



Port Townsend District  
School Calendar Working Group (SCWG)

November 29, 2022, 3:30-5:00





# Today's Agenda

- Welcome – 5 minutes
- Debrief / Review [PT Staff Survey Feedback Report](#) -20 minutes
- Summary Sheet Development -[Feedback Summary Sheet](#) -25 minutes
- Explore Calendar Options – 20 minutes
- Student Video/Survey Update – 5 Minutes
- Ranking Process Overview – 5 minutes
- Book Club Options – 5 minutes
- Closing – 5 minutes



# Survey Feedback Debrief

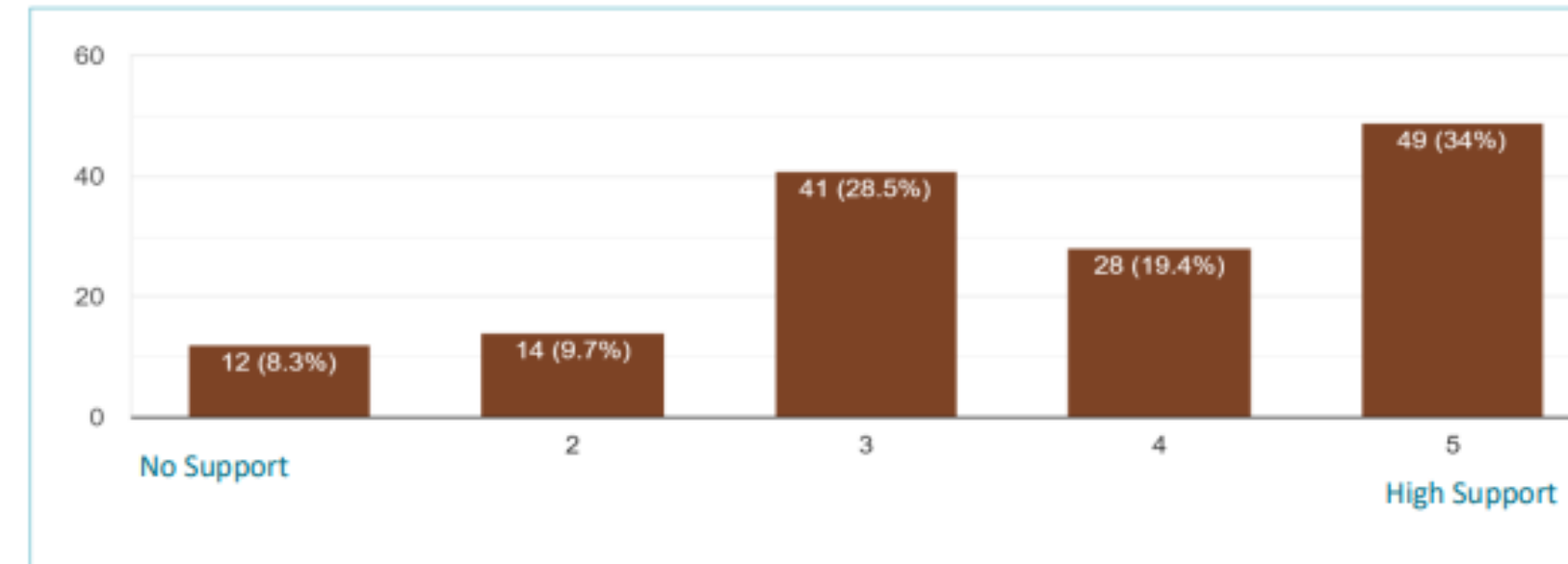
## Breakout Groups

- What did you notice?
- What did you wonder?

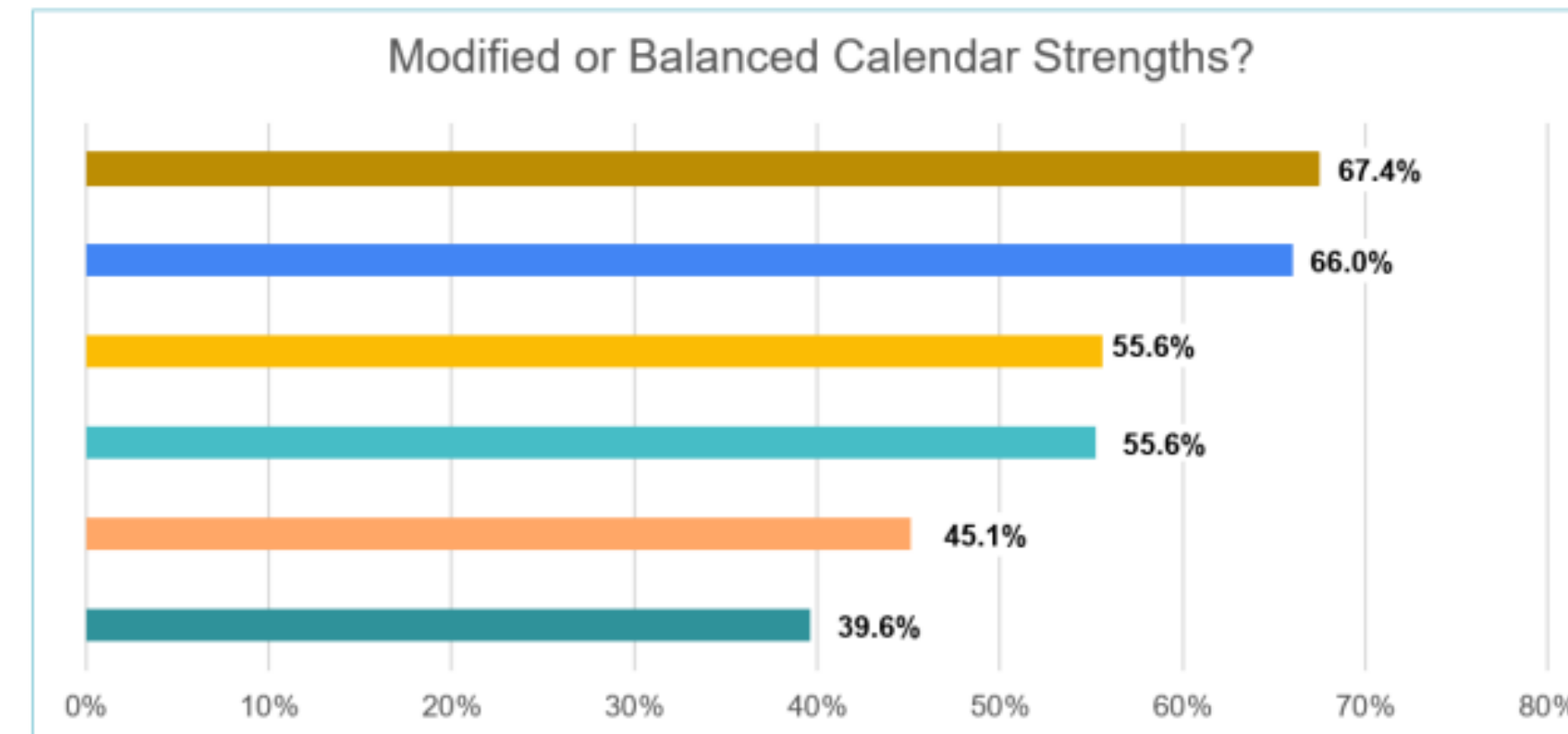
Enter your discussion insights [here](#), under the first column.

[PT Staff Survey Feedback Report](#)

**Survey Question 1 Responses - "What is your level of support right now for the general idea to spread out our 180 school days in a modified or balanced calendar?"**



**Survey Question 2 Responses - What are possible strengths of spreading out our 180 school days in a modified or balanced calendar? Shown below in voted order from highest to lowest.**



- 67.4% - Prevent staff burn out and/or increase staff retention
- 66.0% - Positive impact on student learning (prevent summer learning loss, less re-teaching)
- 55.6% - Ability to travel at non-peak times
- 55.6% - Student access to resources/care are more continuous
- 45.1% - Improve student attendance (e.g. appointments, family vacations can shift to breaks)



# Summary Sheet Development

## Breakout

- What Is Missing/Not Needed?
- What can we say more clearly?
- What steps will we take to respond to the Staff Feedback?

Enter your discussion highlights [here](#), under the second column.

[Staff Feedback - Summary Sheet](#)

### Strengths – Cont’d

Themes that received between 35-45% ratings included:

- Improvement of student attendance because family vacations/appointments can shift to breaks.
- The possibility of enrichment, intervention, and credit recovery during intersessions.
- Volunteered comments noted a perception that a modified calendar with scheduled intersessions will help vulnerable students.

### Challenges

High-rated concerns focused on:

- The potential lack of recovery time and summer activity conflicts, which could have cultural impacts for students and staff if a shorter summer break was instituted.
- The lack of childcare.

Mid-rated challenges included:

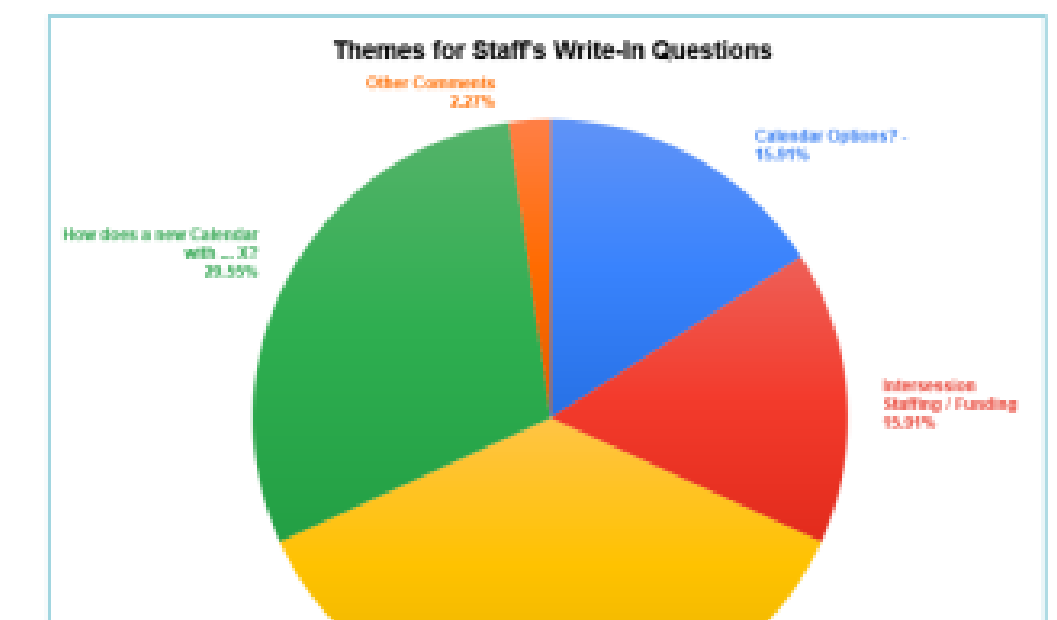
- Economic impacts to students, staff, and community if summer work is curtailed with a shorter summer
- Impacts to support services and facilities schedules
- Transportation

Lower-rated concern was expressed around:

- Program Alignment, including the preparation for Advanced Placement (AP)
- SPED and the need to establish schedules and routines, as well as burnout for staff in those roles

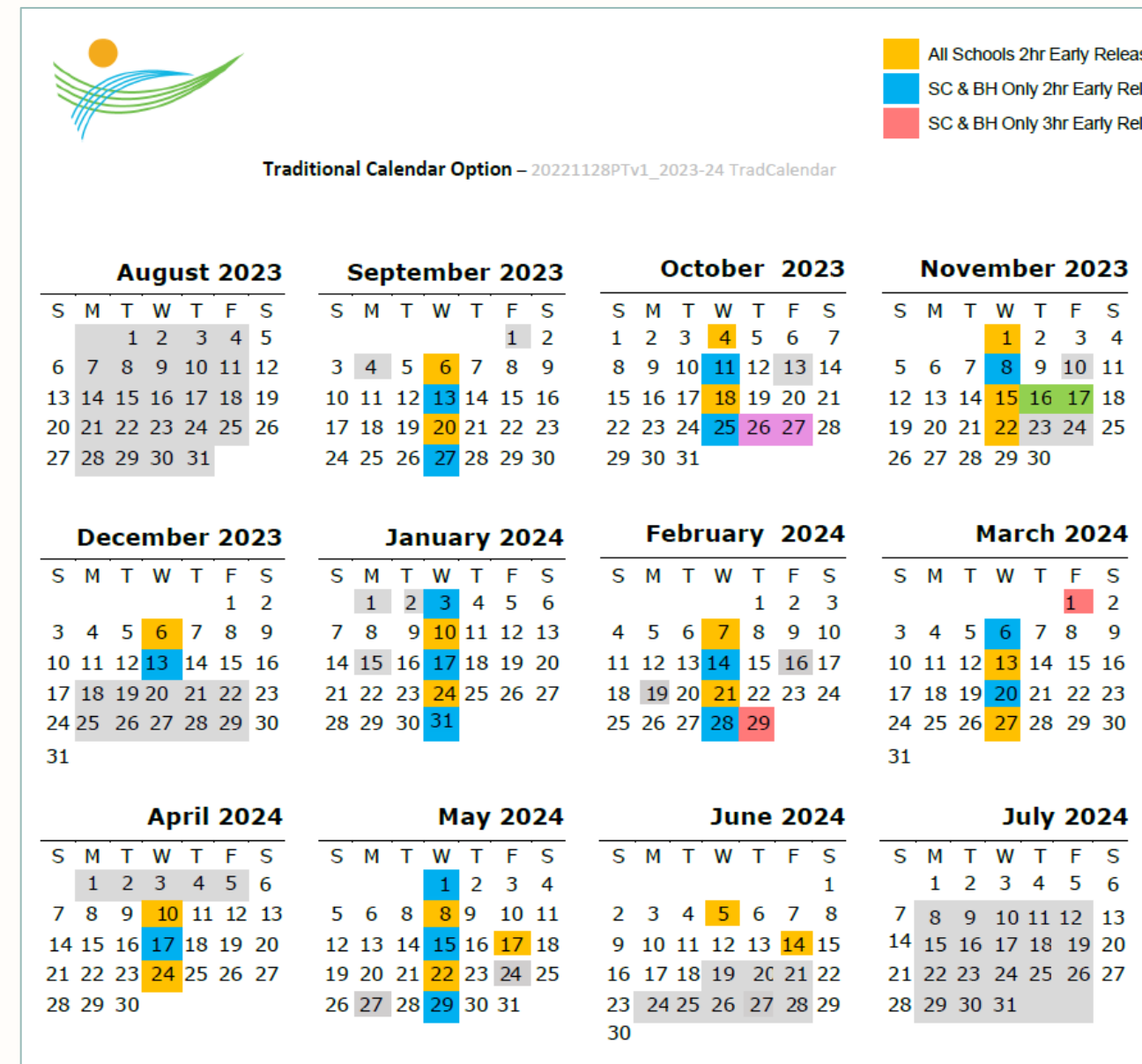
### Themes around determining the 2023-24 Calendar

- Develop a few 2023-24 calendar options with the exact days on/off so people can calibrate their understanding of what is possible.
- Ensuring that the process includes community and staff input
- Go for small changes in the 2023-24 year; avoid starting any earlier and go later into

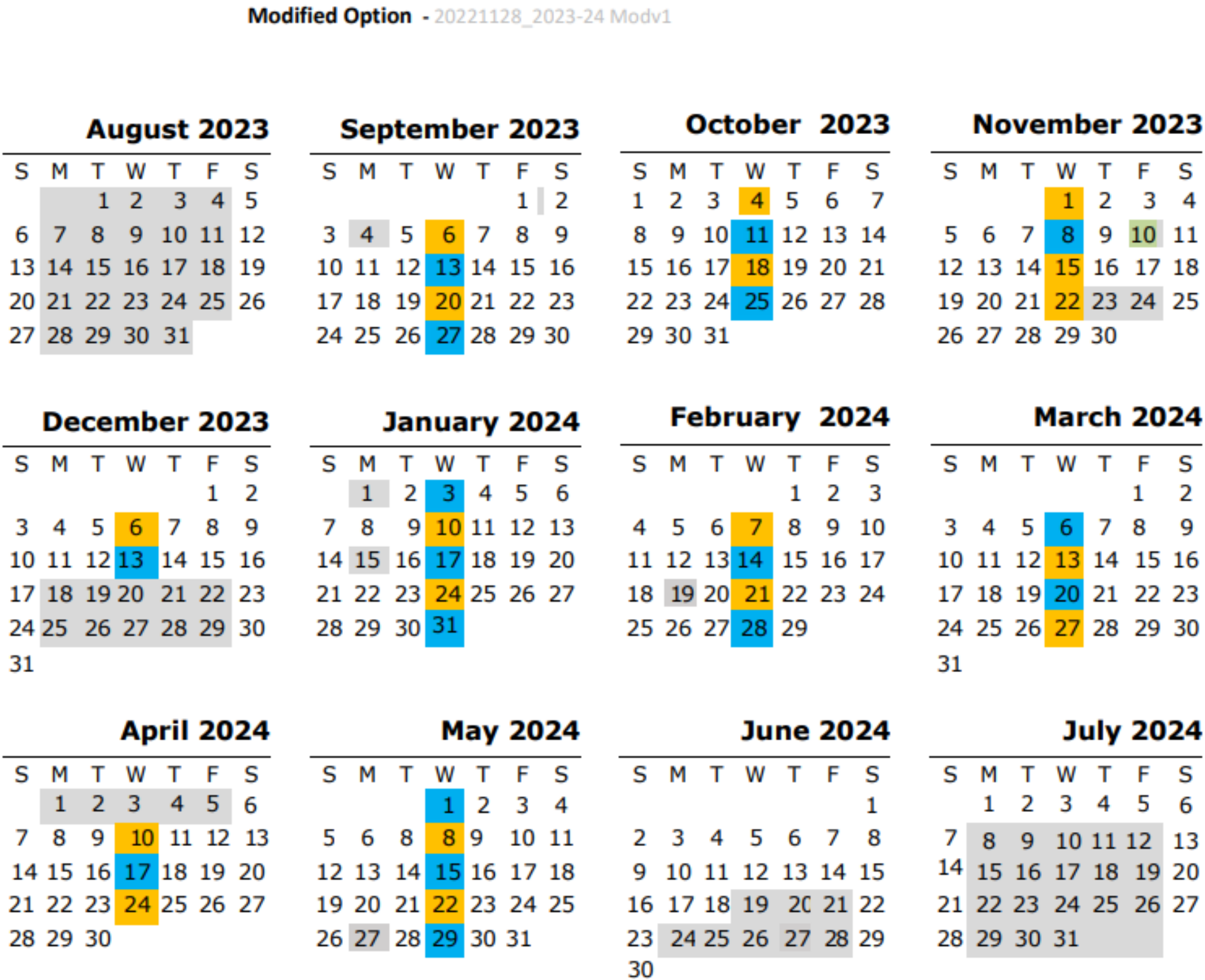




# School Calendar Options



Traditional Calendar – Draft



**Early Release Times**  
 Salish Coast 2hr 12:50, 3hr 11:50  
 Blue Heron 2hr 1:05, 3hr 12:05  
 High School 2hr 1:10, 3hr 12:10

**Important Dates**  
 Aug 28-30: Staff In-service  
 Sept 6: First Student Day  
 Oct 13: Staff In-service, No School  
 Oct 26-27: SC Only No School, Conferences  
 Nov 10: Veterans' Day, No School  
 Nov 16-17: BH and HS Only 3hr Early Release, Conferences  
 Nov 22: All Schools 2hr Early Release, including Staff  
 Nov 24-25: Thanksgiving Break, No School  
 Dec 18-Jan 2: Winter Break, No School  
 Jan 15: MLK Day, No School  
 Feb 16: Snow Make-up Day, No School  
 Feb 19: President's Day, No School  
 Feb 29-Mar 1: SC and BH only 3hr Early Release, Targeted Conferences  
 Apr 1-5: Spring Break, No School  
 May 17: All Schools Early Release, including Staff  
 May 24: Snow Make-up Day, No School  
 May 27: Memorial Day, No School  
 June 8: High School Graduation  
 June 14: Last Day of School, 2Hr Early Release  
 June 17-19: Snow Make-up Day  
 June 20: Snow Make-up Day

Modified Options - Base Document

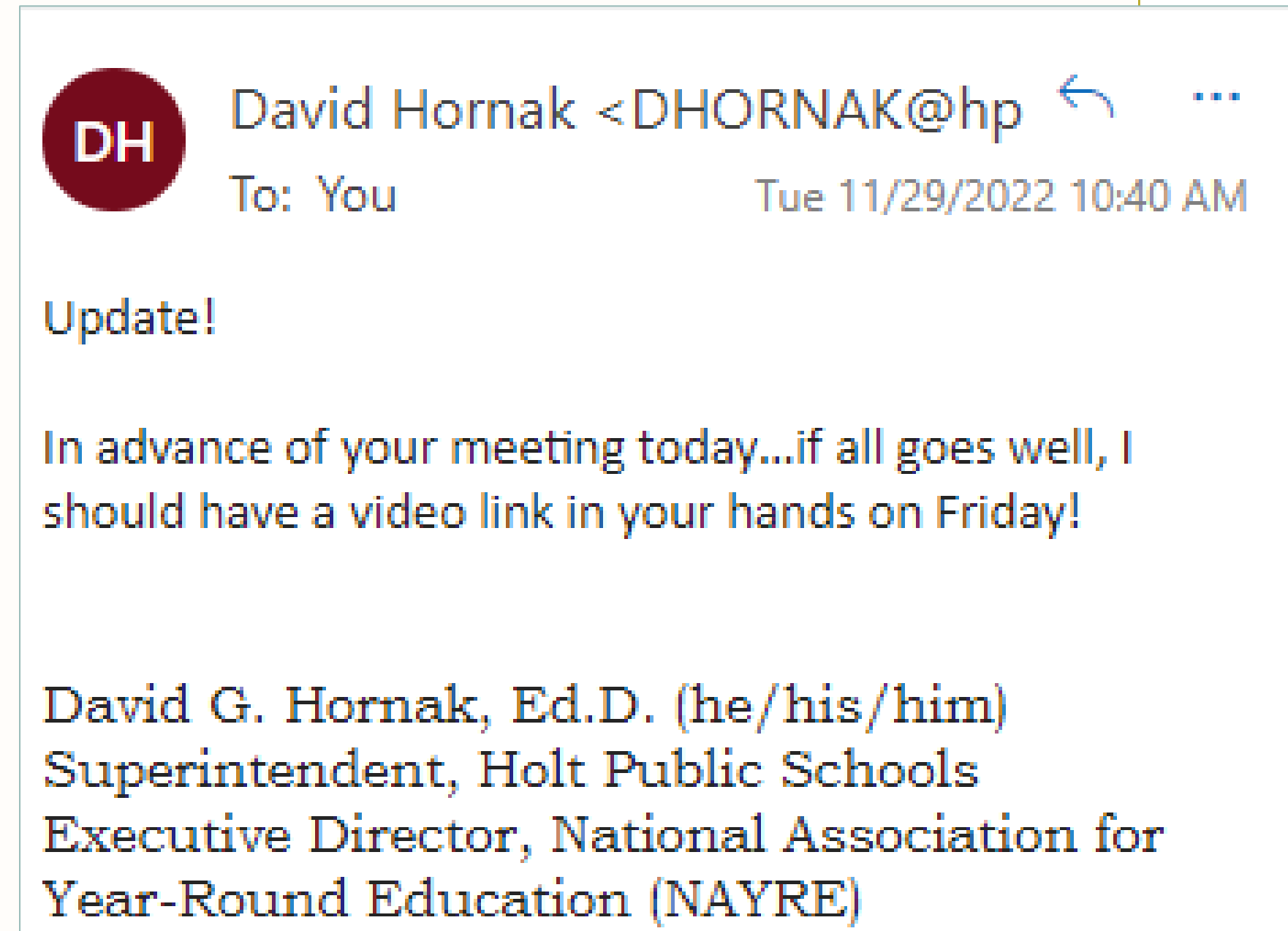




# Student Video / Survey Question Development

- [Timing for Student Survey?](#)
- Questions for Student Survey?

Enter proposed questions, or links to student survey examples you liked [here](#), under the **fourth** column.



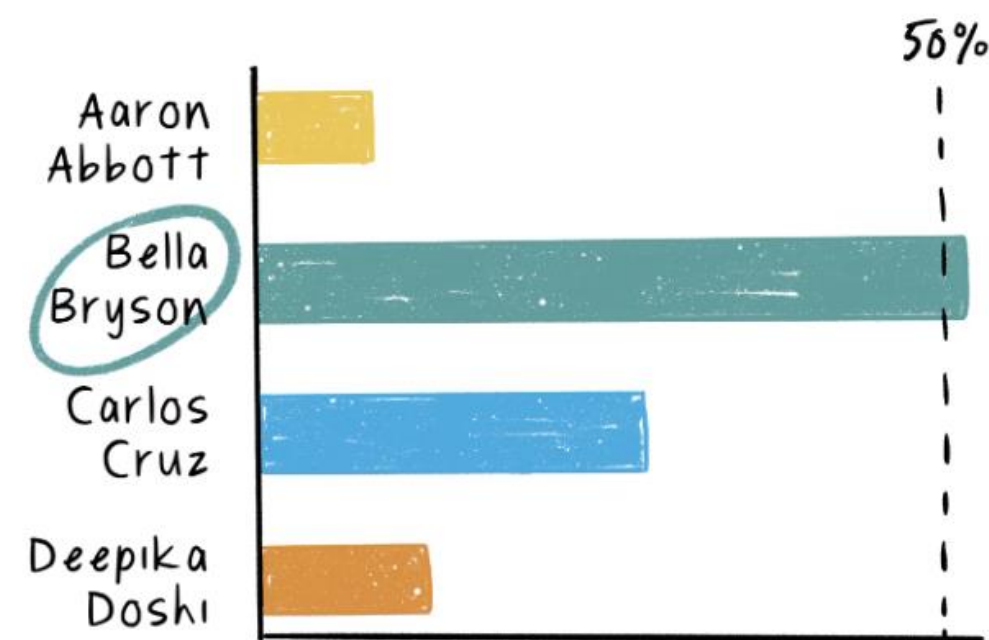


# How Ranked Choice Voting Works

From NPR's ["Here's how ranked-choice voting works"](#)

## Scenario 1

Someone gets more than 50% of the vote plus one. They win outright.

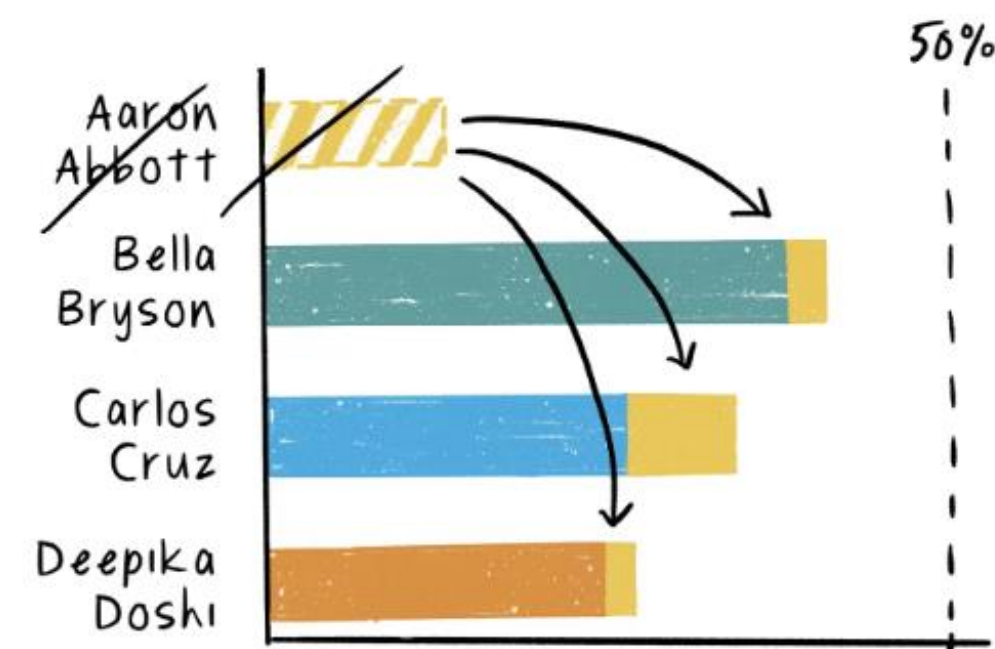


## Scenario 2

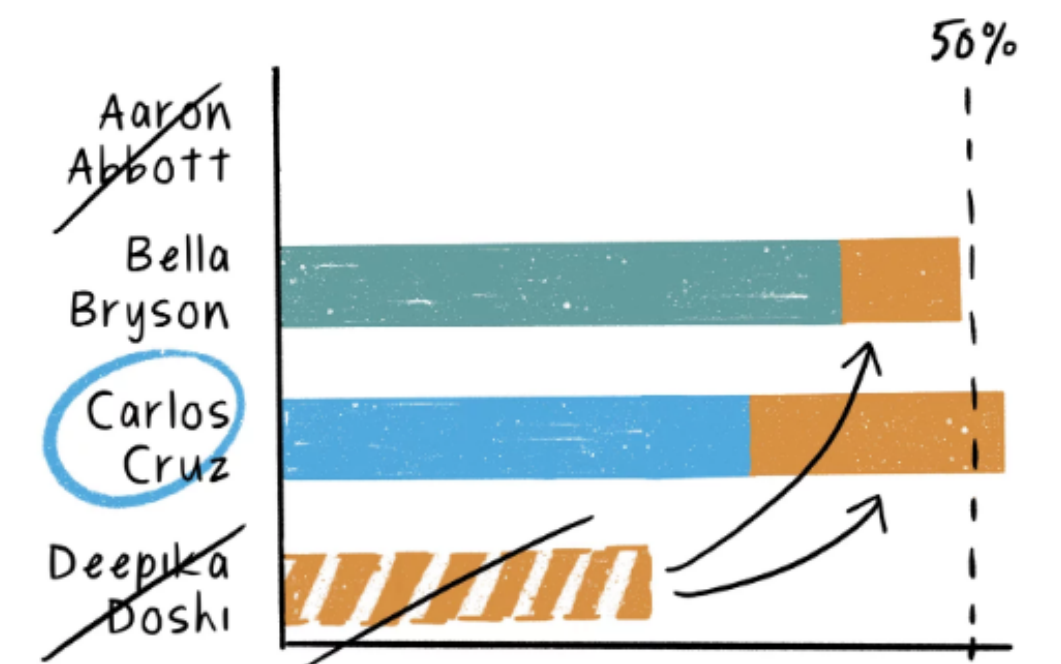
No one meets the threshold. Now we go into ranked-choice voting.



Any ballots that ranked Abbott first and didn't rank other choices become inactive or exhausted. In other words, those ballots can't be counted in future rounds because no candidate left in the contest is ranked.



Still, no one meets the threshold. So the next candidate with the fewest votes — Deepika Doshi — is eliminated and their votes are redistributed to voters' next picks.







# Book Study Options

Options for PT District

- Optional attendance
- Books needed?

There are upcoming book study options for districts that are exploring Balanced Calendars this year! These sessions are facilitated by David Hornack and Jim Pedersen. Please let your team know and mark your calendars.

## Book Study Options

### **Summer vs School, James M. Pedersen**

January 24 & 31, February 14 & 28, March 14

4pm-5pm Pacific Time (with optional office hours to follow each session)

- Best for Year 1 school districts, or those beginning the journey and want to know more
- Anyone in your district could sign up that is interested! This may be an tool to help some of your groups learn more about Balanced Calendar.

### **Year-Round Education: Changes & Choice for Schools & Teachers, Haser and Nasser**

February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21

4pm-5pm Pacific Time (with optional office hours to follow each session)

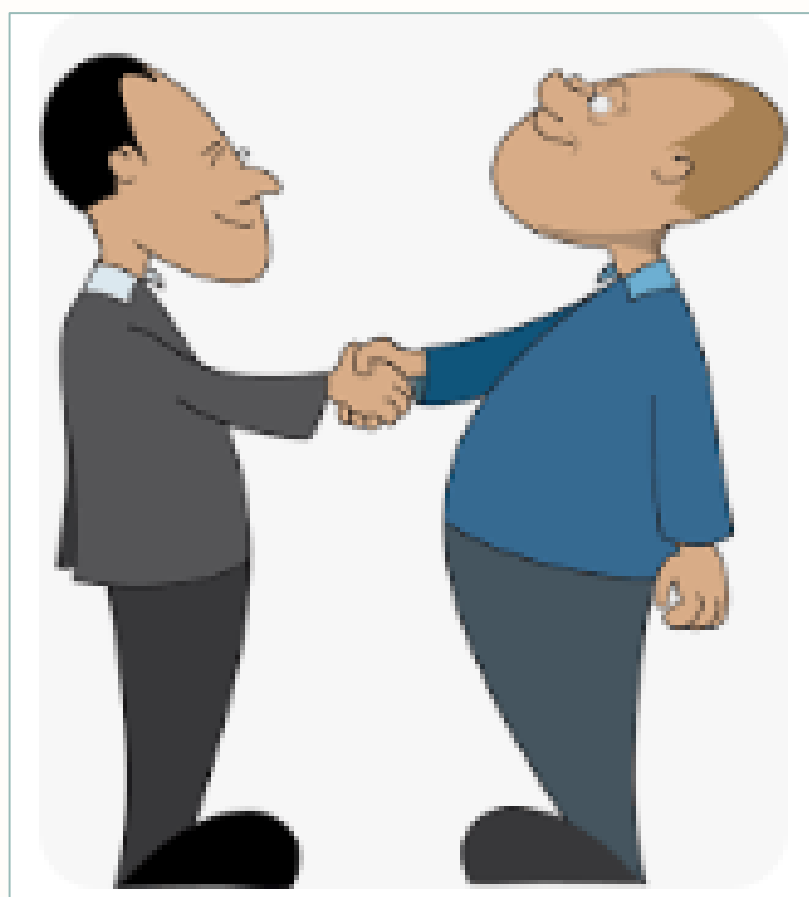
- Suggested for year 2 and beyond school districts
- Best suited for your study or steering committee members

*Note: The titles of these books refer to "year-round education". We use the terms "Balanced of Modified Calendars".*

Stay tuned for more information on how to sign up!



# Final Thoughts?





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