bus routes and syllabus changes making that next/first full week productive educational learning.

Option C allows for the students to have Friday and Monday Spring Holiday that Monday is always a low attendance day.

Option C is good but I would have much rather had one extra day off for fall break or one extra day off for either spring break or spring holiday and ended school a day later. Days off does not make a difference for 9.50 employees but it does for year round employees.

Option C seems to best fit our family needs

Option C would have been best option if school ended on May 21st and give another day off for Fall Break. Thanks

Options C and B are FAR LESS favorable to our family.

Our breaks better not be cut!!

Our family likes the full week of Spring and Fall breaks... that way we can plan vacation around either weekend of the break. A three day break would be less productive for the teachers having only 2-days in the week and would likely result in students missing those 2 days anyway if their family goes on vacation.

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Our family really enjoys having the full week for fall break because it gives us more time to see our other family members who live out of state.

Our kids benefit from having a full week of down time for Fall break and Spring break. Sometimes we do a family trip and this allows us not to miss school, but mostly they need the time to relax and recharge for the next quarter.

Perhaps eliminating grading day, making it a 1/2 day for kids allows for some time for grades to be completed by staff but also may allow for a later start in August OR earlier release in May. That is 3 days of instruction that I believe can be utilized in a better way allowing for later start date, or additional day at Thanksgiving or earlier end of year date.

Perhaps Option B could be tweaked to include the last Thursday of the last of day of school in May and add back that day to Fall Break.

Plan around the kids not the adults!

Plan C would best fit our life.

Please stop with the half Wednesdays. Why is that even a thing?! What a hardship for families!

Please A

Please adopt a year-round calendar - - - like they have in Vail School District. TUSD's traditional calendar is tied to American agriculture 150 years ago - - - instead of what's best for students now. Thanks.

Please align with Sunnyside school district, as that is where my children attend.

Please choose option A because as a student I value my full week-long breaks. Please do not make fall and spring breaks any shorter than they are. Thank you!

Please choose option A. It is what we are used to, and day care/day camp providers offer programs based on this schedule.

Please consider a calendar that increases winter break to 3 or 4 weeks and shortens summer break. The days are short in the winter and it is nice to have full, lovely weather days to spend at home and with family (instead of leaving in the dark and coming home in the dark). In summer months, the day is so long, I'd rather be at work. Ideally, the LONG break would be from the Monday before Thanksgiving to the week after New Years.

Please consider going to a modified year round schedule like Vail. There's less summer slide and more breaks to prevent burnout. Thank you.

Please consider leaving it the same. It is very necessary to have that week long fall break.

Please consider my opinion when changing the policies since I will be greatly affected by your decisions.

Please consider my vote, my voice matters.

Please do not eliminate fall break and spring break. I would not be able to continue to work for TUSD as my kids have a Vail school schedule

Please DO NOT EVER start us with kids on a Monday. Too rough!

Please do not shorten the fall break. This has become vacation time for many families.

please do not take away the week long breaks, it is a time for school staff to recharge and reset - which is what educators need. This is less of a concern for students who can recharge over a three day weekend but adults need the rest and I see this as being a negative change for potential teachers coming to the district

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Please don't change the schedule I already lose sleep and contemplate walking into the ocean with this schedule I can't have anymore days where I do that. My opinion should matter since I'm a student. Anyways chose wisely.

Please don't shorten my breaks I need as much time as I can get off of school

Please don't ask us to evaluate more than one year at a time. Thank you.

Please don't change it. I am an educator at a charter school and we have finally synced our schedule to TUSD and we want common days off.

Please don't take away a week of fall break. Changes in schedule are really hard for our students with disabilities who need routine. Its easier to take a whole week off than take off a couple days at a time.

Please don't take away my sleep. I've already lost enough of my sanity and life. Also, I would like for school to start later in the day. Thank you.

Please just leave the calendar as it is. I would rather get the week for fall break and spring break than start a couple of days later.

please just start us later in Aug so that our kids can participate in camps and summer programs like the rest of the US students. This was a terrible way to present information. I have an advanced degree, am a native English speaker and I myself almost gave up trying to figure out your presentation. My husband refuses to plow through this information. If you really want out input, please present this in a more digestible format. The options of B and C are too similar. What you wanted to know is do we want a full week in the Fall and Spring. Most people, however, work and cannot get off for 2 full weeks in the school year. Just start us later so that our children have the same opportunities other American kids have.

Please keep as is as families already have plans for the schedule as it has been

Please keep fall and spring break!

Please keep fall break 1 week long.

Please keep Fall Break and Spring Break to 1 week each, and move Fall Break up by a week so that my wife who teaches can have Fall Break with our children, who attend school in Vail. Thank you!

Please keep fall break one week. It is one of the few times we can take a family vacation.

Please keep the breaks.

Please keep the calendar close to those of surrounding districts. It helps to keep life organized when you work for one district and your kids attend another district.

Please keep the Fall/Spring breaks as a full week off for each.

Please keep the same as Marana USD as my kids go there and it's difficult when the schedules are different. All school districts should remain the same schedule in Pima county to keep fluidity between parents, staff and students.

Please keep the schedule as is. It's very convenient for working parents.

Please keep the schedule exactly how it is!

Please keep the schedule the same as 2018-19 - Thank you!

Please keep things the same and kudos to you for asking the opinion of the people who will be affected the most.

Please move spring holiday from Friday to Monday after Easter. High absent rate on Monday. Rest from Easter activities.

Please move spring holiday to Monday after Easter.

Please move the fall break 1-2 weeks earlier, to align with Vail fall break. Consider adding the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the time off schedule.

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Please no year round calender while I attend TUSD, or like ever. ALSO BRING BACK STRAWBERRY MILK!!!!!!!

Please post more information regarding half days or picture or grading days time & dates on the announcement part of school websites.

Please refer to vacations as "Christmas Break" and "Rodeo Vacation" not other political correct names.

Please select Option A.

Please share any additional comments:

Please stop having us vote on this every couple of years. We need consistency instead of disrupting a schedule we're use to.

please stop trying to change fall and spring breaks it's not going to work

Please try to put TUSD spring break on schedule with U of A Spring Break. Thanks!

pls don't take away my fall and spring breaks i'm very depressed and if you make me go to school for any longer than i already have to i won't be very happy

Prefer having the full week with 2 weekends to plan family vacations.

Prefer to keep the same. What about Rodeo break

Really like having a week off for Fall Break

Reducing Fall Break will increase student absences leading up to and after the break.

regardless of if there is or isn't a fall break my kids will be missing that entire week of school. We leave town every year during fall break.

Rodeo Break is very important to me.

School days should not start until past 9 am every day. My first class is at 7, and many of us students lack adequate sleep for success in the short and long term. We do not want school to impact our health, but it does.

School should have a later start date. I was hoping to see that as an option. It's so hot!

School should start in SEPTEMBER, so we can take July and August for Summer Vacation since they are the hottest months in our region and students and us don't have to deal with that extreme kind of weather. Also, the district can SAVE MONEY on electricity, water, etc . THX!

School starts too early in the year.

School to long

Send me things that are IMPORTANT to my child education!!!!

Sending this survey over Fall Break when most staff is not checking emails sends the signal that the district is not really looking for input but wants to be able to state that they did ask for input!!!

Shorter breaks are easier to coordinate with parent work schedules, easier for the kids maintain their daily routines, and gives less opportunity to lose instruction momentum

Shorter Fall & Spring break options are best.

Shorter, more frequent breaks will better serve our students. Also, starting on a Monday will better serve our families.

Should have full week off for Thanksgiving break and do away with fall break.

show results for all the votes that were chosen

SHOW RESULTS OF ALL VOTES

Spring days are valuable time in native cultures within Tucson.

Spring Holiday is completely unnecessary and should be removed. It is a thin veil for celebrating a religious holiday.

Start closer to September or September.

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Start later! School in August is nuts.

Starting school on Thursday is not what I like. Monday makes sense.

Stop changing the calendar! The district has enough to worry about, the LAST thing you should be doing is discussing changing the calendar! THINK!!!!

Stop having families vote on a schedule. Stick to 1 schedule and leave it alone!!!

Stop making so many unnecessary changes. If it isn't broken, then you don't need to fix it.

Stop messing with the school calendar! The kids need the time off between quarters, we've got vacations planned, and the teachers -- the teachers need time to plan, for heaven's sakes! Who cares whether it's called Rodeo break or Southwest Heritage break, or whatever break. Educate our children well, please. Our son's middle school recently lost an absolutely fantastic teacher due to the terrible principal, who's been there for years and no one does anything about her. No one cares what's happening at the schools - but you'll debate names of holidays and mess around with the calendars. Get your priorities straight.

Stop rodeo break.

stop trying to change things

Student absences are high around Easter as many families travel to Mexico to celebrate this holiday. I would have room for potential absences around the holiday by extending time off with both Friday and Monday off.

Student and teachers need a fall break. For younger children provide enrichment programs to support families who would not have care for children during those school days and cannot get off from work

Student is in TUSD preschool, second one coming soon.

Student lose over summer break. Shorten the summers and extend mid-year breaks as much as possible.

Students are most affected by any changes in the school system; please listen to us.

Students forget too much after a long Fall Break!

students need the break after first quarter (a full week of fall break)...families need time to be able to take trips to visit family as well...a full week of fall break and a full week for spring break--please please keep these!

Students need the Monday off after the Spring Holiday.

Students really need a full week for both fall and spring break to relax and unwind. With a shorter break we would probably all be miserable and it would not give us time to unwind and de-stress.

Summer break is too long as it is. I feel it is best to break up the school year into more even and shorter breaks.

Take a day from Spring Break and add the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; so many families travel!

Take away grading day

Teachers and students need a WEEK LONG Fall and Spring Break.

Thank so much for making teachers be part of the decision making process for future calendar school years.

Thank you

thank you

Thank you

Thank you !!

Thank you for ALL you do :)

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Thank you for allowing myself and other parents to give their opinion.

Thank you for allowing the people impacted by this - TUSD families and staff have a vote.

Thank you for asking. We need more opportunities to provide input as a community. We are not well represented on the school board.

Thank you for giving parents an opportunity to provide input! :)

Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Thank you for including me in your survey. Its important to me that i have a voice in my childs eduaction and the 2 weeks for winter would be great!

Thank you for including parents/ others in the academic planning calendars. Wow, after looking at this, our children do have some downtime! While Fall break is 1 week long, I feel its best to shorten Spring Break even more, 3 days Thurs, (Grading Day) Fri, Mon. Parents have varying schedules & for some that would include extra childcare costs.. May be costly for some that don't have extra money, help, support system. This needs to be considered carefully.

Thank you for keeping Rodeo in the schedule! We enjoy the longer breaks for family time and family visits.

Thank you for offering the survey!

Thank you for providing options ahead of time.

Thank you for providing options!

Thank you for requesting feedback. But I wish the options considered even bigger changes, like staring and ending the school year later. Early August is still really hot and wet with AC issues at schools. And early June is just as good an end to the school year as Memorial Day.

Thank you for seeking our input! I am a teacher in the Sunnyside School District and I hope that our academic calendar will align with TUSD's as it has this year.

Thank you for the chance to have Good Friday and the Monday after Easter off. It is unfortunate that these days must be referred to as "Spring Holiday."

Thank you for the opportunity for the feedback. I appreciate the time off we have. It is great way to recharge for our rewarding jobs.

Thank you giving us the opportunity to make a choice.

Thank you TUSD for creating enjoyable learning atmosphere!

Thank you!

Thank you.

Thank you.

thanks

Thanks for asking for our input!

Thanks for asking for our opinion! :)

Thanks for asking us for our input!

Thanks.

that is my home zip code.

The biggest change I would request is to align the spring break with the UA break. There are quite a few UA parents with kids in TUSD and having the breaks line up would be really helpful so we're able to take time off to spend with our kids.

The break after each quarter has proven to be beneficial to both the students and staff. Everyone begins the new quarters refreshed and ready to learn and teach!

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The break from school is more valuable when the break is longer. It allows for families to have a nice long vacation rather than an extended weekend get away.

The breaks between the quarters are a good time to refocus and plan ahead. It feels more coherent to have a well defined break and a new start.

The breaks between the quarters is my favorite by far. It is hard to find a sitter for broken up weeks, it is much easier to find a sitter for a full week rate of pay.

The current district schedule is very effective for student participation and concentration.

The Fall and Spring breaks with the weekends part of these breaks helps with child care costs and also vacation time I or my husband may need to take.

The fall break is a much needed relief from the first quarter. Don't take that away. Same with Spring Break. I've taught 20 years and many years were close to unbearable without a true Spring Break (a full week). When you put a "long weekend" break around Easter, there are way too many date variables to make that viable or truly functional. The few years that Easter happened in late April, it was palpable watching the students check-out for the semester without a true Spring Break. Especially when they see on TV and Social Media everyone else in America enjoying a real Spring Break. it is mentally rough to get through. I just told somebody today that one of the best things TUSD has ever done was to add a true week off for Spring break at the end of the third quarter and also the fall break at the end of 1st quarter.

The full breaks are necessary and helpful for both students and teachers. (In the future, it would be helpful if there was a note clarifying the differences between the three, as it's not easily/readily apparent. Just to say "Option A is a full week of fall and spring breaks, Option B is 5-day weekends for fall and spring breaks, and Option C is a 5-day weekend for fall break and a full week for spring break" would have been helpful.

The full week fall break has been the best improvement to the school calendar in my 18 years in the district.

The full week makes it easier to plan out vacation and time off from work. Do not agree with options B and C

The full week of Fall Break has been a welcome addition to the calendar. Cutting it back would be a shame. I also worked in TUSD for 40 years and just recently retired and always enjoyed the full week of Fall Break.

The full week of fall break is extremely important for teachers. It follows the first quarter of the school year, which is typically the most stressful. It is refreshing to have that full week to recoup.

The full weeks for spring and fall breaks are needed.

The ideal school calendar would have the least amount of days off for working parents. The length of the school day is the first problem and the second is the 30 days a school year that kids have off. It's expensive to cover child care when the kids are not at school. We take vacations in the summer.

The kids and staff need a full week for fall break

The kids AND teachers benefit from a full week of Fall Break. The first quarter is tough, and we all deserve a nice long break!

The kids and teachers work so hard during the school years. They deserve a whole week off for fall and for spring to rejuvenate. The current calendar should be kept.

The kids need a full week off for Fall Break.

The later school starts in the summer, the better for families to enjoy summer vacations and extracurricular camps.

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the later school starts it gives us more time to prepare for the first day of school middle schools and elementary school have to have more time to send records to feeder schools.

The least days of the better, to much time of

The longer breaks work if your kid is older. But not when you are paying for everything for your younger one.

The longer the summer the better. 2 months is not enough.

The one week Fall Break is an important opportunity for staff and students to refresh and renew energy for 2nd quarter. I have found it increases my productivity and clarity of mind for 2nd quarter. Losing it would sad.

The only thing we really consider is any overlap of spring break with the UofA breaks.

The original schedule should not be changed, thus we have more freedom from school. My opinion should matter.

the school hollidays need to line up with affordable childcare options for working families such as Tucson Parks and Recs KIDCO school break programs or Boys and Girls Club programs

The shorter summer break helps students retain what they have learned during the school year. Keep the calendar as is with 1-2 week breaks throughout the school year.

The students and staff perform much better with a full week of Fall Break and a full week of Spring Break. It's an actual break. Half weeks (starting the week on Wednesday) is disruptive to the class schedules and taxing on everyone. Many students go on vacation during the breaks, if the breaks were less than a week chances are they would just be absent during the remaining days of the school week. The same could happen with staff. Please keep the full week spring and fall breaks.

The students need longer breaks not shorter so they can maintain a healthy balance. Please do not choose option c or b .

The Vail school district calendar would be an interesting option

The way it is its fine or go back to having the 2 breaks during the summer that would also be something to consider

The week breaks allow families to go on mini vacations and spend time with their kids. It allowed kids a small break. Plus many daycares charge weekly rates making it more expensive for parents that have to use different daycares than what they use for school days. Please leave it how it is.

The week long fall break and week long spring break between quarters is a nice way for students and teachers to refresh their minds, preparing for a successful next quarter.

The week long fall breaks and spring breaks allow for vacation/travel times. Although I can see it being easier to manage with working parents.

The week-long fall and spring breaks provide much-needed respites during the school year.

There are more benefits with the child keeping a set routine and many of these children have gotten used to the days of as far as holidays. Starting out the school year on a Thursday is a perfect amount of exposure on the first couple days of school. It then gives the kids time to regroup and they know what yo expect the following full week of school.

There are too many "breaks" and/or days off in Fall. It would be better to move some of these days to Spring.

There is no reason for a fall break! It is ridiculous!

There should not be a long period of non-paid days for employees that causes a financial hardship.

Theres no point in changing the schedule for the school year. PEOPLE are used to a week-long fall break.

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There's only a one day difference in the last day of school regardless of the start date, which isn't all that sweet of a prize for exchanging a 10-day break for a 5-day one twice a year. I don't understand who thought this was a good idea. Also, it made no mention of start and end dates for contracted employees, such as teachers.

These all suck. Go back to starting school in September Labor Day, and ending in June right after Memorial Day. It's too hot for kids to be in school in August.

These calendars do not take into any considerations of the Jewish holidays. I am very disappointed that TUSD does not consider various cultures when creating these calendars. For years my children were forced to pick between missing school and spending time with their families for these very important holidays. The MOST important Jewish holidays fall in the the Autumn and the Spring. Please immediately revise these calendars to allow Jewish children the ability to observe these holidays. There are 40,000 Jews in Tucson. Please do not disregard our needs. Here is a list of the important holidays for your convenience: 2019/2020 Monday, September 30-Oct 2: Rosh HaShanah* Wednesday, October 9: Yom Kippur* Thursday, April 9-April 10: Pesach* 2020/2021 Saturday, September 19-Sept 20: Rosh HaShanah* Monday, September 28: Yom Kippur* Sunday, March 28-March 29: Pesach* 2021/2022 Tuesday, September 7-Sept 2: Rosh Hashanah* Thursday, September 16: Yom Kippur* Saturday, April 16: Pesach*

These schedule options are not really that different from each other. Perhaps if TUSD didn't have so many early release and half-days we could have a schedule more on par with other states (i.e., start in early September and end mid-to-late May w/applicable holidays and seasonal breaks). That kind of schedule would also help working adults maximize available work hours and reduce childcare costs.

This calendar will be the best suited choice.

This is confusing way to rank the calendars

This is just a side note, why doesn't TUSD require uniform. I believe it would make every child more equal.

This is ridiculous. There are much bigger issues that you should be dealing with.

This is the second survey I've completed. I had previously made a suggestion that TUSD send out a short survey asking parents whether they prefer the fall break or extension of thanksgiving to more than two days. You would see that people would overwhelmingly prefer the thanksgiving extension.

This is way confusing

Those little breaks are nonsense and make childcare very tricky

Thursday starts work better to acclimate the students to school before a whole week starts.

To stop runny out of school lunch order enough food please

Truthfully, I don't like any of these. I would prefer more time off over Thanksgiving than the "fall break". At least the Wednesday before if not the whole week.

TUSD has no concerns for any student or parent. TUSD is self serving the extent to keep 1010 alive. Why waste my time

TUSD is wasting their time with useless survey's only to fall back on their ignorant choices anyways! Ex: Rodeo Days name to be changed!

TUSD should coincide the fall and spring breaks with the Jewish holidays (specifically Rosh Hashanna, Yom Kippur, and Passover).

TUSD should have less breaks so kids can get more education.

University High school

Want it to line up with susd12

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WAY too many days off school with any of these choices.

We are likely going to remove both children from TUSD due to bullying and lack of requested personal safety protection at Gridley, and enroll them both in the Vail District. My daughter is afraid to go to school and the counselor Ms. Sebold is inattentive and unresponsive to my daughter being physically assaulted.

We did this survey a few months ago but nothing changed. Rodeo break should be eliminated. Thanksgiving should be the full week. These 3 options are ridiculous.

We don't need a week in October then thanksgiving then Xmas. Shorter breaks are better!

We enjoy fall break and spring break. Sometimes we wish spring was around Easter.

We have one child in a TUSD school and two children in the Tanque Verde School District. In addition to that, I am a teacher with TUSD. The most important thing for our family is that TUSD and TVSD are on the same schedule. This year we were able to plan vacations for both fall break and spring break because the kids and I are all off at the same time for both breaks. Also, I think having a week for fall break and a week for spring break (9-10 days in total) is ideal and important so that families can plan visits and vacations.

We like having a full week together in the fall and spring.

We love Fall break and would like to see it remain a full week.

We love the current calendar format!

We love the week long fall and spring break. Students and teachers need some time for a break during the year.
Thank you

We need a full week off for Fall Break.

We need a full week off in fall and spring but we need more lead time prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas for cooking, cleaning, and shopping.

We need a week in October.

WE need more Christmas vacation at the expense of other time off.

We need more hours for preschoolers.

We need to add a day after the Spring Holiday, no matter what option it is(A, B or C) It's hard for student to return back to school a day after the spring Holiday. So many of us go camping, out of town etc. They need that Monday to recoup and rest from the Spring Holiday event.

We need to have a day off, after the Spring Holiday. Many of us go camping or out of town. The students need a day after the Holiday to recover.

We plan our vacation around the week long fall break so it is important to us. We don't want the kids missing any school.

We prefer having a week in the fall for several reasons: more reasonable air fares, less crowds than other times of year and it's a large enough block of time go somewhere at a time other than the holidays or Spring Break.

We really enjoy fall break!

We really like the current schedule with full weeks for both fall and spring breaks.

We really need a full Fall Break for travel plans each year.

We really need those longer breaks as teachers. Please keep the calendar the same.

We really need to shift the calendar to start later in August because when the rest of the country, friends and relatives have time off. However, I don't like doing that at the expense of fall and spring breaks. We should cut off a week of Christmas break.

We should have the week of thanksgiving off and not fall break.

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We should let human resources and other district offices have at least a 3 day weekend for fall break. :)

we would like fall break to coincide with AZGFD junior deer season

What about year round school year?

What does ethnicity have to do with this survey?

What does race have to do with the school calendar?!

What happened to "CONSISTENCY"!! We Have been going on Vacation during the Fall break (in October) with our family for years and have already set up those plans for October 2019. And there is no other OPTION!

What happened to rodeo break???

What makes most sense is year round schooling. long Fall break. Long spring break. Kids forgetting less academic knowledge over the summer. Teachers not having waste instruction hours re-teaching forgotten material.

Whatever is best for our TUSD community is truly what matters. I have no real preference.

When will TUSD ever look at the 4 day school week option?

Where is the option with only two days of fall break and a week at Thanksgiving? I want that option. Kids take the day before Thanksgiving day off anyway. If you want to travel, you need at least the day before off. As much as I like the idea of the day after Easter off, I would rather have the day before Thanksgiving, at least.

Who comes up with these schedules and this survey? There are still much better options if the district wants to change. A better way would be to ask for qualitative comments instead of a forced answer survey

Why are we voting on calendars, when as teachers we can barely get through the day due to lack of support

Why can't the kids start school after Labor Day? It is still hot in August.

Why can't we consider a later start and end date? After Labor Day and extending into June.

Why change something that we've barely just begun. This constant change is why people leave TUSD.

Why change something that works.

Why change what we just changed to???. Parents have just settled in to this.

Why did we not consider an option where we start on a Monday and add extra days to Thanksgiving break?

Why do we have to have 180 school days? let's petition the legislature to end that since there is no evidence that more school days have improved test scores or graduation rates in TUSD.

Why do we have to vote for the next three years instead of just one year at a time? It was confusing but the overview helped.

Why do we not have a three day fall break and a full week off for thanksgiving?

Why do you keep changing calendars?? Switch to year round school!

Why do you need my race to determine a calender???. Also, please listen to students, we are most affected by any changes.

Why does ethnicity matter?

Why does my ethnicity matter? It's a calendar.

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Why has a full week at Thanksgiving never been considered? I'd be all for a short fall break if it meant having a week off at Thanksgiving. A lot of families travel and it's not ideal to take time off or have kids miss school that week.

Why has no one considered the Wednesday before Thanksgiving? I'd be happy to add a day on somewhere else in order to have that Wednesday off. I'm sure with the large number of female teachers, who also are typically the cooks, that having Wednesday would be a relief.

Why is school starting so much earlier? School started usually on the 15 and now the 1-9 of the month?

Why is there no rodeo break?

Why isn't there an option where we start early, have the full week in October and also the extra day for Spring (Fri & Mon)?

Why must we set up all 3 school year calendars instead of voting each year for the current school year calendar?

WHY NOT 3 MONTHS SUMMER VACATION? LIKE IT USE TO BE.

why not a post Labor Day option? LOL

Why not extend the Christmas break instead of all the switching of days in different months? Most businesses shut down and experience a decrease in their activity (except for retail).

Why not have a later start day and full breaks? There is enough educational hours to do so.

Why such an early start date? The first week in August is way too early. Why so many days off during the school year? 4 or 5 day weekends are more than enough for a break. Why have grading days off in addition to the break?

Winter break should end no earlier than Jan1

Wish kids went back to school from winter break January 3rd, instead of the first.

with kids in High School, the week long fall and spring breaks at the semester changes is a must! Please keep schedule A.

Without the full week during both the fall and spring breaks, students and teachers are unable to recuperate from the stress of the preceding quarters, and therefore perform at suboptimal levels. A full week of break allows for the proper recovery and promotes perseverance toward success in the time that follows. With shortened fall and spring breaks, the district would be facing a major setback regarding the achievements of students and teachers alike.

wondering if they could take into consideration for staff to use personal days for the fall or spring break, thank you

Wondering why you don't consider the schedule used in the Rita Ranch area? 6 weeks on, 2 weeks off, year round?

That would make more sense to me as we are no longer an agrarian society.

Would like for spring break to be the week of the Spring Holiday (Holy week).

Would like the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving off, and 4 days at Fall Break. Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday.

Would like to have at least 3 days off at Thanksgiving.

Would like to see a full year schedule with Monday start and half days on the first full week. Would like extra time at Thanks Giving, 4 of July, and New Years.

Would prefer that breaks synch up with Sunnyside and other districts as there are many TUSD residents who teach in other districts. It would be the decent thing to allow them to have the same breaks as their children, as childcare on a teacher's salary can be a financial burden.

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Would really like to see an option with Wednesday, Thursday, Friday off for Thanksgiving. With most of our family out of town, it is almost impossible to travel and get to family for Thanksgiving without missing a day of school with only Thursday and Friday off.

Would the district ever consider beginning the school year after Labor Day (students)?

You better not take brraks away

You need to clean up your district. End the corruption. Spend the money wisely and hire decent teachers and pay them well. My child had three math teachers last year, two history teachers this year already. Changing the calendar around isn't going to make the students any better if you don't start at the district level and clean it up.

You should really thing about doing way with the Rodeo days off. Part of the reason why that was created was no longer necessary other than to have the days off.

Your going to do what you want anyway.

Zip code at school or home. Not clear