Parent Calendar Survey November 2017 Executive Summary

Parents were asked to participate in a survey related to the school calendar during the course of student conferences held at all sites on November 20 & 21, 2017. In all, 468 parents completed survey. Of the respondents, 304 had elementary age students, 171 middle school and 123 had students in high school.

The parents were asked to respond 13 statements using a scale that consisted of the following; strongly disagree, disagree, no preference, agree and strongly agree. The significant findings are below:

- 1. 76.5% agree that knowing the calendar 1-3 years in advance is helpful.
- 2. 68.7% felt it was useful to know the first day of school was the Tuesday prior to Labor Day. Almost 22% had no preference.
- 3. Almost 60% of parents desire to have ten weekdays off in December. 27% had no preference.
- 4. Ending the school year by the second Friday of June was important to over 60% while almost 33% had no preference.
- 5. There was no clear position of which is more important, time off in December or ending the school year earlier in June. 37% of parents felt the time off in December was more important than ending in June (32%). While 30.3% had no preference.
- 6. 66.4% prefer that if there is no school, which it pertains to all grade levels.
- 7. Almost 60% of parents understand the value of late start Mondays. Nearly 30% don't.
- 8. Almost 50% of parents have no preference whether graduation is on the same day from year to year.
- 9. 89.7% of parents feel that conferences are helpful to them.
- 10. Over 89% of parents appreciate the opportunity to have conferences in the evenings.
- 11. Over 70% of parents felt it is helpful to know that school closure days will be made up in June.