

Online Feedback**Q1 What do you see as benefits to a 45/15 calendar?**

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#	Responses	Date
1	Keep children engaged in academics on a spread out, more even schedule. Spaced out breaks for rest and rejuvenation.	10/16/2016 9:50 PM
2	If there are a few more people that think it sounds good, perhaps set up another choice school with that schedule. It sounded like education retention SHOULD be a benefit, however when looking at Longfellow's track record that doesn't show anything good. Many of our other schools in Roch are by far outperforming Longfellow. Look at school rankings (Washington is #30/842 schools in MN, Montessori at Franklin #34/842, etc., while Longfellow is #501/842 - not a great record - this does NOT show that students retain anything any better. But being able to travel at a less busy time of the year would be one perk I can see.	10/15/2016 8:44 PM
3	I see a better balance for kids. The ability to have a "break" will help with kids getting "burnt out" at the end of the quarter. In addition to having a better balance, kids will be refreshed and more interested in school. I would think that with a shorter summer break, less reteaching will need to be done when kids start the year. I think it would be helpful for those kids who need extra help to meet standards within their grade. It seems like the 3 week break would be a good time	10/15/2016 7:07 PM
4	Limited loss after long summer break	10/15/2016 3:52 PM
5	Increased opportunity for students and teachers to have more regular breaks. This allows for students that have fallen behind to catch up, for teachers to get a much needed break and to prepare for the next quarter and for kids to be used to a more real world schedule, where you don't get 3 months off.	10/15/2016 9:39 AM
6	LEARNING, I LIKE THE SHORTER BREAK IN SUMMER	10/14/2016 7:38 PM
7	-studies show it helps at-risk kids avoid summer learning loss -helps higher performing kids stay involved and not bored when class resumes as teachers spend less time reviewing -less student burnout, always know a break is coming soon to look forward to and make it easier to buckle down for concentrated learning -less teacher burnout, gives time to refresh and also catch up on work or planning for next session -less family burnout, giving more options and timeframes for family vacations, helping with farming harvest (October), more time at holidays, possible ski trips, saving money taking vacations at off-times, not having to fight with coworkers for the one or two days of MEA break or single-day holidays -helps families with kids of different ages who have one already at Longfellow coordinate schedules -intersessions (if provided) allow for teacher bonus hours as well as help for struggling students at more regular intervals before they fall farther and farther behind -ability to schedule staff development days regularly during breaks, saving parents from scheduling half day or single random mid-week daycare -may be easier for free/reduced kids to make it through shorter breaks	10/14/2016 10:35 AM
8	Nothing	10/13/2016 11:05 PM
9	The shorter summer breaks are better for my 1st grader. When the summer break ended her reading skills were just starting to slip, it was the perfect time for her to head back to school. The end of quarter breaks break up the school year so she doesn't get burnt out from a long school year.	10/13/2016 10:18 PM
10	Less time out of school in the summer. Less information lost and less re-teaching needed. More breaks in the middle of the year. Teachers get more time in the school year for continuing education, vacations, etc. It is easier for families to take vacation throughout the school year and not take children out of school.	10/13/2016 5:00 PM
11	Formal, evenly spaced breaks allow time for kids to catch up before they get too far behind.	10/13/2016 4:55 PM
12	Balanced schedule, teachers seem to like & believe in it, students like it, better varied vacational times, less summer slide, more opportunity for year round enrichment, substantial benefit to under priveleged students.	10/13/2016 4:26 PM
13	Better for students, with lose of knowledge over summer. Great for vacations for families when no one else is traveling	10/13/2016 1:24 PM
14	A shortened summer break is great for my household, as my eldest daughter honestly has behavioral issues if she is not being challenged. Summers get long, and our house is small. The fighting between siblings increases as the summer wears on. My kids love school. There is more excitement and less anxiety about returning when the breaks are shortened. Those are our personal benefits. Beyond that, I can see how the schedule would promote retention of what's been learned. Having short breaks during the year would help kids not fall into a slump with school. They get to have a break and come back refreshed.	10/13/2016 1:05 PM

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15	Easier transitions. Young ones have a need to be with younger siblings and the breaks come at precise moments when they are needed for both teachers and students... allowing them both to keep up the first of the year momentum and drive. I believe it is also easier to transition back to school in the fall and less is lost over the summer break. The breaks all overlap the traditional calendar so vacations with older students are still possible.	10/13/2016 11:28 AM
16	More breaks to let my kids get rested and refreshed. Even just 6 weeks into the school year they are complaining about being too tired to get up for school and trying to stay home "sick". Shorter summer break would be nice - by August everyone is bored. Hopefully, there would be less "summer slide"	10/13/2016 10:48 AM
17	More information retention for students. Less likelihood of students "checking out" because their brains haven't had a break. An easier ability to schedule times with family and friends.	10/13/2016 10:39 AM
18	My son is able to retain more information between quarters due to the shorter breaks.	10/13/2016 9:47 AM
19	Nothing	10/13/2016 9:37 AM
20	Learning staying with the student, occasional breaks to regroup, hopefully less illness	10/13/2016 9:04 AM
21	Learning retention	10/13/2016 8:47 AM
22	The children and staff get much need breaks through the school year. It is the same amount of time in school just spread out differently. There is less of loss of what was learned and less review needed with a shorter summer break. My child was always healthier on the 45-15 plan as well.	10/13/2016 8:28 AM
23	Child does not get "burned out". The breaks are perfectly spaced out and the perfect length to reenergize and not lose the momentum or knowledge already learned. Also allows more options for family vacations throughout the year, without having to compete with everyone at work wanting the same one week off.	10/13/2016 8:21 AM
24	Kids get a break throughout the year and have time to reengage when school break is over, increased time to travel through the year.	10/13/2016 7:49 AM
25	Children need mental breaks, just as adults. The 45/15 allow schildren to incorporate these breaks into a structured school environment and decreases burnout and the need to repeat learned material from the year before. Additionally, the longer breaks mean families have more time to plan vacations and other activities without kids missing school.	10/13/2016 6:49 AM
26	Student retention (jump back into routine and less re-teaching at beginning of school year), burnout prevention for teachers and students, family vacations during non-peak times and easier to budget daycare throughout the year	10/12/2016 10:31 PM
27	I was concerned when I read that special needs children will have trouble with the transitions of the 45/15 schedule.... I am the parent of a special needs child and am upset and concerned that my child does not have the 45/15 option for junior high school. Because there is not a long break over the summer, regression is not an issue for him and we do not need to worry about transitioning him to a short term summer school teacher. Instead he is able to enjoy the summer. The same is true with the breaks. They come just in time for him when he is wearing out and needs a break. He returns from break refreshed and ready to learn again. I am honestly upset that we are given an option that works so well for him, only to have it taken away from him in junior high. There should be at least one middle school on the same schedule. In addition, the concern for decreased women wages seems to be the opposite for me. As a female business owner, this schedule allows me to spread out time off over the year, instead of having my boys in daycare all summer. My wages are increased, allowing me to provide for my sons, and creating a much better work/life balance. The long summer off of the traditional schedule, seems to only benefit stay at home parents, in my humble opinion.	10/12/2016 9:36 PM
28	Better retention over summer break. Breaks always come at just around the time when kids are getting a bit restless, yet when the three week break is over they roll right into school with no complaints.	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
29	Consistency for my child without losing so much ground during the long summer vacation	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
30	Building the future learners with possibilities to excel. Works well for working parents. All children in the district follow 1 calendar helps the parents. It is really effective for the children since children should be the only interest in this matter.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
31	More breaks throughout the year for kids, thus minimizing stress. More time to spend with them. Less teacher burnout as they are able to have time away. More selection for family vacations. Less competition for summer vacations as more choices on a 45/15 schedule.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
32	By letting the kids take a break and work on things they are behind will help them to get ahead. Having 12 weeks of summer holidays, kids loose their study skills and it waste time re learning material from previous year.	10/12/2016 9:16 PM
33	Students and families get a break from the rigor or every day school before you hit the end of the year crunch. As a family that was in a traditional calendar and moved to a 45/15 it seemed that the last few weeks of the school year were simply parties or activities to help get the kids through. This ends up cutting out a good 2-3 weeks or learning time.	10/12/2016 9:13 PM
34	None	10/12/2016 4:14 PM

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35	None	10/12/2016 3:02 PM
36	It always children, and teachers alike, to take breaks during the school year and shorten the time out of school in the summer. The breaks during school can reduce the risk of burnout of teachers and gives students something to look forward to, as well. A 45/15 schedule allows for travel opportunity during the year as a family, also.	10/12/2016 11:33 AM
37	NOTHING	10/12/2016 10:52 AM
38	Retained learning year to year. A consistency of student habits including study skills as well as overall healthy life skill routines(sleep schedules, nutrition, activity levels) Their are other opportunities for life experiences allowing family to travel during non peak times (ie.outside of MN scheduled spring break) that would be beneficial to classroom learning.	10/12/2016 10:47 AM
39	Better retention through a shorter summer break Ease of the boredom that comes toward the end of the summer break Aligns better with fall sports Easier to schedule appointments and vacation without missing school Longer winter break would be awesome!	10/12/2016 10:37 AM
40	A more balanced schedule to allow children to rest and recuperate from studies.	10/12/2016 10:02 AM
41	I don't think the benefits outweigh the challenges created. But see section 5 below for a reasonable compromise (Canadian /British model) between the current calendar and a 45/15 calendar.	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
42	Less summer slide. More consistency for at risk learners.	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
43	shorter breaks for those at risk of loosing information gained is only benefit seen. Also remember part of Longfellow's success is not just calendar its investment from staff in students, and possibly 1 to 1 ipads! Changing a calendar at a school will not automatically fix scores or behaviors if staff are not investing in our kids futures!	10/7/2016 3:27 PM
44	being able to take a vacation other than summer	10/5/2016 12:42 PM
45	This could be a good fit for some families and their students.	9/30/2016 6:48 AM
46	None	9/29/2016 5:29 PM
47	summer slide, mental health break for kids, more opportunities for families to build in family time/vacations, time to catch kids up academically as needed.	9/29/2016 2:09 PM
48	I see now benefits to this calendar.	9/29/2016 8:09 AM
49	None for my family at all. My son will be a senior next year. Because our family has different age groups. I foresee more hardship than benefit. Summer's have always been a time that we try to reconnect with family by making extended vacations to be with far away grandparents. If the whole school district goes to 45/15 do you honestly think extended vacation leave for employees will happen? We already have to compete with seniority, MEA, holidays, meeting for their continuing education, sick leave, maternity leave ect. I have elderly family in other states it would be a shame to loose that connection. As our family ages and college break gets thrown in it will become impossible to schedule that many variables. My kids need summer income for college money. They will have decreased ability to pull in hours. Try scheduling elective surgery in a limited period off. This year I spent four hours on hold to schedule wisdom teeth removal during the summer period. If three week break falls during surgeons continuing Ed sessions your out of luck.	9/29/2016 7:19 AM
50	The biggest benefit is the frequency of breaks which allow students to receive extra help and a short summer so things they learned the previous year are still fresh. Frequent breaks also allow more opportunity for staff to receive training while not being away from their students for days at a time.	9/28/2016 9:29 AM
51	Longer breaks for our students.	9/27/2016 7:50 PM
52	1. No "summer slide" 2. Year round opportunities for vacations without loss of attendance.	9/27/2016 1:07 PM
53	Sherry	9/27/2016 11:28 AM
54	none	9/27/2016 9:34 AM
55	None	9/26/2016 6:20 PM
56	It may not take as long to review material that was covered before the 3 week break.	9/26/2016 3:47 PM
57	Better educated children because less time off.	9/26/2016 1:45 PM

Q2 What do you see as the barriers to a 45/15 calendar?

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1	Finding daycare unless SACC is provided as it is on a traditional 9 month intensive schedule	10/16/2016 9:50 PM
2	Transitions are hard and more so for some. It would seem that 45/15 would keep families shifting back and forth all of the time and never getting any decent routine down. As it is now, with early start times, sleep deprivation is very real. Switching schedules throughout the year would not help this.	10/15/2016 8:44 PM
3	Public knowledge related to scheduling, breaks, daycare, SACC offerings.	10/15/2016 7:07 PM
4	People afraid of chsnge	10/15/2016 3:52 PM
5	NOTHING	10/14/2016 7:38 PM
6	High School sports participation. Other schools in Big 9 not on same schedule for planning sports/activities. Siblings not on same schedule. Funding Building Maintenance	10/13/2016 11:05 PM
7	Working through the logistics of school sports seasons. and having kids in two different schedules.	10/13/2016 10:18 PM
8	Wondering what it would be like for the non-school businesses such as daycares, after school activities, summer camps etc. A lot of places of business would be directly impacted.	10/13/2016 5:00 PM
9	Extra-curricular activity coordination	10/13/2016 4:55 PM
10	Getting the honest truth out to the masses as to what and how 45/15 works.	10/13/2016 4:26 PM
11	None	10/13/2016 1:24 PM
12	Honestly, people being averse to change. A lot of the comments I have seen online from 45/15 detractors appear to be fear/panic based in nature. I have not run into a sports conflict, but I guess that could be an issue? Although I don't know about that personally. Others have said that they won't have enough of a summer break to take vacation, but I wonder if these people do not realize that there is still 6 weeks of summer. Kids will not be in school all summer long. There will be 3 weeks in fall and spring to plan for a vacation, too. I don't see that as an issue, but others seem to.	10/13/2016 1:05 PM
13	When 80% of the community works at the same company, it will be hard on families to try to all take time off work at the same time. Housing market is also a concern- a 100% mandatory change to a 45-15 calendar will hurt families in the Rochester community.	10/13/2016 11:28 AM
14	Our school (Lincoln) and I image many others would need air conditioning if kids were going to be in school in August. It's bad enough in May and September.	10/13/2016 10:48 AM
15	The lack of education of people around the area. I am sick and tired of hearing it being called "year-round school" and people claiming students won't get a summer. Both of these things are false.	10/13/2016 10:39 AM
16	Finding someone to watch our son during breaks would be a barrier if it wasn't for SACC.	10/13/2016 9:47 AM
17	Constant break doesn't get in rhythm and. Summer breaks are most valuable time for learning non-academics/family values/Nature and million other things	10/13/2016 9:37 AM
18	Split calendars for families, Summer jobs	10/13/2016 9:04 AM
19	Having kids at the high school, middle school and elementary levels. No time to have vacations together. Letting kids be kids and have a true summer break.	10/13/2016 8:47 AM
20	I see some sports scheduling issues, but I think that can be addressed with communication. I think that air conditioning needs to be addressed as well. But- school cancellations due to blizzards and school delays and heating cost for winter can be reduced a bit if the kids are off during part of the winter and could even out the cost of air conditioning.	10/13/2016 8:28 AM
21	I could see that for some families child care could be a barrier, but with SACC being offered during the break, this should alleviate this concern.	10/13/2016 8:21 AM
22	child care for those 3 weeks, however SACC has been a great option.	10/13/2016 7:49 AM
23	Opposition and lack of knowledge, too many people are jumping on the conspiracy train and not looking at the facts and benefits this schedule has for children.	10/13/2016 6:49 AM

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24	Different schedules for siblings and friends that go to other schools who are not on the same calendar	10/12/2016 10:31 PM
25	From my perspective, there have been no barriers. We chose Longfellow for the incredible environment and team, and decided to keep an open mind about the schedule. Instead, we saw the amazing benefits the schedule allows for both of my boys, one with special needs and the other at the gifted end of the spectrum.	10/12/2016 9:36 PM
26	People worrying about daycare, summer vacations and those that never want to change the status quo because the regular schedule "is working". Another concern would be how coaches adjust with sports activities.	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
27	Split calendars separating family schedules	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
28	Day care--could be mitigated	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
29	Adjusting to a shortened summer. Possibly daycare but would suspect that if you're paying full time that this shouldn't be a barrier.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
30	None	10/12/2016 9:16 PM
31	One of the biggest barriers for families with two working parents is child care. In Rochester a lot of the summer options are setup for the traditional 12 weeks off. However I know families in other states that have a 45/15 calendar and a lot of companies started offering smaller camps to accommodate the schedule because the entire town was on it. My guess is that we would eventually see something here as well.	10/12/2016 9:13 PM
32	Constantly changing schedules; lack of options and way too much planning for the "15" periods. I'm concerned that the "15" periods will result in my son staying home alone, playing video games, for the entire time. Middle and high school students would have a difficult time working, as much of their income is earned during the summer when they can work more. Employers would likely not accommodate a new schedule ever 45/15 days. Summers are much easier to plan for.	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
33	Cost for air conditioners in buses and schools Increases cost of education without actually improving outcomes. If implemented district wide this would affect PSEO, summer jobs for students and teachers. There is no evidence that this actually improves outcomes. Decrease in property values Increase in property taxes. Increased with difficulty in childcare. Difficulty with vacation times. Timing of AP classes. No opportunity for summer school.	10/12/2016 3:02 PM
34	A calendar that varies with other family members and cousins, but it's worth it in my eyes for a better education for my children.	10/12/2016 11:33 AM
35	This 45/25 Calendar discriminates working families who can not afford to take days off or day care to watch our children when we have to provide for them. Not all Parents can get benefits of paid leave to be used on this.	10/12/2016 10:52 AM
36	There would be some challenge with logistics for bussing, however, I am sure there are some lessons learned from Longfellow that could be generalized.	10/12/2016 10:47 AM
37	Getting people to buy in Adjustments to activity, day care, work schedules during the early years	10/12/2016 10:37 AM
38	Impact on camp and certain internships as well as what to do with the kids during all the off days.	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
39	Public support. Challenges at the high school level for AP testing and athletics. Lack of air conditioning in many buildings.	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
40	- different schedules for same family sports -short summer break need nice weather time -since not many families can afford to nice area during bad weather months -hard for kids to concentrate when its nice outside -transportation, SACC, cost - retention!	10/7/2016 3:27 PM
41	too hard for scheduling. if you are a teacher in a different district your calendar doesn't line up and now you will need to pay for care during the 15 off days. My child has issues with transisitions and takes a couple weeks to settle into school, with 45-15, this would be a mess to keep switching the schedule and having to readjust. if you have an older child in highschool or college who helps during summer and off days, they wouldn't be available on the 15 days off increasing costs for those families who otherwise wouldn't have had to pay for care. Also, transportation to sports etc that would still be at after school times or during the day. if both parents work, that would be a logistical nightmare	10/5/2016 12:42 PM
42	Financial barriers to families and the cost it would take to make the buses and facilities comfortable in those hot months (AC). Childcare during the breaks. The breaks not long enough to get involved in other activities (sports, jobs, vacations...). I feel for our family, 45/15 would limit our options significantly.	9/30/2016 6:48 AM
43	very inconvenient to parents	9/29/2016 5:29 PM
44	people don't like change! Childcare, extracurriculars, cost	9/29/2016 2:09 PM

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45	It takes away summer from both the children and parents, it makes it much more difficult for parents to find daycare for summer months only with this calendar parents will have to pay daycare for the entire year to keep there spots instead of just the summer months. And what about all the summer camps/day camps all those funs things through community ED. Those will be much harder to get kids into when you take away all that extra time in the summer.	9/29/2016 8:09 AM
46	The most substantial barrier to the calendar is getting community members to be open-minded and question their misconceptions. People crave data and I have seen little data injected into the conversation that reveals the benefits of the 45/15 calendar (student performance, operating costs, etc.)	9/28/2016 9:29 AM
47	Athletes may feel like they don't have a day off, during to practices having to be during their breaks.	9/27/2016 7:50 PM
48	Transportation, daycare, and dual-enrollment in schools on different calendars	9/27/2016 1:07 PM
49	none	9/27/2016 11:28 AM
50	disrupting "normal" school schedules, making summer vacations more difficult	9/27/2016 9:34 AM
51	Work schedules for parents . Sports programs, starting when vacations are being taken . Starting when it may be very hot. Are all schools air conditioned?	9/26/2016 6:20 PM
52	I have heard that studies do not show that a 45/15 calendar has a more positive impact on student achievement than the typical calendar used in Minnesota. When the weather gets nice, students stay up later and tend to be more tired. Will this impact their learning in July and August?	9/26/2016 3:47 PM
53	People don't like change	9/26/2016 1:45 PM

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Q3 What suggestions do you have regarding the 45/15 calendar?

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1	I think the best idea (and best compromise) anyone has had is to cut summer vacation, as we've all known it, down from 3 months to 2 months. Then spread that extra month of vacation throughout the year so that teachers and students have some longer breaks, and families could travel then if they wanted. This still allows enough summer vacation for camps, pools, and that part of the economy. And, it wouldn't increase costs as much for extra cooling in the summer. And it's not such a huge shift, so it would seem reasonable to be able to do this for the entire school district, which alleviates concerns of having different schedules.	10/15/2016 8:44 PM
2	Get teacher input. In all the materials I have seen (either from the district or in the paper or social media) nothing mentioned anything from the teachers. They are the ones who see how this works. Get them involved!!	10/15/2016 7:07 PM
3	Provide it as a choice at each level for elementary, middle and high school	10/15/2016 3:52 PM
4	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A 45/15 FOR ALL GRADES AS AN OPTION	10/14/2016 7:38 PM
5	-educate educate educate and over communicate what it is, how it affects everyone, and what the final decision is. - involve the teachers and RPS staff more intimately as they are truly the most knowledgeable and also directly affected not only by their kids, but their own careers -need to create fliers showing calendars from 'around the world' that are on alternate schedules -link/distribute research showing benefits for at risk kids as well as non-academically measured benefits. Academics is not the only way to measure a student. -provide data from Longfellow on test scores as well as any other benefits documented -proactively work with businesses/farms that need kids to work in the fall/winter/spring to advertise openings -SACC usually closes in August anyway, so why not have kids back in school since so many colleges also start in August? -if we are worried about taxes, having lower property values will help you save money! If it's just a track of schools, then it's not 'mandated' and the study results would not apply to this situation anyway. - studies have also not determined an education benefit for the traditional calendar ("for mainstream students"). 45-15 et al HAVE shown to help AT RISK students. -kids saving for college have parents using 529 plans in this town. Unless we change actual number of days in school, they still have same ability to earn money. -very few units at Mayo require vacation time to be determined a year in advance and even fewer of the people who work in them have kids in our schools. School calendars have always come out late in the year, it shouldn't matter if this one comes out late again and has different dates. -Can we work with those colleges/programs to make calendars more closely match? - interview administrators/superintendents/staff from other districts on alternate calendars: Cambridge/Isanti (district 911 in MN), Phoenix AZ area, Austin, British School of Chicago? How they got started, how they deal with all our issues/questions, etc. -start two weeks earlier this year, adding 3-4 days in fall, winter and spring, taking 'heat days' in August if those two weeks are too hot for school (again, the law?) then evaluate and make new decision for next year.	10/14/2016 10:35 AM
6	See how many families would actually like to send their kids to a 45/15 school and offer choice schools at more levels if the demand is there, rather than change the entire district.	10/13/2016 11:05 PM
7	I think there should be at least one elementary, one middle school and one high school on the 45/15 schedule so a child can continue throughout from k-12.	10/13/2016 10:18 PM
8	I would love to see one middle school and one high school added to the 45/15 calendar.	10/13/2016 4:55 PM
9	I believe that there should be 2 choice 45/15 elementary, & 1 45/15 middle and high school beginning 2017-18. I think change is done best in a gradually as so many people are just resistant to change. Hopefully by providing a small scale implementation for a few years will be a better model as to how this could work district wide. I would love to see RPS, SACC, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Library and Art Center work together for the intermissions for better student enrichment and cultural experience.	10/13/2016 4:26 PM
10	I would love to see middle and high school options, so that families with multiple kids do not end up on differing schedules. I would love to see more research although I realize that probably isn't the school board's responsibility.	10/13/2016 1:05 PM
11	I believe the demand is there for an expanse of the 45-15 choice calendar... but making a mandatory change of 100% of the elementary schools would be devastating to the development of a child. Development starts at home and a mandatory full-district change would hurt families. I suggest expanding the 45-15 calendar to more schools but not making a 100% change for the whole district. It just isn't a viable option for a community that is mostly employed by one company (mayo). (And this is coming from a HUGE supporter and believer in the benefits from a 45-15 calendar)	10/13/2016 11:28 AM

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12	I think people think of 45/15 as "year round" school and there is a perception that kids won't get a summer break. I think if people understood that kids would still get 6 weeks off in the summer, there would be more buy-in. I also think it would be OK to have a few "tracks" (elementary, middle, high school) that kids could enroll in so that whole families could do 45/15. We are not in 45/15, but would have considered it if it went more than just up to 5th grade at was at least closer to the middle of town (Longfellow is really far away when you live NW).	10/13/2016 10:48 AM
13	Expand to more schools. At minimum a middle school and high school. Plus, spend some time educating the public. Part of the reason this is so controversial is because the District doesn't want to make the effort to educate individuals on the calendar.	10/13/2016 10:39 AM
14	I think that it would be good if teachers would be scheduled extra training during breaks instead of during regular school schedules.	10/13/2016 9:47 AM
15	Stop this discussion	10/13/2016 9:37 AM
16	Teachers are the experts! They need to be heard & give their opinion. From what I've heard, the majority of teachers say yes to 45/15.	10/13/2016 9:04 AM
17	I don't think decreased housing appraisals should be considered at all- this is about our kids education not our housing value. I do think that if 45-15 may reduce the earning potential for women- this could also be addressed by identifying ways those who would prefer it could continue to work during the break for the school system in other capacities to supplement the income. This is something that could be addressed. I think the 45 -15 calendar is excellent and I think it should be seriously considered.	10/13/2016 8:28 AM
18	I would love to see the 45/15 calendar offered in Middle school and High school, but do not feel it needs to be the calendar across the board. If it was decided to move toward having all schools on this calendar, I feel it would be beneficial to have it run as a pilot program in a few schools the first few years to work out any kinks that may surface for the middle and high schools (finals, etc.).	10/13/2016 8:21 AM
19	Do it, at least a few schools in each area. Slowly incorporate this schedule. If only a select few will go to 45/15, give current families on this schedule the ability to transfer children to these "choice" middle and high schools before open enrollment.	10/13/2016 6:49 AM
20	District-wide	10/12/2016 10:31 PM
21	I think that at the very least, there should be one elementary, middle and high school with the 45/15 option.	10/12/2016 9:36 PM
22	Go for it. It doesn't require any additional space. If you learn that it's not working then there's always the option to return to the regular schedule. Or at a minimum, create a program for middle school and high school.	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
23	Love it!	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
24	None. My experience has been only positive as I have 3 kids in 3 different schools & find the 45/15 the best for us all around.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
25	Have more schools be part of 45/15	10/12/2016 9:16 PM
26	Having an option for middle school or high school would be beneficial even if the district doesn't completely adopt the schedule.	10/12/2016 9:13 PM
27	Don't do it - or if you do, only expand it to a couple of choice/charter schools. It would be difficult to have students from the same family in both traditional calendar and 45/15, but I don't see what options there possibly are for expanding to middle or high schools.	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
28	Continue with choice option, maybe increase to 8th grade if economically feasible.	10/12/2016 3:02 PM
29	At minimum, the children who have been lucky enough to win the lottery with Longfellow, they should be allowed the opportunity to continue their child on the same schedule. They have found that it works! I'm hoping we'll win the lottery for a 45/15 opportunity soon :)	10/12/2016 11:33 AM
30	██████ Don't do it	10/12/2016 10:52 AM
31	I think this is a great opportunity for Rochester to round out a balance of educational opportunities (complimented by Charter schools, Montessori, Private etc.) The opposition seems to be more from fear of change or lack of knowledge about what this change has to offer. A k-12 option for 45/15 seems like a logical step and also mitigates the concern about families functioning on two different calendars with varied age/grade levels.	10/12/2016 10:47 AM
32	If it is done, doing it partway will be more difficult logistically than doing the whole district all at once. Teachers and staff who have students in other clusters will be adversely affected by doing a part of the district as a test. Go big or go home!! :)	10/12/2016 10:37 AM
33	I would suggest giving the option to those who want it, give additional elementary schools, a middle and high school.	10/12/2016 10:02 AM

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34	Look at this calendar model utilized by British International School of Chicago, South Loop....it has great success and would likely be better received from the community... http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/chicago/south-loop/news-and-events/academic-calendar#.V_smHVLkAMs.email	10/12/2016 9:00 AM
35	it is too radical a change, which is not to say I like the current schedule. I suggest considering the British/Canadian calendar or a modification of the same as a reasonable alternative. See the following link for an example of how the calendar works: http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/chicago/south-loop/news-and-events/academic-calendar	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
36	Implement district wide K-8. Keep high school on traditional calendar.	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
37	-Choice or nothing not fair to the rest of district -Lengthening thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks would give an extra break and give more opportunity for family time/get together for those who can. sometimes break are too short to drive and visit family!	10/7/2016 3:27 PM
38	build a second floor on Longfellow for that school to be K-8, the majority who support and are pushing for it but you need to remember that they CHOSE this for their families. One idea, shorten summer by a week and put that week break somewhere else	10/5/2016 12:42 PM
39	I think there should the option for parents, especially in the formative elementary years for students who may need more consistent instruction and review, but as children grow older, I think the traditional way better meets the needs of families and the economic community.	9/30/2016 6:48 AM
40	Don't implement it	9/29/2016 5:29 PM
41	Look at other systems that do it! I'm sure they have solutions for childcare, extracurriculars, etc. We need more information about how it works in other districts. Whatever is done needs to be done for all age levels either across the board or as a choice option. Its too difficult for families to manage two different schedules.	9/29/2016 2:09 PM
42	I suggest you discard the idea of the 45/15 calendar.	9/29/2016 8:09 AM
43	I don't want this schedule you are thrusting your needs down our throat. I am asking to have other options available for families who for whatever reason just aren't interested.	9/29/2016 7:19 AM
44	Be more aggressive in presenting data that supports moving to the calendar. No suggestions regarding the calendar itself; I think it's great.	9/28/2016 9:29 AM
45	N/A	9/27/2016 7:50 PM
46	Partner with other agencies to provide daycare and transportation options.	9/27/2016 1:07 PM
47	good idea	9/27/2016 11:28 AM
48	Make sure there really are benefits for students before proceeding	9/27/2016 9:34 AM
49	Forget about it and stop spending more tax dollars on it !!	9/26/2016 6:20 PM
50	If the district proposes to go to the 45/15 calendar, they should make it 'all or none'.	9/26/2016 3:47 PM
51	Present all the positives this will hold for our community	9/26/2016 1:45 PM

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Q4 What questions do you have regarding the 45/15 calendar?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 22

#	Responses	Date
1	WHY is expanding 45/15 even being considered? There may be a waiting list at Longfellow, but there is for all of the choice schools. Plus the other choice schools are outperforming Longfellow.	10/15/2016 8:44 PM
2	Is there a school within a school option if the district doesn't think all schools should transition to this schedule.	10/15/2016 7:07 PM
3	NONE	10/14/2016 7:38 PM
4	-how many schools don't have A/C and what would it cost to add it to one or two or all? Are there laws saying you have to have A/C? -what are the rules surrounding AP exams? Can't kids just take them sooner if they started sooner? - what are the exact scheduling/logistical issues with students doing CTech or PSEO? Are they currently using busing that would not be available or something? Can any coordination be done to minimize schedule conflicts so students can still get 'breaks' even if they are taking additional programming? Is it an issue if they can't? They choose the additional programming, it's optional, right? -are high schools on trimester schedules instead of quarters? Would the breaks come at inopportune times for tests/end of segment? -can the traditional calendar and alternate schedule calendar be matched up so that breaks do align regularly as much as possible for local families to still get time together besides weekends? -can we proactively start conversations with day care centers/YMCA/Quarry Hill etc about options for providing solutions that SACC can't cover? -what exact summer jobs are kids taking now that they cannot get back during breaks? "DQ, Pools, Golf" -DQ can't employ more than what 8 people and is open through fall and re-opens in Feb, so it would only be winter break, right? Can we get more info on other businesses open in winter that close in summer, or other places like YMCA that can replace outdoor pool lifeguard/workers? -how many kids does the 'summer job' issue really affect? -how many kids already miss days off during traditional calendar? -what are those days - when do they fall during the year? -what logistical issues need to be considered for sports if games/practices fall during a break? Don't kids already come in on non-school days for practices in summer? They should have the same ability to get to school to catch the bus for a game during an intersession, right? Is there any ability to schedule around breaks or make the local/within Rochester games during those breaks to get around transportation issues- assuming that is the issue? -how does Longfellow pay teachers that are staying over breaks to provide intersession? Can all schools do this or does this require a contract update? If 80% of teachers approve this schedule, they must have already thought about this and like the idea, but where does the money come from? -do teachers lose ability to take classes or second jobs that they will miss? -what is the issue with teachers that travel between schools? Why is this a problem if multiple schools are on 45-15? -Why would a high school cal need to coincide with a college schedule? Partially asked earlier, why can't the students still attend college classes during breaks? Can we work with those colleges/programs to make calendars more closely match? -can we get people (actual business owners, not just parents against 45-15) from the "local economy" to give data on how much income they currently get in the month of August that they also estimate will be entirely lost and not able to be recouped in Oct or March?	10/14/2016 10:35 AM
5	What is the cost difference is to switch to the 45/15? We have a district that has cut programs in the past few years and has difficulties in passing levies - I would rather see the district reinstate the cut programs than spend money on a new calendar.	10/13/2016 11:05 PM
6	As a Longfellow family we wonder if the entire school district goes to the 45/15 schedule, would we then be forced to go to our neighborhood school?	10/13/2016 10:18 PM
7	None	10/13/2016 1:24 PM
8	I don't have any questions at this time.	10/13/2016 1:05 PM
9	n/a	10/13/2016 10:39 AM
10	Why is not 50/10? Three weeks seems like a long break still.	10/13/2016 9:47 AM
11	Why this is even being considered?	10/13/2016 9:37 AM
12	none	10/13/2016 9:04 AM
13	None	10/13/2016 8:28 AM
14	None. We love it and hope this will be an option for us in the future.	10/12/2016 9:36 PM
15	Is there really a decrease in women's earning potential in districts where the 46-15 calendar is in place?	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
16	Make this happen.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM

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17	None	10/12/2016 9:16 PM
18	I really don't understand why it's being proposed. What is the push behind it?	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
19	How much will this cost? Why are other districts that have done 45/15 reverting back to traditional methods.	10/12/2016 3:02 PM
20	Nothing, I think its an excuse for more money. They already have enough MEA days and testing.	10/12/2016 10:52 AM
21	Are there objective benefits noted when you compare fall testing to the previous spring (ie is there better retention/stability of scores from spring to fall of 45/15 than a traditional schedule).	10/12/2016 10:47 AM
22	none	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
23	None.	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
24	TOO many!! not giving the information on districts who have tried and reverted back! It is not the best choice options; other ways to improve moral and student retention need to be explored.-Later start times for MS/HS, different curriculum etc.	10/7/2016 3:27 PM
25	Why is this being pushed, seems like the decision is already made and there isn't a lot of supporting evidence to show that it is beneficial and it actually may be more detrimental to many of the families and students	10/5/2016 12:42 PM
26	I still want to see better rationale for why we are looking at it other than just a few stakeholders have asked for it. If there are just a few stakeholders, it seems this option could be solved with a charter school.	9/30/2016 6:48 AM
27	none	9/29/2016 5:29 PM
28	What effect does this calendar have on the school activities? There is a large percentage of obese people in our community how about making sure there are plenty of activities.	9/29/2016 8:09 AM
29	None.	9/28/2016 9:29 AM
30	N/A	9/27/2016 7:50 PM
31	None	9/27/2016 1:07 PM
32	none	9/27/2016 11:28 AM
33	Is it for high school, too? How will that work with summer jobs?	9/27/2016 9:34 AM
34	What are the statistics/ data that show this is such a great plan? How much more will this plan cost the district/ tax payer??	9/26/2016 6:20 PM
35	Many families have to book summer vacations 1 (sometimes 2 years in advance) and many teachers/students work or take courses over the summer months. If the district decides to go with the 45/15 calendar they should not start it for 2 years so that all families are aware of the change and can plan for the future.	9/26/2016 3:47 PM
36	When can we start?	9/26/2016 1:45 PM

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Q5 Finally, do you have any other comments regarding the 45/15 calendar?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 13

#	Responses	Date
1	I believe that with correct information released by the district that rumors can be squashed and people can get a real understanding of how the 45/15 schedule works.	10/15/2016 7:07 PM
2	We would really like our youngest to be on this schedule for middle school	10/15/2016 3:52 PM
3	I believe that Rochester is a community comprised of individuals who aren't afraid to stand out; to lead from the front. True to this spirit, I'd like to see us be at the forefront of education and prepare our kids for the real world by implementing the 45/15 school calendar in middle and high schools. It will help to prepare them for college and the real world, where you don't get 3 months off at a time.	10/15/2016 9:39 AM
4	IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A CHOICE FOR THIS ALL THROUGH MY CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT	10/14/2016 7:38 PM
5	The 45/15 calendar would greatly hinder our family time. As a family with a child in college that is only home during the summer months, it limits our time spent together as a family. We own property in Northern Minnesota and spend a great majority of our summer there as a family - mainly in July and August as summer sports are wrapping up by the middle of July. This is a time for our children to spend time with grandparents and cousins as well. When looking at the current break in October, it does not allow for family time if the child participates in a Fall sport as practice and games are still going on. The nice thing about High School sports is they take place right after school and gives the kids something to do and stay busy. During this October break it would be I would like to have the choice to be sure all my children are on the same schedule to minimize the time they have to spend at home alone.	10/13/2016 11:05 PM
6	Our daughter currently attends Longfellow and has the 45/15 calendar. She is in 4th grade. We love it!! I'm hoping the district changes as I don't see one single thing from a parent's perspective that has been detrimental to our daughter or to us, as working parents. We appreciate this calendar and don't particularly understand why it would be opposed. We have seen nothing but benefits. SACC is currently available during the 3 week breaks, so I would think that would need to continue district wide for this to be feasible for working parents. Thank you!	10/13/2016 5:00 PM
7	I feel there is too much emphasis being put on higher educational benefit aspect. 45/15 is only a change in calendar days but 45/15 is being treated as if it is imposing a different curriculum. No matter what study you look at the only clear conclusion is that 45/15 is at the minimum equal to traditional calendar, but in no way has 45/15 been proven less than in educational benefit to traditional schools. That being said the real question that should be asked is if RPS teachers support a 45/15 calendar. They have devoted their lives to our children and are the true experts in this subject. As I mentioned 45/15 is not a change in curriculum so I don't see why they are held to higher standards than a traditional school.	10/13/2016 4:26 PM
8	Love it!	10/13/2016 1:24 PM
9	I think the 45/15 schedule is great, and I think it's great that the district is looking for ways to help students learn. Please don't be too discouraged by the detractors. A change won't be as catastrophic as they may believe. Doing what's best for the kids is what matters.	10/13/2016 1:05 PM
10	I think when considering this, the foremost consideration needs to be how kids learn best. I worry that discussion on vacations cloud what is at the heart of the issue, which should be providing the best learning opportunities for kids. I'd also add that we need to make sure the teachers have their voices heard - our local, Rochester teachers, not just the NEA.	10/13/2016 10:48 AM
11	None	10/13/2016 9:47 AM
12	Why this is even being considered? List top 10 benefits	10/13/2016 9:37 AM
13	none	10/13/2016 9:04 AM
14	I think the opponents should talk to some of the older students that went to the 45-15 at Longfellow and now are at "regular" school programs. They could share their experience and opinions.	10/13/2016 8:28 AM
15	Both of my children have gone to Longfellow for elementary school. My daughter who is now in High school is ready for a break when my son (who is still in elementary) has his. I think the burn out rate is much higher for the middle and high schoolers and feel the breaks could really help refresh them and stay focused and strong through out the year. I see a pattern to my daughters drop and grades every year during second quarter and wonder if this schedule would help with that.	10/13/2016 8:21 AM

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16	We are a longfellow family and have greatly enjoyed the schedule. It does take some time to get used to, but the kids don't seem to get too overwhelmed by school, as they do they have 3 weeks off.	10/13/2016 7:49 AM
17	This is an excellent schedule that may be scary for some but will reap benefits in the end. I really hope you make the right choice and begin the change that will most benefit our city, our kids, and our future.	10/13/2016 6:49 AM
18	Its been a wonderful option for our family!	10/12/2016 10:31 PM
19	Talk to those on the schedule. It is hard to have opinions when you have never experienced it. Again, I did not seek it initially, but am so grateful for what it provides for both of my sons.	10/12/2016 9:36 PM
20	Both of our children have gone through this calendar. I've never had to worry about them complaining about school. And never have they complained as they come off a break. They're ready to return and there's no adjustment period.	10/12/2016 9:33 PM
21	Don't waist our time if you are not going to do anything about it.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
22	My kids who do not have it are jealous. They see my 2nd grader getting to sleep in and relax. They were both bored by mid August & would have been more than ready to start.	10/12/2016 9:26 PM
23	Any type of change is always difficult. When I was deciding whether to move my daughter into Longfellow there was a lot of comments about taking away my childs summer and etc. The interesting thing is that I have now heard those same people make a comment about how a break in October would be nice to allow more opportunities for vacations.	10/12/2016 9:13 PM
24	Please do not roll this out. Focus first on pushing back start times for middle and high school students, and expanding summer options for those families/students who need them.	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
25	If we are going to do something to increase cost of education I would prefer we focus our efforts in areas that have actually been shown to improve outcomes. I feel that the surveys are misleading because we were not given an opportunity to have informed decisions. For instance, how can we say if we are for or against something if we don't know what it will mean to us as tax payers. There is a big difference between "expanding" longfellow and going "district wide". I am hearing this is district wide now.	10/12/2016 3:02 PM
26	I honestly do not know a solution to the divide... but I feel since it is a choice school initiative... no one should be forced into it. I am for it, but for those that are opposing it, they should feel at ease that their child won't be impacted.	10/12/2016 11:33 AM
27	All the schools in the Rochester community area should concentrate more on kids/pedestrian safety instead of this calendar. I suggest have speed bumps on every school. Especially John Adams and Elton Hills. I have seen too many cars not paying attention and driving over the speed limit. Thank you	10/12/2016 10:52 AM
28	My daughter will be a senior next year so this is our last chance for this to affect us...and I would love it! I think this change will take a leap of faith in order to happen.	10/12/2016 10:37 AM
29	I love the idea of a 45/15 schedule and see only positives in this change. As a tax payer in Rochester, I feel it only adds to the diversity and opportunities we give our children.	10/12/2016 10:02 AM
30	I strongly suggest you look at the British and Canadian school calendars as reasonable alternative. They typically start about September 1st and run through the end of June. The summer could be extended by two weeks if the winter and spring breaks were limited to one week each. An actual example of how such a calendar work for the 2016 and 2017 schools years can be found at: http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/chicago/south-loop/news-and-events/academic-calendar Which is the academic calendar for a Chicago school following the British model.	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
31	Many concerns about time off and vacations are the fear of change. So are decreased property values and women being less employed. Fear mongering. With that being said, without significant public buy in, it's a battle you may not want to fight. Most of Rochester doesn't realize the real issues that our schools face with disadvantaged students and most people at these meetings and on committees are not this demographic.	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
32	You will loose families to private schools if this implemented. could deter people from moving here, effects DMC, effects Mayo clinic employees! Bad economics. If this finally not chosen this conversation needs to stop coming up!!	10/7/2016 3:27 PM
33	DO NOT DO DISTRICT WIDE... make it an option if you must but would prefer it remained at Longfellow as a choice school and expand to 8th grade for them	10/5/2016 12:42 PM
34	I have seen Lincoln k-8 on some of this material. We are a Lincoln family, and I have not heard any of this coming from our school. I do NOT want a 45/15 schedule at Lincoln.	9/30/2016 6:48 AM
35	No to 45/15	9/29/2016 5:29 PM

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36	I think an important point to note is that education today is very different than when we grew up. The stress on kids to achieve, the intensity of extracurriculars, and the diminished support system due to working parents and lack of local extended relatives has made mental health issues an epidemic among kids. A 45/15 schedule has the potential to allow kids a break in the action to think about something else, catch up on rest, reconnect with family and friends and get in needed appointments. Time during the summer is no longer used productively. We went outside and played with friends in the neighborhood. Now kids are isolated and on electronics most of the time. I have six children. The first few weeks are filled with excitement, but by July everyone is bored and the battle to get them off electronics is constant. Then the school year starts and the stress ramps up for nine months. Right now it's a system of extremes. 45/15 or some variation more closely mirrors what all of us need and want from our vacations. I know very few adults that take all their vacation time at one time during the year.	9/29/2016 2:09 PM
37	I do not like it.	9/29/2016 8:09 AM
38	I love the 45/15 calendar and believe my daughter and other students benefit from it greatly. People are resistant to change; RPS needs to show a backbone and have a middle school and high school adopt the calendar.	9/28/2016 9:29 AM
39	N/A	9/27/2016 7:50 PM
40	No	9/27/2016 1:07 PM
41	none	9/27/2016 11:28 AM
42	I do not think it is a good idea.	9/27/2016 9:34 AM
43	Don't do it. Who have you surveyed that have been in favor of this concept A few hundred??	9/26/2016 6:20 PM
44	The special education department needs to provide services to many students at private schools. Will the private schools be changing their schedules to follow the public school schedule? If not, how will they receive services in July and August? Will they go without services when the district is off for 3 weeks? It would be unfair to expect special education teachers to come in 2-3 days or more on the 3 weeks off to provide services to these students.	9/26/2016 3:47 PM
45	I think the 45/15 schedule will be one of the most positive move for RPS	9/26/2016 1:45 PM