

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR THE WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BOARD AGENDA

Topic: 2026-27 School Calendar

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Date: December 15, 2025

Agenda Reference # 11.4

Recommended Action:

<u> X </u>	Discussion/Action
<u> </u>	Presentation/Discussion
<u> </u>	Information Only
<u> </u>	Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Recommendation(s):

Approve the 2026-27 School Calendar.

Background:

The school calendar is annually approved by the school board for the coming school year.

All staff members and parents were sent a survey with two calendar options for the 2026-2027 school year. The proposed calendars include 173 days of instruction for secondary schools and 170 days for elementary schools allowing the district to meet the required number of instructional hours.

The District continues to have polling locations at several of its secondary schools so the decision was made to schedule professional development on November 3, 2026, February 16, 2027, and April 6, 2027, for the safety of our students. Additionally, there are 3 work days, 10 professional development days for secondary, 13 professional development/planning days for elementary, 1 conference compensation day, and regularly scheduled holidays.

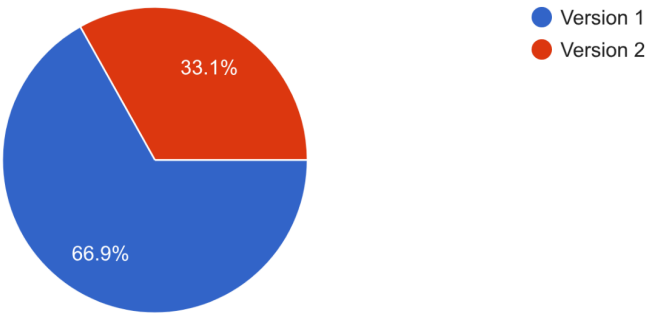
Our survey had 498 responses:

- **Version 1:** Aug. 19-21 New Employee In-Service/Orientation; Aug. 25-28 All Teacher & EA In-Service/Work Time (4 Days); *Newly added:* Aug. 31 - All Teacher & EA Prep Day; Sept. 1 - First Day of School; and June 10 - Last Student Day of School.
 - Winter Break: Dec. 21-Jan. 3
 - Spring Break: March 22-26
 - Extended Memorial Day Weekend: May 28 & 31
- **Version 2:** Aug. 19-21 New Employee In-Service/Orientation; Aug. 25-28 All Teacher & EA In-Service/Work Time (4 Days); *Newly added:* Aug. 31 - All Teacher & EA Prep Day; Sept. 1 - First Day of School; and June 10 - Last Student Day of School
 - Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 23-27 for students and Nov. 24-27 for teachers
 - Winter Break: Dec. 21-Jan. 3
 - Spring Break: March 22-26

We sent the calendar survey to parents and staff separately to ensure that we gathered clear, specific feedback from each group based on their unique perspectives and needs. Parents and staff experience the school calendar differently; parents focus on family scheduling and childcare, while staff consider instructional planning and workload. Separating the surveys helps us better understand and address the distinct concerns and priorities of both groups, leading to a more balanced and effective calendar decision.

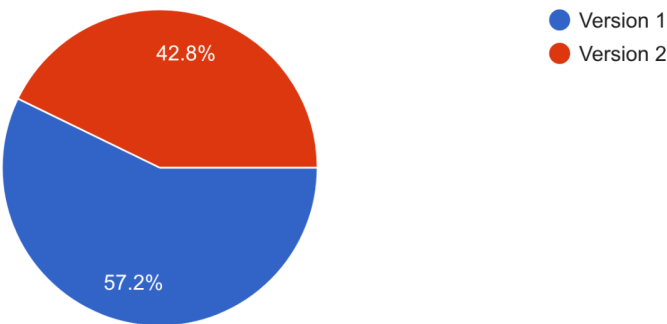
Family Survey Feedback:

Which calendar (version 1, version 2) do you prefer for the 2026-27 school year?
178 responses



Staff Survey Feedback:

Which calendar (version 1, version 2) do you prefer for the 2026-27 school year?
320 responses



Overall, 62.05% preferred Calendar Version 1 and 37.95% preferred Calendar Version 2. We recommend the adoption of Calendar Version 1.

Attachments:

[Recommended 2026-27 School Calendar \(Version 1\)](#)