

22 liked the calendar as presented

19 liked having the 2 week winter break

7 commented the winter break is to long

13 commented to start school earlier

7 commented to start year later

8 commented on adjusting the end of school dates

11 commented on the teacher workdays or professional days

18 suggestions were submitted to alter days throughout the calendar

6 commented on ½ days

3 commented on having time off in October

17 suggestions were submitted to save money or because teachers would not receive a raise

COMMENTS ON 2010-11 CALENDAR DRAFT –

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*	School Affiliation:	Comments about the calendar drafts:	Received:
	Employee	Snow make-up days in June, I think, are a bad idea. Educationally, a day in June is worth a lot less than a day earlier in the year. When we miss days for snow and then we miss days for professional days, learning is disrupted. It looks like we have a lot of professional learning days. I'd like to see some of these shifted to later in the year (once the snow season has started) so that they could be used as snow makeup days if needed.	2/3/2010
	Employee	I am a bit confused by the conference time line. It says conferences must be completed by November. Is that the end of November or the beginning of November? If it is the beginning of November, this goes against what we have traditionally done... which is to have conferences on election day. Also, if we have conferences on election day, we need the day before that to complete report cards... currently this is scheduled for county wide meetings.	2/3/2010
	Parent	thank you! you guys work so hard to get it right. Any synchrony that can be achieved with the UVa calendar is appreciated, especially spring break.	2/2/2010
	Parent	The colors look cool but when you print it out in black and white then the yellow does not show up. Why can't you put a big old X across the date if there is no school. Reading and figuring out the color coded chart is to complicated. Just make it simple: put an X on no school and list the months in order on the side with days off under it Sept 6-no school (holiday) Nov 5 no school (teacher workday) 6 no school (teacher professional development) KEEP IT SIMPLE AND EASY TO PRINT AND SEE THE DAYS OFF	2/1/2010
	Parent	Please provide your comments about the calendar drafts: I would like to see January 18, 2011 scheduled as a possible snow make-up day.	2/1/2010
	Employee	This is an excellent calendar. Providing a day in October for teachers to collaborate on unit planning supports our PLC and FQL vision. 2 Weeks for Winter Break allows families to visit, reconnect, and teachers to reflect and regroup. All good things for students and the community.	2/1/2010
	Parent	Provide your comments about the calendar drafts: Please schedule all the inclement weather make-up days ("snow days") at the end of the school year, in June. This way, students can still have and enjoy the 4-day week-end in	1/31/2010

		February in the 3-day week-end in March. Thank you very much for taking my suggestion into consideration!	
	Employee	It will not open for me to provide any comments. I have yet to see it.	1/30/2010
	Community Member	No school on Valentines Day. Too many families and kids will want to be with ones who matter most to them	1/30/2010
	Employee	I would like to see school starting a week earlier (like it did in the 2008-2009 school year) because of the testing window for SOL tests. Trying to teach students for 2-3 weeks after the SOLs have been administered is ineffective and unnecessary.	
	Community Member	Is there a particular reason/requirement that the first couple inclement weather make-up days be on planned teacher work days? Can all inclement weather make-up days be added to the end of the school year? This would allow all school personnel to have those days off and a "little" break during these months. Just a thought. Thank you for all your hard work on this calendar.	1/26/2010
	Employee	This is the PERFECT calendar! Thanks for all your hard work!	1/25/2010
	Employee	Becoming a world class school division cannot happen if employee morale goes down the toilet. I don't think I can weather another year with no step increases and no salary increases. Teachers are asked to work harder and there is absolutely no monetary reward for it. The Board of Supervisors had better get their act together. We can't survive another storm like this one.	1/25/2010
	Parent	To whom it may concern: I wanted you provide you with my input regarding the school calendar. My husband and I find it very frustrating that school starts so early in the fall. Growing up we started in the beginning of September and that allowed many families to travel in late August and prepare for school to start. Personally we would rather see it go a few extra days in June and have it start the following week. The proposed calendar has school starting on Wednesday August 25th giving the students a short 3 day week. While I know that the times have passed when students will start in September I hope you will at least consider the option of starting the following Monday August the 30th. It seems like a small difference but I can't express to you the difference this would have made for my family over the last 4 years. Sincerely, Eve Stavropoulos Parent of a Greer Student	1/24/2010
	Employee	Begin earlier in August; end sooner, perhaps in May?	1/24/2010
	Parent	I find these things very hard to sort out in any detail. As such, I still can't figure out how we still start school in the end of August (before Labor Day - which is wrong) and as of the '09-10 year have pushed all the way through the end of the second week of June. The same thing remains in the '10-11 calendar. If we're going to steal the end of the summer from the kids by shoving them into school in August, then they should be freed by the end of the first week of June. This is especially the case since no one does anything after SOL testing is finished. The last couple of weeks is basically "day camp."	1/22/2010

		Those days at the end of the year should be found elsewhere on the calendar. Short Story: this calendar keeps the kids in school at least a week too long. The new extra days in June should be found elsewhere.	
	Parent	Given the budget issues the calendar must be placed on hold so that ALL options including shortening the school year as a way to save money. As your committee is fully aware we need the 180 school year, but you are also very aware that our county schools provide more min's of instruction that required. So act responsibly with this information. Don't feel that your committee is any different than any other part of the county school system, during this budget crisis. Solve some of the budget problem by addressing the calendar and admitting that the 180 days are covered within the extended school days. I am sure that if your discussions do not significantly reflect the time vs the days these discussions will be brought forth by a community (hook, cville), Our community is involved and is going to be looking more closely at how to save as much opportunities for the students, save jobs in the county, and help control another significant economic depression cycle. Be honest and do the right thing for the whole county!!! Shorten the calendar or propose a shortened day or combine start times. Discuss it on January 27 and publish this discussion before the county residents read about the calendar committees lack of action to help our students in other forums.	1/22/2010
	Employee	This calendar only gives teachers 1/2 a day work day at the end of the year. I have been an elementary teacher for over 15 years and it takes more than a day to complete the paperwork and prepare my room for summer break.	1/22/2010
		Above added 1/27/10	
	Parent	Would prefer to have less teacher work days that are 2 consecutive days (e.g., Nov 1 and 2, Feb 14-15). Also, really dislike that Friday before spring break (Friday April 1) is a teacher work day. Thanks, Murray parent	1/12/2010
	Parent	I feel that school should start August 16 and have a full week off for Thanksgiving.	1/19/2010
	Employee	Considering the budget, I think looking at a four day school week a or the starting back after labor day should be strongly considered. The savings in transportation and energy would be significant.	1/19/2010
	Employee	Hello 1) Why do we still hire contractors, lets say to scrape snow when we got county got trucks to do the same job just sitting around, and the maintenance employee's are at school anyway, or to change out lights when we have maintenance that can do the same work, would this not save us money 2) Why do we change out computers every year with new ones, can't we just up grade the ones we have. 3) I work in Building Services: I have heard that the County is thinking about turning custodial jobs over to contractors, I would hope that we look into this a lot, ask UVA what happened to them, and others when you put low paid employees into your buildings. I know we all want to save money on the budget, but it will cost us more to replace what we would lose from sticky fingers. You have a lot of good trusting people here know and I know in the	1/18/2010

		begging it will look like it saves the county money, but overtime it will cost us more. Thanks Douglas Eubank P.S. I know i am small but just wanted to be heard. Would someone call me or drop by my school and listen to an employee. 434 326 7653	
	Parent	The calendar needs to better address make up days. Feb 14, April 1 should be make up days. Also, banked time should be used before adding to the end of the year.	1/15/2010
	Parent	I like the 2-week Christmas break and having Good Friday as well. Please keep those as they are scheduled!	1/15/2010
	Parent	I like the fact you give them 2 weeks off for the Christmas Holiday.	1/15/2010
	Employee	I'd like to see the school year starting later to model counties like Loudoun, Fairfax, Henrico, etc. It wouldn't have to be after Labor Day, but perhaps the last week in August.	1/13/2010
	Parent	Would prefer to have less teacher work days that are 2 consecutive days (e.g., Nov 1 and 2, Feb 14-15). Also, really dislike that Friday before spring break (Friday April 1) is a teacher work day. Thanks, Murray parent	1/12/2010
	Employee	Having 2 weeks off the Christmas break is wonderful. I get to rest and enjoy my family.	1/12/2010
	Employee	I think the county should consider altering the schedule to make up for the fact that they are freezing teacher salaries. Please consider cost savings derived from a possible four-day week or weekly/bi-weekly half-days. Perhaps the school year could be shortened -- most of us agree that the month-plus after SOL's seems like an afterthought, and many of the mid-year "staff-development days" force buildings to be kept open for negligible professional benefit. As a teacher, I resent the lack of recognition of time I put in outside of work searching for new materials and methods, preparing lessons, and grading papers. The increase in class sizes we've seen this year compounds the problem, and that will only get worse -- a class size increase from 22 to 32 students (which we've seen already at my school) translates into almost 50% more time grading essays. The county cannot continue to demand more time from teachers while paying less, without demoralizing staff, and encouraging them to seek other employment options, or at very least driving them to compromise on their professional standards. Please consider easing the burden on staff by adjusting the calendar to give teachers more time if you refuse to compensate them for increased workloads.	1/12/2010
	Parent	I don't understand why the calendar is not being altered to save money. From what I understand, having half days during exam times at the middle and high schools translates into transportation savings across the county. Should we be considering regularly scheduled half-days, or even a shortened week (with longer days as needed) to build this savings into the schedule? I have also noticed a major increase in my children's class sizes this year (at both the middle and high school levels). Given the increased demand this puts on teachers, it seems only fair that they should get more time off to be grading	1/12/2010

		and responding to kids' work since they are not getting the annual increases in pay they deserve. I think you should consider giving teachers credit for the time they spend working at home, rather than forcing them to complete so many work days before, during, and after the school year. Save the money, and shut down! The schools -- you might even consider wrapping up the school year shortly after SOL's... my kids feel like the year virtually ends with SOL's, so why not save the a/c and transportation costs and kill the last week.	
	Employee	As teacher: I think the county should consider altering the schedule to make up for the fact that they are freezing teacher salaries. Please consider cost savings derived from a possible four-day week or weekly/bi-weekly half-days. Perhaps the school year could be shortened -- most of us agree that the month-plus after SOL's seems like an afterthought, and many of the mid-year "staff-development days" force buildings to be kept open for negligible professional benefit. As a teacher, I resent the lack of recognition of time I put in outside of work searching for new materials and methods, preparing lessons, and grading papers. The increase in class sizes we've seen this year compounds the problem, and that will only get worse -- a class size increase from 22 to 32 students (which we've seen already at my school) translates into almost 50% more time grading, and with essays, open-response tests and projects, this time can be considerable. The county cannot continue to demand more time from teachers while paying less, without demoralizing staff, and encouraging them to seek other employment options, or at very least driving them to compromise on their professional standards. Please consider easing them burden on staff by adjusting the calendar to give teachers more time if you refuse to compensate them for increased workloads. P.S. Today I heard about a possible 8-day furlough plan... While this may provide a possible solution, I am concerned that instructional staff may be harshly impacted, depending on how the number is computed. For example, since my pay is based on a 200-day year, will I be docked 4% ($8/200 = 4\%$)? If so, county administrative (and other 12-month) employees would lose only around 3% -- that doesn't seem fair.	1/12/2010
	Employee	Please move one of the workdays in November or February to January 3rd for a teacher workday before students come back from winter break. Move the other teacher work day to a day in March. Thanks Katie Dixon	1/11/2010
	Parent	Open a week earlier (1st day for students Aug.18th) and let out a week earlier (last day of school June 3rd.) As soon as it is June, (really after Memorial Day) the students do very little work. It seems that only fun activities are scheduled. Why prolong that for almost 2 weeks? By the middle of August, most kids are ready to go back.	1/11/2010
	Parent	I like the proposed calendar, especially the later start date.	1/11/2010
	Employee	I have heard from several of our staff members that it would be nice to have the first day back after winter break as a staff day.	1/11/2010
	Employee	THANK YOU for preserving the full two weeks of Winter Break. This is really necessary in order for both students and teachers to get a needed physical and mental rest from the rigors of the first semester and exams. I think pedagogically it would be better to start school earlier and have Winter Break	1/11/2010

		mark the actual end of first semester, but I realize that this is a cultural change that would create problems of its own. Otherwise, the calendar looks good. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.	
	Parent	Thanks for all the hard work on this!	1/11/2010
	Parent	It looks great, and we love having two weeks off in December!	1/11/2010
	Employee	One of the strategies I've heard mentioned to reduce the budget shortfall is a 5 day furlough of all school division employees. If those five days were added to winter break (January 3-7, 2011), savings in heating buildings would be maximized. This format would be less disruptive to learning than adding a five day break at another point during the school year.	1/11/2010
	Parent	Too many professional days built into the calendar. Place them at the end so the students can finish with school earlier.	1/11/2010
	Employee	I like the calendar with one exception: I'd like teachers to begin on Wed. 18 Aug. and have only 5 pre-school work days. The extra day could be a work day perhaps in October.	1/11/2010
	Employee	The two weeks off as a winter holiday around Christmas is wonderful.	1/10/2010
	Employee	Thank you so much for continuing to provide two weeks vacation in December through the holidays! It is a great time for students and employees to rejuvenate before starting the new year.	1/10/2010
	Employee	Consider using the first two days of our holiday break as potential make-up snow days. We barely missed one of the largest snow storms that this area has seen mid-December. I believe that 2/21 is president's day. Other counties in our area are having that as a day off for faculty and staff in their school divisions. Your "other observances" dates include veteran's day as well. Why not have all of these days off instead of MLK day, Labor day and Memorial day? Starting earlier in August and ending earlier (late May or earlier in June) would be easier with our SOL testing window. Why not give good friday off to faculty and staff as well?	1/10/2010
	Parent	looks good	1/9/2010
	Parent	With Christmas being on a Saturday, I do not think they should be out of school for 2 full weeks. If you also take into account the 3 half days the week before for middle and high school students, they have too much time off in December Also, Dec and Jan are likely to have snow days. I would rather have the time off in June or August when the weather is nice.	1/9/2010
	Employee	The calendar look great. Thanks for you hard work.	1/9/2010
	Employee	I am questioning the 1/2 day on June 10th. It seems like an unnecessary difficulty for parents and teachers. More importantly, will it affect the testing schedules run by the high schools for finals?	1/9/2010
	Parent	School should start 2 days earlier, winter break should be 2-3 days shorter, a professional development day should be reduced and school needs to end by no later than June 3.	1/8/2010
	Employee	This draft is AWESOME! I love it. It makes sense and works for teachers and students. Thank you for your time!	1/8/2010
	Parent	I disagree with the proposed start date of August 25 on next years calendar. The strength of our economy depends heavily on our familys traveling and	1/8/2010

		visiting tourist spots in Albemarle County as well as the rest of the state and country. Labor Day is a National Holiday that is widely viewed as a travelling time. By starting the school year prior to Labor Day it prohibits this travel. I ask that you visit this issue and modify the start date. The county and all of its business's could benefit from the extra tourism. Obviously this would effect the end of school date. That too is good because of lower temperatures in June than the higher temps of August. Many other counties in Virginia have a start date after Labor Day. We should too. Thank you, Roseanne Bailey	
	Parent	As usual, I am not happy with the school year beginning so early, 2 weeks before Labor Day. The standard I've always known is that school started the day after Labor Day. Most of the parents I have ever talked to about this feel the same way. Many families take their vacations at the very end of the summer, going into the Labor Day weekend, especially those who have to work. Also, for those who go away, it is more affordable for families to rent a vacation place at the end of the summer. Some families have no choice but to rent at the end of the summer, while school is starting, if they are to be able to afford a summer vacation. I don't see why school can't be extended at the end of the year for another week.	1/8/2010
	Employee	I like how you kept the two weeks' vacation for winter break. The proposed calendar looks great!	1/8/2010
	Employee	I don't understand why we need six pre-service days at the beginning of the school year, unless it is to round out the required number of teacher contract days.	1/8/2010
	Parent	My concern to the proposed calendar is the date the school ends in June. Most overnight away summer camps begin the second week in June and this conflicts with the school calendar. Is there anyway that the school could go back to beginning school around mid-August and ending early June (i.e., June 4th)? Thank you	1/8/2010
	Parent	How about instead of Dec 20,21,22 off you extended the 2 days in February to a week long break "Winter Break" instead??	1/8/2010
	Parent	Please provide your comments about the calendar drafts: As a parent, I find it difficult to get all of my Christmas prep done by Dec 17. I would much prefer the children go through Dec 21, then put those extra 3 days off after the New Year. It's much more fun to spend the time with my family after Dec 25, when everyone has new things to play with. They could then return on Jan 5. Thanks for considering.	1/7/2010
	Employee	Looks good!	1/7/2010
	Community Member	It would be a great idea for the city and the county to have a the the same date for kindergarten registration in the spring.	1/7/2010

		This recommendation comes from a member of the Partnership for for Children. Sylvia Henderson, Chairman Elect	
	Parent	I would prefer to see additional make-up days included in the 2nd and 3rd nine weeks (i.e. Dec 20, 21, 22, Jan 18, Apr 1), when school cancellations are most likely to occur. Instructional time needs to be maximized before SOLs and AP exams are taken in May rather than added to the end of the year. Neither students nor teachers will want to be in school through the middle of June. Also, could the policy of spring break always occurring the first week of April be revisited to allow additional flexibility in setting up the school calendar? Thanks for the opportunity to comment, Lisa Mann	1/7/2010
	Employee	Calendar looks good! Recommend a way to increase the pre service week by including Monday, Aug. 16. That would give us 7 days to be fully prepared for our students. Most teachers will come in anyway on the 16, so this should be included as a work day. Consider lengthening the days and shortening the year, let us finish as soon after the SOLs as possible. But, schedule the SOLs for the latest window.	1/7/2010
	Parent	Dear School Board, I have two children in Albemarle County schools. I think the 2010-2011 school year is exceedingly long. The kids are completely finished learning and the teachers are "done teaching" by June 5th. To expect the kids and teachers to continue until June 10th or longer is impractical. I would strongly encourage you to consider shortening the spring break by a day and perhaps start school on Monday August 23rd instead. Kids are ready to get started learning again at the end of summer break but they are ready to be finished <u>when June arrives</u>. Thank you, Kimberly Gale	1/7/2010
	Employee	I really think that since Albemarle Teachers have been asked to go without a raise again, there should be a reduction of the number of teaching days. This might come in the form of shortening the pre-service week or letting one of the many teacher work days be a holiday for teachers. This would ensure that students are not missing any instruction, but still let teachers know that they are being thought about in these tough economic times.	1/6/2010
	Employee	I really think that since Albemarle Teachers have been asked to go without a raise again, there should be a reduction of the number of teaching days. This might come in the form of shortening the pre-service week or letting one of the many teacher work days be a holiday for teachers. This would ensure that students are not missing any instruction, but still let teachers know that they	1/6/2010

		are being thought about in these tough economic times.	
	Parent	I like the calendar. I like that we start on a Wed. with a three day week. I like having a two week Christmas break. - Thank You	1/6/2010
	Employee	Several teachers have two major concerns. First, none of the pre-school days are designated teacher workdays. We need time in our classroom to prepare for orientation that is also that week. Second, there is a possibility of teaching until June 17. Suggestions: First, August 18 and 19 should be teacher workdays. Second, Teachers can return on Monday, August 16th and students return on Monday, August 23rd. Then June 8th would be the last teaching day. June 9 and 10 would be snow make up days or the last teacher workdays.	1/6/2010
	Employee	I like the consistency with this year's calendar. It's easier to plan and things feel less stressful when the workdays and breaks are generally the same (when and length) year to year.	1/6/2010
	Employee	The draft seems relatively the same as this year. I like the idea of the last day being a half-day.	1/6/2010
	Parent	I like the later start date in August. would prefer perhaps even another day later, 26th of August. Long winter break is nice as well.	1/5/2010
	Parent	Would prefer children have school December 20, 21st & 22nd and end school earlier in June.	1/5/2010
	Employee	Thank you for keeping 2 weeks for Christmas. Starting on the 25th is great. However, since teachers are not getting raises there should be no snow day make ups. Thank you	1/5/2010
	Parent	I love this calendar, however, my recommendation would be to eliminate the bus route information. My daughter's bus route information was completely wrong (bus number, and pick-up time) that was listed on the calendar. This caused a rather large problem, and disappointment. Her scheduled bus driver (listed on the calendar) kept telling her she was on the wrong bus. After 2 weeks of this, the bus driver apparently spoke to the principal of the school and they called me to let me know my daughter (who is in middle school) had been riding the wrong bus. Of course I called the Dept. of Transportation regarding the matter, in which they informed me that many of the calendars had incorrect data for the bus routes and indeed she wasn't to be riding the bus that was notated on the school calendar.	1/5/2010
	Employee	Have students return on the 19 of Aug and get out on the 3 of June, so we don't have to worry about June 7. Also, keep 2 weeks at Christmas and the 3 days at Thanksgiving. Teachers don't need 6 days before kids. Give 4 (12, 13, 16, 17); new teachers could do 6, 9, 10, 11 and have 18 as 1/2 day before students return on the 19th.	1/5/2010
	Parent	Why are President's Day and Veteran's Day listed as 'Other Observances' but not observed? The students are still in school those days. These are very significant moments in our history as a country, especially when compared to	1/5/2010

		Labor Day which is observed on the calendar.	
	Employee	Holiday Break--too long; learning retention and attention will be a problem. I see no reason to not go at least through December 21st. This long break also contributes to a very long school year--Aug, 25-June 10.	1/4/2010
	Employee	Why do we go so long after SOL testing is complete? Many of us would favor beginning earlier in August so as to maximize instructional time before SOL tests. Thank you for your consideration.	1/4/2010
	Employee	I think over all it looks good. A couple of concerns, I know that the 2 week winter break is great, however, if students were in school through the 22nd of December, then both semesters would have 90 days in them, if the last day of school for students were to be June 7. This would get back to the issue faced recently which because of the primary, school ended a day earlier then it was scheduled, since sending students to school for the last day on a Monday is pretty worthless! The problem with the proposed calendar is that the second semester is already six days longer than the first and if there are any snow days in the first semester, then the second semester is even longer than the first. This can be difficult for high schools that are giving semester tests, that are designed for a semester (90 days) of work. A second question would be why the two professional development days in February are on the 14th and 15th, when the Federal Holiday, Presidents Day is scheduled (according to what I find) for the 21st of February. Would it not make more sense for students to be off the same day a lot of the parents are off? Good luck, I know that developing a calendar can be a thankless task!	1/4/2010
	Parent	Given that so many children have to begin fall sport practices in August, it seems it would make more sense to begin earlier in August and get out earlier in June. So many summer activities around the country begin in early June, that getting out earlier would allow more opportunities for our children to participate.	1/4/2010
	Parent	I think a 2-week break for the Christmas holiday is just too long. Other school districts don't take as long a break and I don't think we need one either. Why not have a half day on the 22nd and then the rest of the week off?	1/4/2010
	Parent	As an ACPS parent, I would appreciate reconsideration of the 6/10/11 proposed last day of classes. There are numerous dates built into the calendar that could be scheduled for attendance, allowing for a 6/3/11 end date. For example, 12/20, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, 3/11 & 4/1. Sixteen days of Winter Break causes work scheduling difficulties, as do 4 day weekends in January & February. We own our business and are better able to coordinate earlier summer calendars with camps and child care. I feel that there are many other families within Albemarle County who would concur. Thank you for the consideration.	1/4/2010
	Parent	look great! I appreciate the 2 weeks at Christmas and the minimizing of random "days" off in fall semester.	1/4/2010
	Employee	I like the two weeks for winter break.	1/4/2010
	Parent	looks good	1/4/2010

	Employee	Work on Dec 20 and 21 return to school on Jan 5. Spring Break April 18-22	1/4/2010
	Parent	The primary reason I like it is that it provides 2 full weeks for the winter holiday. Start date is good too. Please keep 2 weeks for winter break even if this calendar is altered.	1/3/2010
	Employee	cannot download it to get an opinion	1/3/2010
	Parent	Why have a half-day to end the year? What's the point? I'd rather start school on Tuesday Aug 24, and skip the half day on Friday June 10. That way if we need the snow make-up day, we have an extra one at the end of that week and won't have to go into the following week. Half-days really mess up childcare arrangements for me as an elementary school parent. I much prefer full days. I wish there were a day off in October somewhere. It's a long stretch from the beginning of September to the beginning of November without a break. My kids were really dragging by the time we got a break in early November. Maybe have Friday April 1 be a school day and have a three-day weekend somewhere in October? I like the full two weeks in December. We all really needed it this year. Sincerely, Kirsten Howard parent to two Cale students	1/3/2010
	Employee	Yes! Fabulous calendar! Please keep the 2 weeks at Christmas! We need it for travel.	12/28/09
	Employee	Looks very similar to this year's calendar and that works well for me. I like the extra days before school starts to get us all off to a good start.	12/28/09
	Employee	We could move the start date for school to August 26th which would push back the end of the first grading period to October 28 and have October 29 as a professional learning day.	12/28/09
	Employee	I think that it would be a great idea to begin school on the 23rd of August and have 2 professional learning days at the end of the first grading period (October 28 & 29) as you have scheduled for the rest of calendar. For new teachers that would be a better opportunity for them to ensure that they have completed their grades appropriately without having to rush through this. As for the more experienced teachers it is still a better idea. October is the only month in which there are no holidays or professional development days so it would be nice to have the month of October consistent with the rest of the calendar.	12/28/09
	Employee	More half days should be on the calendar. As an elementary teacher, it is unfair that middle and high school teachers get half days during exam times for professional development (grading), but we at the elementary level must find other times (usually non-contract time) to do that work that is also required. So, half days should be county/city wide on those exam days. It would also be nice to have half days on the days before Thanksgiving and Winter break.	12/27/09

		On another note, as a taxpayer in Albemarle County and a teacher, with the budget the way it is for this year (and next), I think the county should seriously consider having fewer school days in an effort to save expenses (electricity, transportation, etc.). If schools are not mandated to be in session for 180 days, lets make the school day a little longer each day and get out earlier in the spring (or go later in the fall to save cooling costs). We could have longer blocks of instructional time that isn't interrupted and save the county expenditures. Something to consider...	
	Employee	Teachers should come back on August 18 rather than August 17. There is no need for an additional day of preparation prior to school starting.	12/26/09
	Parent	The two weeks at the end of the year only make it harder for two-income families.. most only get 2-4 days off at the end of the year if at all.. All you are doing is putting money into break-care leaving less to provide for families for holidays. Having to keep finding two weeks of activities for children is too much.. you don't think for the kids all you think about is yourself. I'd rather be out of school in early June - what are you trying to do - create year round school calendar if you are just say so - quit spreading it out one week at a time each year.. Why do we start in the middle of the week? Start on Monday (2 days) go the 4 days up to 12/23 and get out early June.. it also helps align semesters better and mid terms too.	12/26/09
	Parent	Given the current budget situation you must consider the hours of operations vs the days of operations. I received an email two weeks ago from Sutherland Middle school, Ms. Saxon. The email noted that there was a \$10'000 dollar savings to combine the release of the middle school students with the HS students. On the days of early release the buses were all ready to depart an hour before the depart time. I would also question the standard answer that Albemarle County Brian Wheeler has given me for years stating that the county does not have enough buses to combine the release and start times. To save money and not take this from the classroom teachers, why not try to change the start and depart times. Again if this is not possible then you must consider a shorter school year. My experience is that some schools like Baker Butler do nothing the first two weeks in Aug. Additionally, AHS is not air conditioned so sitting in a room that is 98 degrees with no windows that open is also useless time that wastes money. Mr. Snowe stated in his election campaign that he would be fiscally responsible so lets see him look into to the hours the students are in class, vs the days the students are in class and see if adjustments to this calendar are necessary.	12/23/09
	Employee	I am disappointed in the schedule. The schedule does not accommodate the high schools well at all. The schedule at the end of the year is driven by AP Tests and SOLs. The should be as close to the end of year exams as possible. Instead, our schedule extends unnecessarily into June. Two weeks at Christmas is too long. Solution: Start school Monday August 23 - pick up two days Add days Dec 20, 21, 22 - three more days School can now end June 3rd. Thanks for you consideration.	12/23/09

		Brud Bicknell	
	Parent	If next years budget is looking at a short fall of 11 million dollars why have we not considered applying to the state for consideration of a shorter student year and a shorter teacher year? Why do the teachers need so many professional development days? I can understand the teacher work days, but why is the prof. day necessary esp. when most teachers take courses through ARC and UVA. I would think that this would be a good way to help out the budget.	12/22/09
	Parent	Calendar is GREAT! Could not be better. Good job! :)	12/21/09
	Employee	End school earlier in June.	12/21/09
	Employee	1) Do not make the first snow days be professional development days. This decreases the credibility for and integrity of those days and ties the hands of the people trying to map out their professional development for the year. 2) 6/10 is only 1/2 day work day for teachers but the note reads like it is a full day 3) Have you considered adding more days before kids are in school given the new Gradebook coming out?	12/20/09
	Parent	I would really like to see a calendar where the kids start earlier in August and are done with school right after SOLS (near Memorial Day) like Fluvanna. It would seem to maximize instructional time before the assessments.	12/18/09