

ED Presentation

September 10th, 2024

LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director





UPDATES



Accomplishments

- School Performance Framework- Increase of 4.3% for a score of 88.1%
- Teacher of the Year Candidate- Tera Johnson Swartz





NEW TOPICS





25/26 School Calendar Options



Calendar 1- Similar to Current Calendar

Pros	Cons
 We get out of school before Memorial Day We end 1 week before DCSD Our semester days are close to even (86/88) 	 Teachers return end of July We start 1 week before DCSD Still warmer summer weather Parents that work in DCSD may leave

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22 Student: 22 Teacher Days

School Closed/Holidays First/Last Day of School Summer Office Hours/Tours

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13 Student: 14 Teacher Days

Planning/Professional Development Graduation Day - School Closed

New Teachers Only	
Early Release Day	

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20 Student: 21 Teacher Days

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Early Release Minutes

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	K-1 Early Release Day (3.75)	7:40 AM	11:50 AM	225	7	26.25	990	80	12.8
	2nd-5th (6.42)	7:40 AM	2:35 PM	385	167	1071.58	000	100	16.00
	2nd- 5th early release (3.92)	7:40 AM	12:00 PM	235	7	27.42	990	109	16.98
	Secondary (6th-12th) (6.5)	7:50 AM	2:55 PM	390	167	1085.50	1080	32.90	5.06
	Secondary Early release days (3.92)	7:50 AM	12:20 PM	235	7	27.4			

******Must be Grab and Go lunch in the classroom. If lunch is served in the cafeteria then secondary minute count would be 4.15 days above minimum

Calendar 2- Match DCSD

Pros
 We match DCSD Teachers return in August DCSD Employees will have an easier time with their own kids schedule "Feels" like a longer summer

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Proposal #1

Extending the day to:

- ES-8:10-3:00 (K/1) 8:10-3:10 (2nd-5th)
- Secondary- 8:00-3:30

This would increase our number of days in secondary from 6 days to 11 days which means we could end the prior to Memorial Day and start in August.

Proposal #1-ES 8:00-3:00 Secondary 8:00-3:30

Pros	Cons
 Start date is same as DCSD Staff return in August instead of July Last day of school is prior to memorial day Semesters are more balanced (81/88) School day time is similar to other charter schools in DCSD 	 Class periods are longer Will need to work on driveline logistics/TMP

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1 Teacher Days

New Teachers Only Early Release Day



If we extend the school day we increase our days above the minimum, while still starting school at the same time as DCSD and getting out before Memorial Day

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Grades	Start Time	End Time	Total Minutes Per Day	Total Days	Total Instr. Hours	Min. Instr. Hour Requirement (CDE)	Hours Above Minimum	Days Above Minimum			
K-1st (6.33)	8:00 AM	2:50 PM	380	162	1026	000	54.67				
K-1 Early Release Day ** (2.66)	8:00 AM	10:40 AM	160	7	18.67	990	54.67	8.64			
2nd-5th (6.5)	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	390	162	1053						
2nd- 5th early release (2.75)	8:00 AM	10:45 PM	165	7	19.25	990	82.25	12.65			
Secondary (6th-12th) (6.92)	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	415	162	1129.5	1080	65.9	9.5			
Secondary Early release days (3)	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	180	7	27.4						

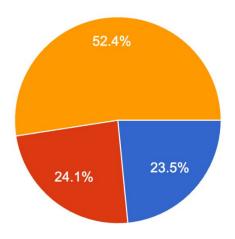
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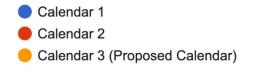
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Survey Results- Choice 1- Parent Survey

After reviewing the 3 calendar options, and the pros and cons. Please select your FIRST choice for the 2025-2026 calendar

307 responses





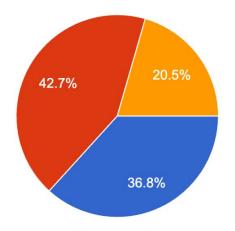
Survey Results- Choice 1- Staff Survey

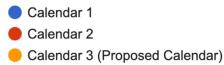
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Survey Results- Choice 2- Parent Survey

After reviewing the 3 calendar options, and the pros and cons. Please select your SECOND choice for the 2025-2026 calendar

302 responses





Survey Results- Choice 2- Staff Survey

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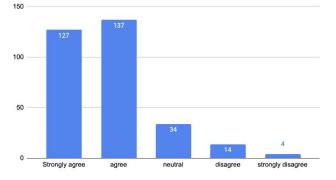


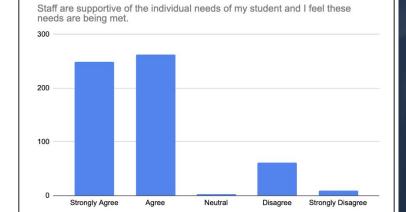
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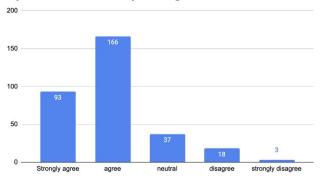




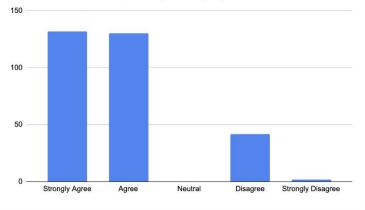


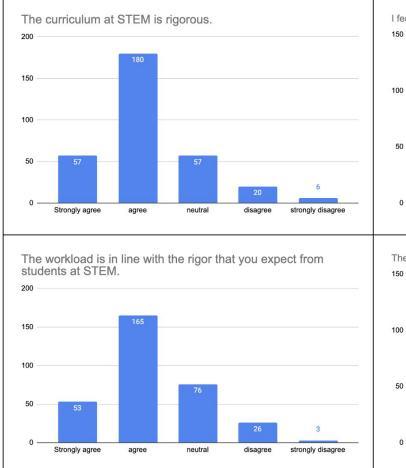
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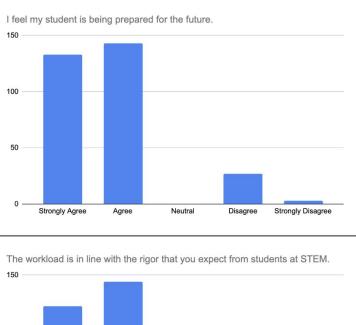
My student is academically challenged at STEM.



My student is academically challenged through rigorous curriculum at STEM.







Strongly Agree

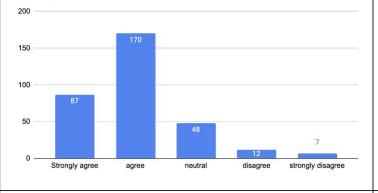
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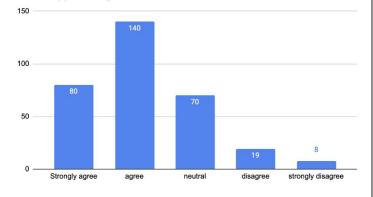
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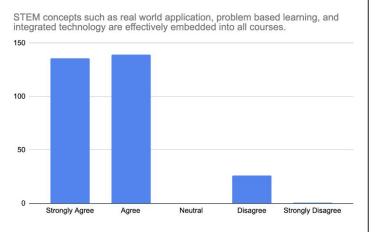
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STEM concepts such as real world application, problem based learning, and integrated technology, are effectively embedded into courses.

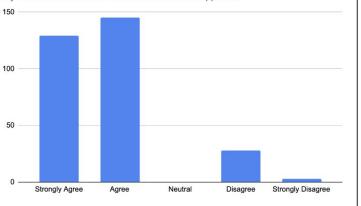


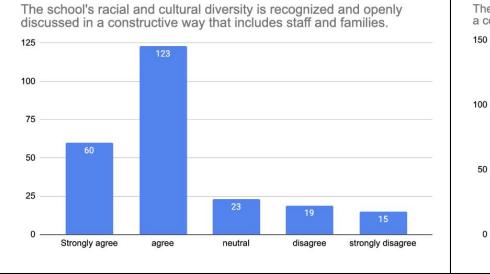
Recognizing the challenges of the past few years, I see improvement in the support of my student's social and emotional needs.



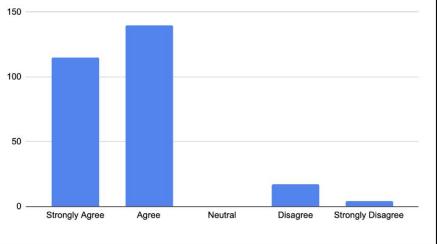


My student's social and emotional needs are supported.





The school's racial and cultural diversity is recognized and openly discussed in a constructive way that includes staff and families.





2024 - 25 Enrollment

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