

Members of the Board:

I'm writing in response to your decision to lengthen the trimester and change the teacher work day. It is very important for the High School to meet their requirements, and I certainly understand and support your decision to lengthen the trimester. I have spoken personally with all the classified employees in our building affected by this change, and 9 out of 11 of them had plans for Feb 22nd; appointments out of town with accountants – going out of town to take care of an ill grandmother – scheduling a son's surgery in order to be home with him longer – just to mention a few. I am wondering if the possibility of extending the trimester, but leaving the teacher work day on Friday, Feb. 22, was considered. I understand it is beneficial for the teachers at the High School to have that day at the very end of the trimester, but it needs to be understood what a hardship that creates for so many employees. I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Thank you,
Ralyn Nelson (Librarian – Paul Elementary)