



Public School Waiver Request

District:	Newport School District
LEA Number:	3403-000
Superintendent:	Jon Bradley
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Date Received by DESE:	

The following documents must be submitted with the waiver request:

1. Board resolution approving the waiver request
2. Evidence of stakeholder involvement, including teachers and student families

- A board resolution was adopted on February 12, 2024 and is included in this request.
- Stakeholder evidence was obtained that indicated agreement with an early start date. Evidence is included in this request.

Waiver Request #1

Topic:	Early Start of School Date
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	A.C.A 6-10-106
Duration Requested:	5 Years
Name of Open-Enrollment Charter Holding the Waiver	Newport School District
Schools, Grades or Classes the Wavier Will Apply To	K-12
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Student Learning Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Innovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Equitable Access to Effective Teachers

- 1. Provide a DETAILED RATIONALE explaining how the waiver will enhance student learning opportunities, promote innovation, or increase equitable access to effective teachers. Include information about the problem or obstacle, if any, the waiver will help the district overcome.**

A waiver of A.C.A 6-10-106 will permit an earlier start of the school year thus allowing more instructional days prior to the achievement-testing window. In addition, the early start will allow for more balanced semesters and the ability to administer semester tests prior to the Christmas break. Semester testing before the break will enhance pacing of standards based instruction. This will benefit students and assist them in receiving needed grade level instruction.

- 2. Provide a detailed explanation of how the services being waived will be provided for students.**

We would like to begin the 24-25 school year the week before August 19, which falls on a Monday. Newport School District would like the flexibility to start the school year sometime between August 12 and 16. The planned start date for the 24-25 year would be August 15. In successive years, we would like to start as many as five instructional days prior to the dates stated in A.C.A 6-10-106. We request a five-year waiver, if possible.

- 3. Provide a detailed explanation of how the district will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver.**

The district will monitor attendance in the early start days. In addition, we will review pacing outcomes, and monitor student achievement.

Newport School District
Board of Education


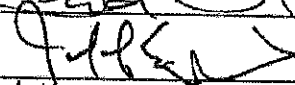


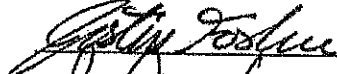

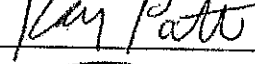

February 12, 2024

Resolution to request early start date waiver from the Department of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Board to set the calendar for the upcoming school year, the Newport School Board of Directors does hereby formally request a waiver from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Whereas the board has taken into account feedback from the faculty, administration, and the community on this specific subject, the Newport Board would request to start the school year for the 2024-2025 school year during the week prior to August 19th, 2024, the date legally allowed as the lawful start date for public schools in Arkansas.

Now, therefore it be resolved to request the early start date waiver from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Heath George, President		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Jeff Sampson, Vice-President		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Monica Visser, Secretary		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Todd Norris, Dispersing Officer		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Justin Foshee		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
LaTonya Anders		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Kay Pate		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Jon Bradley, Superintendent		

FACULTY/A'

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Timestamp	Name	Waiver Request for Early Start Date
2/6/2024 14:56:52	Trey Lore	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:07	Samantha Aitkens	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:24	Jadyn Murphy	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:32	Joey McKnight	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:35	Paula Jones	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:36	Dana Martin	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:08:42	Michelle Heath	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:19	Mike long	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:20	lexi tague	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:25	Melody Harr	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:28	Leah Clark	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:34	Skylar Brock	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:50	Greg W. Osborne	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:09:50	Lisa Hughes	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:10:22	Ashley Varner	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:10:47	Karen Freeman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:11:03	Tammy Rushing	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:11:04	Allison Hicks	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:11:26	Darlene Crawford	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:11:27	Casey Bice	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:12:11	Megan Doyle	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:12:54	Grover Welch	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:12:54	Ashlee Grooms	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:13:08	Lisa Waitton	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:13:26	Nan Gist	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:13:28	Hannah Montgomery	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:13:59	Ambra McDougal	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:14:11	Tammy Runyon	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:14:55	Ashley Ramsey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:15:26	Jessica Redd	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:15:46	Desha Lewis	Yes, I support an early start date.

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2/6/2024 15:17:05	Garrett Shaffer	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:17:08	Nate Tiner	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:17:24	Savana Reynolds	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:18:19	Holley Smith	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:19:25	Leanne Bradley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:19:45	Ashley Burkman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:20:59	Taylor Malone	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:15	Carolyn Bain	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:24	Kristi Miller	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:15	Christal Craft	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:26	Sharleenia Winfrey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:50	Jessica Stone	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:55	Natalie Martin	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:25	Lisa Martin	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:26:28	Chris Wilson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:27:13	Tammy Brown	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:35:12	Brandi Keedy	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:36:43	Brandi Toddy	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:37:38	Jordan Slisher	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:38:44	Brianna Andrews	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:42:29	Misty Burgin	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:51:55	Carol Clark	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:55:03	Melissa Mammay	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:55:37	Jerri Beih Bowen	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:58:43	Teresa Thompson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:00:46	Charles Chaten	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:08:27	Jodie Lucas	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:23:10	Peggy Bailey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:34:12	Barbera Middleton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:39:00	edward jones	Yes, I support an early start date.

Faculty #3

Timestamp	Name	Waiver Request for Early Start Date
2/6/2024 16:40:18	Michelle Burruss	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:06:36	Holly Dabbs	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:11:54	Tabitha Owens	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:19:50	Nathan Bentz	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:01:55	Angie Brooks	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:19:22	Audra Lovelady	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:49:12	Kara Burgin	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:59:32	Pedra Walker	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:12:40	Anna Dollar	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:29:46	Kathy Robison	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 20:07:23	Quinntina Richardson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 22:05:47	Kenyon Miller	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 4:59:18	Viki Dunn	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 6:41:59	Kim Tague	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:02:39	Gwendolyn Pittman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:19:13	Thomas Samaniego	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:22:00	Cheyenne Brooks	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:27:25	Heather Froman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:29:47	Zayna Wooten	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:37:20	Britney Smith	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:50:32	Connor Balentine	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:53:08	Brian Reardon	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:54:26	Chelsea Golden	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:54:52	Alley Edwards	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:56:20	james.gardner	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 7:57:18	Elizabeth Corbit	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:00:32	Joey Hembrey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:06:34	Danielle Bullard	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:08:41	Lauren Simpson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:12:51	Amanda Lassiter	Yes, I support an early start date.

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2/7/2024 8:13:04	Melissa Stokes	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:36:19	Mandy Smith	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:38:24	Ronda Stoner	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:44:13	Michelle Stout	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:45:56	Jim Johnson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 8:51:28	Phyllis McElvaney	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 9:34:25	Sandra Heathscott	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 9:37:53	Nathan McCarville	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 9:40:39	Akaesha Clark	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 9:51:28	Yelda Dean	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 10:14:47	Ami Hopkins	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 11:16:10	Brandi Morse	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 11:22:34	Michelle Mayo	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 11:40:15	clong@newportschools.c	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 12:00:19	Sharon Clark	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 13:03:37	Kristie Williams	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 15:19:28	Elaina Barton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 15:57:26	Jillian McDougal	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/8/2024 9:41:30	Jordan Doyle	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/8/2024 11:54:13	Chalsey Fisher	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/8/2024 12:40:03	Noelle Burley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/9/2024 9:08:45	Nikki Nicholson	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/9/2024 9:13:34	Sandy Wheaton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/9/2024 12:17:04	Mary McElyea	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/9/2024 14:33:18	Kihara Green	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/12/2024 9:52:59	E Boling	Yes, I support an early start date.

Community #1

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2/6/2024 15:14:08	Patricia younger	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:14:17	Crystal Fulmer Whitmire	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:14:53	Ashley Jordan	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:20:16	Skylar Peel	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:20:33	Trevon peel	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:29	Mike long	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:49	Tessa mann	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:53	Kenny whaley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:56	Tracy Murphy	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:21:57	Crystal Daniels	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:05	Kadisha Price	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:07	Emily Newman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:07	Cheyenne Guthrie	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:10	Sarah Cherry	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:11	Candice Long	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:12	Haley Nicholson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:14	Jamie Stanfill	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:14	Ashley Criswell	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:15	Whitney Hayes	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:15	Cheryl Haile	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:16	Brianna Andrews	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:19	Magen Chaten	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:22	Melanie O'Tinger	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:27	Charity Randolph	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:32	Amber Slagley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:32	Yes	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:38	Quinntina Richardson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:39	Nan Gist	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:41	Kay Pate	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:41	Andrea Duncan	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:43	Jantono Jantono	No, I do not support an early start date.

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2/6/2024 15:22:46	Cheryll Luper	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:51	Elizabeth Wilson	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:22:53	Carl Steele	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:03	Shawn Ford	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:03	Natalie Jones	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:05	Thai Spencer	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:06	April Stokes	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:09	Brandi Toddy	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:12	Jasmine Pardiwala	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:13	Emily Loggains	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:23	Natalie Martin	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:27	Nicole Harris	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:44	Christy Hernandez	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:49	Jessica Hensley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:50	Sarah Solis	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:23:55	Ricardo Alfredo Solis	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:07	Sarah Metzger	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:09	Karen Freeman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:10	Laticia Patterson	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:15	Catherine Border	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:17	Emaleigh Gee	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:19	Audra Lovelady	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:20	Sherry Ianier	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:28	Tina Herman	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:32	Yes I support a early star	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:24:36	Hope Fry	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:25:00	Mrs. Smith	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:25:45	Cory Whitmire	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:25:58	Rachel Slier	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:25:59	Tamara Smith	No, I do not support an early start date.

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2/6/2024 15:26:12	Chelsea Slagley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:26:19	Rachel Whisenhunt	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:26:35	Breyona Utley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:26:38	Demetrice Billingsley	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:27:07	Kelsey	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:27:31	Christi smith	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:27:34	Lisa Cochran	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:28:04	Kalif Stone	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:28:38	Sandy Cagle	No, I do not support an early start date. [1]
2/6/2024 15:30:44	15th	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:34:25	Courtney Baker	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:35:17	Savana Reynolds	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:35:25	Dana Ward	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:36:26	Dawn Lucas	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:36:48	Cheryl Caldwell	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:36:56	Kierra Neal	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:37:25	Blake Todd	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:39:49	Maddie	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:40:28	Malia Aziz	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:43:02	Allie Huey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:45:33	Holly Smith	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:47:21	Lauren Sampson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:48:16	Vanessa Hardaway	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:51:59	Bryce Shelton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 15:54:04	What would be the reason	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:19:37	Amy Thaxton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:20:12	Brandon huskey	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:21:22	Chelsie Russell	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:22:17	Madison Henry	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:25:21	Elizabeth Johnson	Yes, I support an early start date.

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Timestamp	Name	Waiver Request for Early Start Date
2/6/2024 16:29:01	Shannon Haigwood	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:31:58	Tonya Haigwood	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:33:31	Isaac Haigwood	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:33:43	Vanessa Smith	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:34:29	Carniff Glenn	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:35:19	Annie Solis	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:35:39	Kristen Smith	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:39:32	April malone	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:40:06	April malone, i think you	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 16:40:36	Tiffannie Cloud	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:07:45	Shiann cook	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:38:06	Julie Allen	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:39:45	Pedra Walker	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 17:44:39	Kanae Ito	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:08:03	Kathy Stafford. Grandmo	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:14:01	BRITTANY	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:27:40	Nichole Carter	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:28:13	Blair Shannon	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:40:48	Hannah Simpson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:41:01	Andy Simpson	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 18:44:59	Mark Ballard	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:03:33	Tiffany	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:14:29	Anna	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:36:48	Nancy George	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 19:40:07	Nicole McCain	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 20:35:04	Dana Howard Beard	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 20:35:23	Quanshonda Stinnett	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 20:35:44	Edward Beard	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/6/2024 21:15:19	Leanna Heisler	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/6/2024 22:23:05	Teresa Risley	Yes, I support an early start date.

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Timestamp	Name	Waiver Request for Early Start Date
2/7/2024 0:12:27	Kelsie	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 4:01:52	Nina Phillips	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 6:12:44	Zandra	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 6:38:22	Olga martinez	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 6:51:17	Jordan Evins	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 12:30:25	Lisa Howerton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/7/2024 13:16:37	Shayna	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 15:24:19	Chris King	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/7/2024 18:23:22	Angie Cissell	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/8/2024 1:39:33	Melissa Critcher	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/8/2024 19:12:07	Lilliana Mitchell	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/8/2024 22:29:19	Samantha Walton	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/9/2024 9:08:22	Nikki Nicholson	No, I do not support an early start date.
2/12/2024 11:09:15	Amie Roddy	Yes, I support an early start date.
2/13/2024 9:12:44	Carol Endicott	No, I do not support an early start date.