

2012-13 Calendar Feedback Topics for the Board to Consider

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Nearly 6,500 stakeholders viewed the 2012-13 Calendar Development web page. Total responses to the survey amounted to 2,840. Of those, many made comments. Within the comments, several topics emerged beyond preferences for a particular calendar. Depending on the reader, apparent topics may vary. This list of topics is just one snapshot and a starting point for the Board. Stakeholders presented views on the following.

1. Appreciation for the Board asking for stakeholder opinions
2. Start date
3. Ending date
4. The location of 1st semester exams and the end of the first semester
5. Several other factors (workdays, holidays, half-days, etc.) were different among the three calendars beyond the differences in the start and end dates.
6. ½ days
7. SOL testing / testing in general and school calendar decisions
8. The location of spring break
9. The length of winter break
10. Associating staff work days and development days with breaks
11. Family vacations during the breaks: summer, winter, spring
12. The weather during August and May
13. Competitive leagues during summer that compete at state and national levels in August
14. Pre-school activities: athletic practices, tryouts, and band camps
15. Synchronization of calendar with other adjacent school systems
16. Staff development
17. Daycare as associated with breaks, staff development days, work days, and ½ days
18. Religion as related to breaks