

**Calendar Committee Meeting  
January 23, 2014  
Table Notes and Feedback**

**What works well or is positive about the drafts presented?**

- It seems like high school teachers/students would have more time to review for exams after Christmas break before end of first semester.
- Two week Christmas break
- Easter & Spring Break are in the same week
- Longer Christmas break
- Meets legal requirements
- Still get professional development days (half days)
- Work day at end of each quarter
- Long Christmas breaks
- MLK and teacher workday together
- Memorial Day off
- Love the early release days for teacher staff development
- A known start day
- 2015-16, June 3 is much better than June 9
- Horizontal format with date explanations is easier to read
- Expected Spring Break (2014-15) with Easter is end of nine weeks

**What may be something to consider changing or improving on the drafts presented?**

- Move Spring Break to meet with Henderson County & BRCC Spring Breaks.
- 1:00 PM dismissals—either needs to be just a whole day or combine to give a whole day at Christmas or end of year; if all early dismissals are kept then make them all the same time, 12:00.
- Early release & early dismissal should be at the same time (12:00).
- Break or two in third quarter (pulled from beginning or end)
- Two workdays in October (after grading period; you could pull one from beginning of year)
- Spring Break to coincide with colleges and neighboring counties
- 2014-15 – move Spring Break to start Good Friday and end on April 10
- 2015-16 – move Spring Break to April 11-15
- 2014 – move one workday from end or beginning to January 21
- 2014 – move one workday from end or beginning to February 23
- 2014 – move early release September 10 to September 24
- 2015 – move early release from September 16 to September 30
- Early release times should be the same
- There are too many workdays at the beginning and end; let's move a couple from each group and scatter them through the calendar, like in March or May.
- Have Spring Break April 6-10
- Spring Break does not align with BRCC in 2013-14 or 2014-15
- Spread workdays throughout the year—especially during third quarter
- Later Spring Break
- Early dismissals should be at the same time
- Change ALL early releases to 12:00 PM instead of having 1:00 PM a few times
- Have Spring Break match with the college and Henderson County
- Two teacher workdays between the semesters (in addition to the leave day on January 19)
- Moving workdays from the beginning or the end of the year and sprinkle them throughout the calendar

- All early dismissals at 12:00
- Have a workday at the end of February or beginning of March; it breaks up the two months.
- May not be able to change, but parents may have issues with three Wednesdays off in November (2015-16); possibly change early release to November 25 and then also be closed Monday, November 30
- Swap Memorial Holiday for January 2 optional workday OR swap January 19 annual leave with January 2

**What, if any, other information is relevant from your unique point of view or position?**

- Elementary needs as many workdays during beginning of the year as we can get. Please keep them.
- Memorial Day will be during exam week, if release is June 3. Need to pick another workday (January or President's Day in February).
- High school needs two workdays at end of semester especially with DPI & test issues. January 19 would be viable snow day.
- All early releases should be at same time. Easier for parents.

**What question or questions do you still have about the school calendar process?**

Please clarify how many designated workdays the board will make & how many each individual school makes.

**Additional Feedback Received by Email After January 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

From a group of high school teachers:

- move two more work days to April/May from front of calendar (for potential use as snow day make-ups)
- 1/2 days aren't very productive for students or teachers.... combine for full workday?
- No one really had any strong opinion about the 1/2 days before Christmas and at the end of the year.