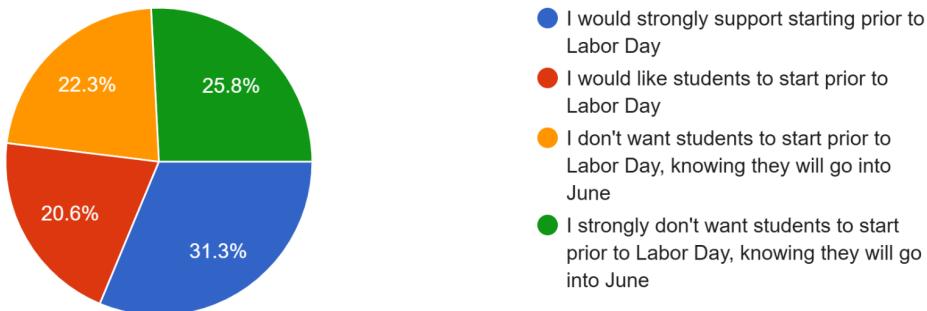


## School Calendar Survey Data:

Community: Community is neutral in starting early at 51.9%

Would you prefer the students start prior to Labor Day for the 26-27 and 27-28 school years?

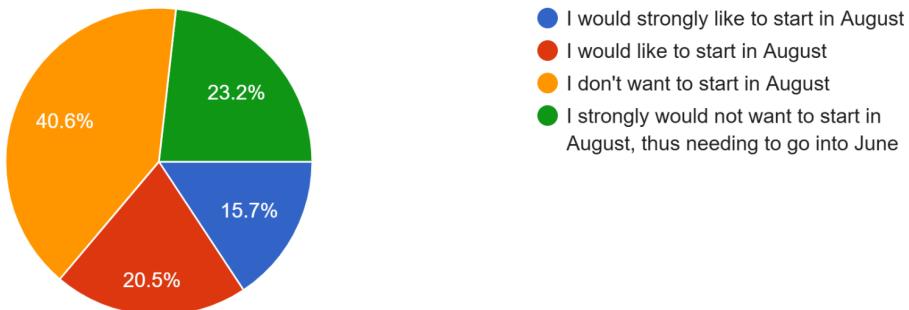
620 responses



Staff: Staff is not in support of starting early with only 36.2

Would you prefer to start student days in late August for the 26-27 and 27-28 school years?

293 responses



Some staff expressed concern with wording of the survey and not knowing that Labor day was so late. They requested a follow-up questionnaire.

Preferred student start day for the 26-27 school year? Early student start would result in staff reporting the week of August 24th.

202 responses

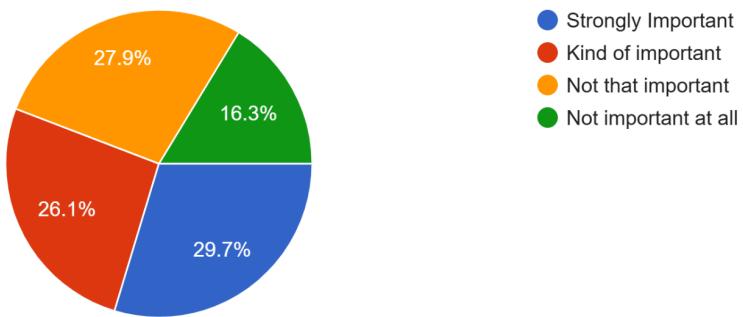


## Ending in May:

Community: Community would like to end in May at 55.8%

How important is it for you to have school end in May? This may reduce breaks during the year.

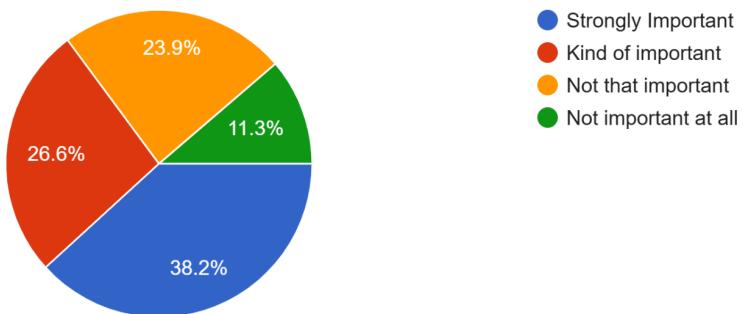
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Staff: There is a strong preference for ending in May at 64.8%

How important is it for you to have school end in May? This would reduce breaks during the year.

293 responses



Breaks:

Week long Thanksgiving Break:

Both groups do not support this with 22.2% of the community and 25.6% of staff kind of or strongly in favor.

Thanksgiving Wednesday as a non-student day:

The staff are highly in support (67.9%) and the community is neutral (47.2%).

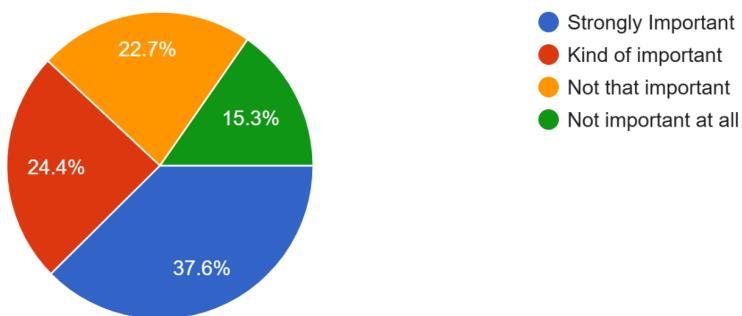
December 23rd:

Both staff (79.8%) and the community (62.0%) prefer to have this as a non-student day.

Community:

In regard to winter break, how important is it to have December 23rd as a non-student day?

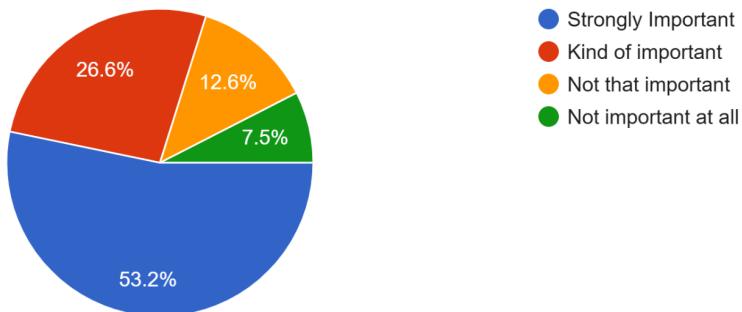
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293 responses



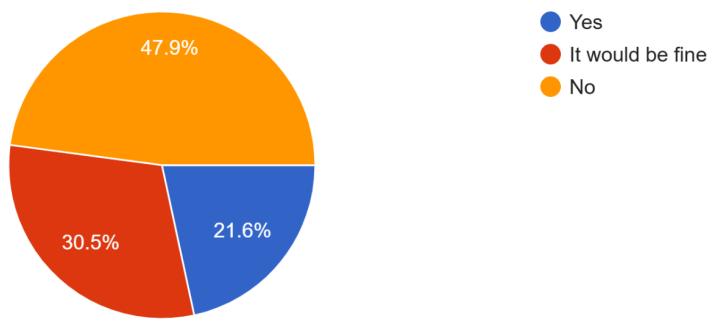
## Weeklong Spring Break:

Neither group has a strong preference to have a full week break.

### Community:

Would you be in favor a having a week long spring break knowing it meant that school would end in June?

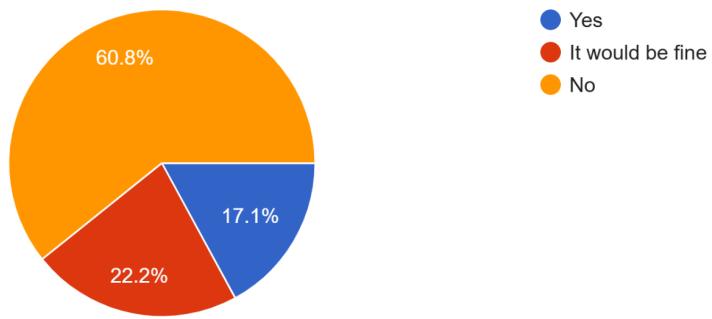
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### Staff:

Would you be in favor a having a week long spring break knowing it meant that school would end in June?

293 responses



## Summary of Comments:

### Recommendations:

- The community is neutral with starting prior to Labor day. The staff were strongly in support after a secondary question was presented.
- Both groups prefer ending school in May when possible.
- A full week off at Thanksgiving is not preferred by either group
- The Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving is preferred to be a non-student day by staff.
- December 23rd has a strong preference to be a no school day by both groups.
- A week-long spring break does not have a strong preference at this time.
- Staff would prefer to start on Tuesday and have the Friday before Labor day off.

### What would make breaks easier for families comments:

- Consistent year to year breaks
- Early notification
- Match the ISD 728 (Elk River) calendar or other boarding districts
- More short breaks (ie Friday and Monday)
- Less short breaks ( Don't call a Friday - Monday a break)
- Align breaks with regular work holidays
- Time off around hunting season
- Stop staggering start dates for different grade levels

### Other Considerations for a calendar:

- 4 day week
- Year round schooling option
- Build a calendar for learning not the adults
- Delay state testing to the back of the testing window to allow for the most time
- Less professional development and more student days
- Add to the length of the student day
- Length of Summer regarding learning slide

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### Proposed Calendars:

- All options meet the state minimum of 1020 hours for high school students
  - We have scheduled 170 student days at 6 hours per day
  - Spring parent conferences would be based on building decisions
- All options would require make-up days if more than 5 weather/e-learning days are needed.
- 26-27 Calendar is not ideal with holidays being closer together
  - 43 consecutive days in April and May
  - We have had weather/e-learning days called in April
- 27-28 Calendar works out well as the holidays are more spread out.