

Good morning,

As the beginning of the school year is upon us and the way the safety protocols and numbers due to the global pandemic change daily, I was wondering if revising the school calendar to delay the beginning of the school year by a month has been considered. It seems to me that utilizing time to make the best possible decision for our families, students, and staff needs some serious thought.

I came up with a schedule a few weeks ago that has the first day of school being September 14 and the last day of school being June 30, 2021. All 180 classroom days would be honored as would all school holidays observed. With my proposed schedule, Fall break would be at the end of the first quarter (49 school days) and be the entire Thanksgiving week, November 23- 27. The semester would end February 11, right before our current 4 day weekend to honor President's Day (Second quarter would have 43 school days). We could add an additional day to this break , starting the third quarter on Wednesday, February 17 which would end April 21 (44 school days) with a break from school April 22-23. (The snow day scheduled for April 29th could be moved to April 26 giving the possibility of a 5 day weekend for "Spring Break"). Finally, the fourth quarter would begin April 26 or 27 (depending if the snow day is moved and/or used) and end June 30 (44 school days).

I know this is probably a proposal that needs many approvals in order to go through and probably poses other complications that I'm unaware of, but if we are ever to be able to attend school exactly as we have in the past, this, at the very least, decreases the amount of days utilizing any distance learning or hybrid model by a month.

Thank you for reading and I wish you the best of luck.

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