

Dear LPSD School Board,

We, the Tanalian School LSAC, would like to recommend keeping the Subsistence Calendar School Year but would like to encourage the Board to add an additional 10 days to the school calendar: 5 regular school days and 5 teacher work and/or professional development days.

We understand the Subsistence Calendar that LPSD operates under has come up for review this year and you, as the Board, have spent many hours deliberating and seeking impute on this topic and what is best for our students moving forward. We value and appreciate your time and, as always, your willingness to seek and allow local input on these matters. As an LSAC, we have spent several meetings discussing this issue and have begun to grasp its complexity and all the factors that need to be considered in setting a school year calendar. We have discussed this with several of our locals, teachers, administrators, and students and have begun to understand the key factors to consider being the effects on student learning, teacher retention, and finances.

Most of the local feedback has been in support of maintaining the Subsistence Calendar. In addition, we understand this calendar is helpful in teacher retention and reducing cost. However, we do think adding in a few additional days will really help alleviate some of the stressful pressure that the short calendar creates, creating a better learning and professional environment for all. We also are uncertain of the full financial ramifications but assume keeping this calendar, with only an addition of 10 days, will keep costs from increasing greatly from the past years.

We are encouraging the Board to consider maintaining the Subsistence Calendar with the addition of 10 days designated for teaching and for workdays because we think it will be a “middle ground” between the Subsistence Calendar and a more typical school calendar, optimizing the pros and minimizing the cons of both.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tanalian LSAC