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## Homedale Jt. School District #370 Four Day Week Parent Survey January 2014

### Summary

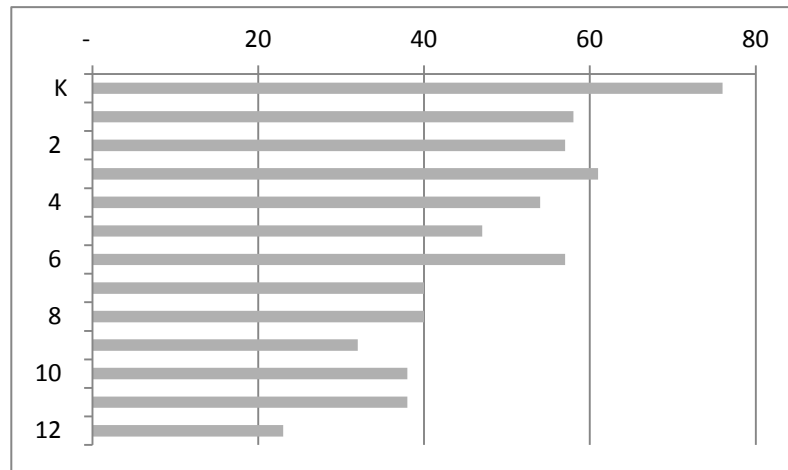
**What grade levels are your children in?**

*Check all that applied*

K	76
1	58
2	57
3	61
4	54
5	47
6	57
7	40
8	40
9	32
10	38
11	38
12	23

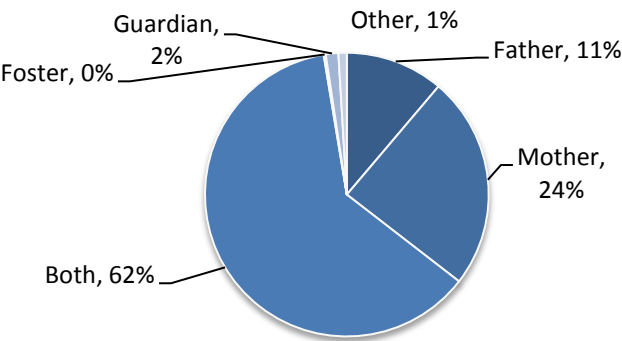
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52%



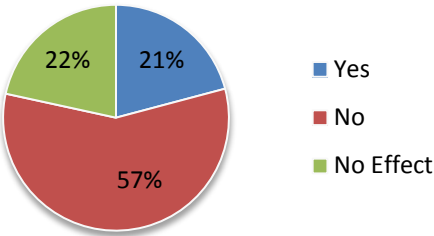
Parent/Guardianship information (with whom the student lives)

Father	47	11%
Mother	102	24%
Both	260	62%
Foster	1	0%
Guardian	6	2%
Other	4	1%
	420	100%



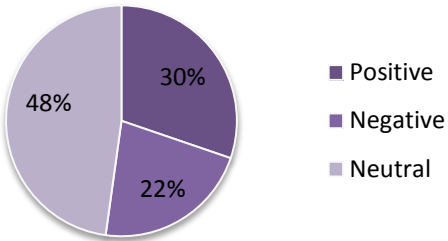
Would a four day week confilct with your work schedule?

Yes	87	21%
No	240	57%
No Effect	90	22%
	417	100%



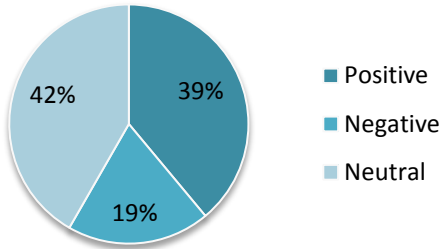
What type of effect will a four day week with longer days have on children in [Grades K-4]?

Positive	124	30%
Negative	90	22%
Neutral	196	48%
	410	100%



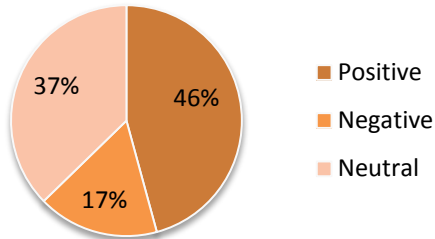
What type of effect will a four day week with longer days have on children in [Grades 5-8]?

Positive	155	39%
Negative	77	19%
Neutral	166	42%
	398	100%



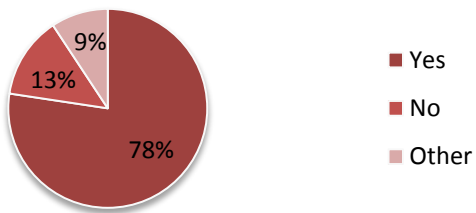
What type of effect will a four day week with longer days have on children in [Grades 9-12]?

Positive	178	46%
Negative	66	17%
Neutral	145	37%
	389	100%



On a four day week I would try to have my child(ren) miss fewer days of school by scheduling all doctors, dentist, and other such appointments on the day off.

Yes	325	78%
No	56	13%
Other	39	9%
	420	100%



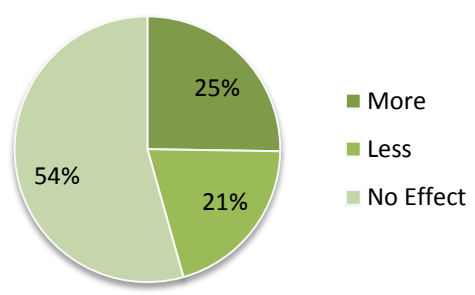
*\*If Other was seleted the parents were given an (optional) area for comment:*  
**Comments have not been altered and are presented as given**

some appts are Not available on fridays  
some offices are closed on fridays  
when needed  
won't affect us  
would try  
you go when you can get in.  
Most dental ortho etching are closed on Fridays anyways  
can't say for certain, depends on availability  
yes, unless no dr.available/open for which is likely  
no, due to a lot of dr. office are closed on fridays  
If ask by the school district I would answer  
work schedule varies  
most dentists are closed on Friday  
or after school  
wouldn't make a difference because I don't have Friday's

Because most doctor's office are closed on friday's  
can't always choose the day  
Can't control when they are sick.  
doctor is closed on Fridays  
I already do  
i already do this with a five day week  
I can schedule afterschool  
orthodontist and dentist  
me.  
if possible  
maybe  
Most doctor's offices are closed on Fridays  
Most places are closed on Fridays. Work schedule being  
conflictive, this wouldn't apply.  
my children rarely miss school.  
My Dr's are closed Friday.  
No because most doctor office or closed on Fridays  
Not anymore than I do now  
Not sure  
other  
our dentist is closed on Friday, and the others have limited

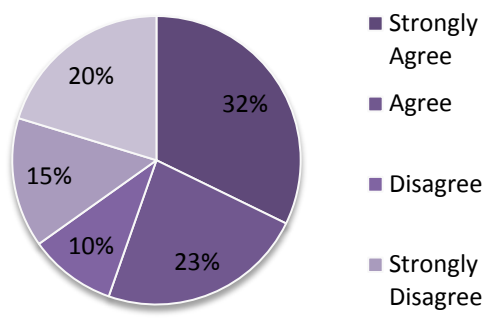
On a four day week schedule, assuming no transportation is provided by the school district, my child(ren) would participate in extra help, enrichment, and extra curricular activities on the off day.

More	104	25%
Less	84	21%
No Effect	224	54%
	412	100%



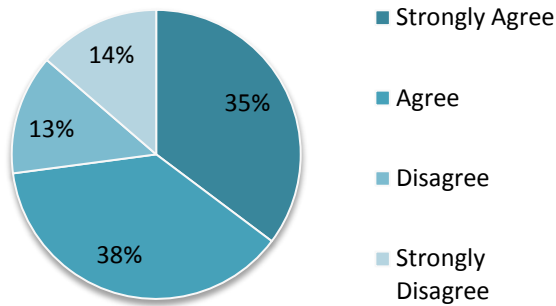
A four day week would be beneficial for me and my family.

Strongly Agree	135	32%
Agree	97	23%
Disagree	41	10%
Strongly Disagree	61	15%
No Effect	85	20%
	419	100%



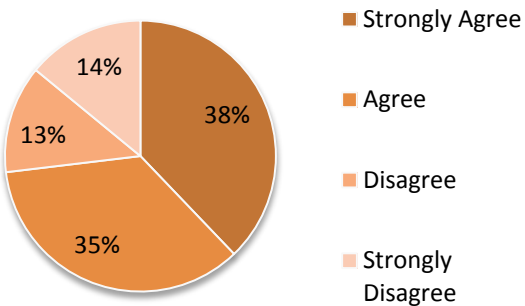
On the basis of what is educationally best for students, I believe the district should consider going to a four day week schedule.

Strongly Agree	147	35%
Agree	157	38%
Disagree	56	13%
Strongly Disagree	57	14%
	417	100%



On the basis of personal preference, I believe the district should consider going to a four day week schedule.

Strongly Agree	159	38%
Agree	148	35%
Disagree	54	13%
Strongly Disagree	59	14%
	420	100%



Additional Comments or Questions: See Separate Sheet

### **Additional Comments or Questions**

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It is already hard enough to get everything done in a day( chores, homework,diner, social izing, family obligations, rest) without trying to cram in a longer day of school, packed with more work.

We think the four day week would be good for students, teachers and families. We have not heard any negative comments about the four day week from other districts that are on a four day week.

my only concern is finding child care in the area on the off day.

It would be beneficial for parents to have anecdotal information about the pros and cons of the 4 day week. Reports from other districts who run a 4 day week should be provided for those wanting the information. If this would truly save our district money, than we are all for it.

It would fit our family due to our business is very busy during the weekends and my kids have to miss Fridays most of the time

also to save money k kids go all day then you dont have bus route passing each other in mid day. i work here in homedale and go home for lunch and see buses all over.

I feel like we have enough children that are left unsupervised, and are constantly in trouble, or would be. Most parents would result in their children k-4 at home with another sibling, or possibly home alone. I think that children also getting up that much earlier. some kids get on the bus or ready for the bus at 7, so you take a 7 or 8 year old and make them get up at 530 or so to have enough time to get ont he bus at what 6? I think in the younger age groups its a horrible Idea. In High school, yes with academics, and sports I feel like a 4 day work week is much more beneficial, but not for kids in k-8.

We both work Fridays

We are looking forward to the 4 day week.

This would be beneficial due to the expense and budget concerns for the district. In that I agree. The additional expense for childcare would be the main concern.

I think the kids would be way too tired during the week since practices, games, and other events would still occuring during the week. Teachers will have to put up with those tired kids. I am also concerned that children who don't have a parent at home during the day. Would they just be home alone, with an opportunity to get into trouble.

I feel additional instructional time per day would not be as efficient as in a five day week. Children's attention spans especially at younger ages are short and I feel that is too much time each day to be in the classroom.

It would throw my work schedule completely off

From some of my kids it would be okay going to school 4 days and a hour longer, for others the day is already long enough. What will be done to keep the kids attention for another hour?

WILL THIS MOVE THE KINDER GARDEN GRADE LEVEL TO AN ALL DAY BASIS? MY OTHER CHILDREN DID AT ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT & I WORKED REALLY WELL. THEY WERE ABLE TO RETAIN MORE THAN SWITCHING OFF DAYS.

concerned with shorter week/more cramming to allow for testing on 4th day not 5th day

The 4-day week would be beneficial if it is educationally best for ALL students - not only those students who have rides for enrichment days, Also, I think it should save the district money to be beneficial.

I think taking an extra day off would hurt my 2nd graders routine. The extra day off would also make it an extra day for children to get into trouble for those parents who do work outside of the home.

Our biological children attended 4 day school and were academically and emotionally sound.

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I believe it will not only negatively effect my children, but all of the children in the district. My children do not participate in the Free/Reduced lunch program, but the children that do will possibly not receive nutrition. This alone, is one strong reason I do not advocate for a four day school week. Proper nutrition is key to brain development and effects one's ability to learn. In additon to this concern, there are many children, my son included , who struggle to sit in a desk and be in a classroom setting for six hours a day. I believe adding an hour to the school day will not benefit these children, and actually create more difficulty for the students and their teachers. I think it would be unconscionable for our school district to only look at the bottom dollar and not consider the responsibility we have to provide quality education and a safe environment for children in our community.

One of my main concerns regarding a change to 4 days would be the impact on kids in sports. Early morning practices are already terribly early and the 5/6th grade kids are already having practices between 7-8:30 pm. in addition to the limited space in the wrestling room means that practices have to be stacked and often run late into the evening; especially for younger kids.

we also have younger children Pre-K, (effect on K-4) maybe tired

Not just K-4, all my kids are tired after school day then they have sports practice. I will schedule appointments when it is good for our family.

Is better 5 day week

(Educationally Best for Students) No Effect

My child wouldn't be home until 5pm. That's not much time after school for the family 7-5 too many hours

No real facts on savings or education only conveniences(?)

More family time:)

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Have you thought about taking Mondays off instead of Friday to correlate with Monday holidays. Then there is n

Yes, Yes, Yes!!!!

[conflict with work] mornings

Have you considered taking Monday off instead of Friday to work with Monday holidays?