

Proposed Modified Calendar 2024-2025

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Process



Draft of the 2024-2025 calendar was created and modeled after the 2023-2024 modified calendar



Draft of the 2024-2025 calendar was presented to the Teacher Forum during the 2022-2023 school year



Immediately after the Fall Break data was collected from

Elementary, middle and high school student advisory groups
Elementary, middle and high school parent advisory groups
Survey was sent out to all ACPSD employees
Survey was sent out to all parents

Challenges

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Finding things to do
- Getting back on track after the break
- Trying not to forget what you learned
- Missing friends and teachers
- Re-learn routines and procedures
- Feels like the 1st day of school again
- Forgetting or can't find materials
- School reading assignments over break (Battle of the Books)
- Practicing fact fluency
- Getting sick
- Finances
- No A/C at home

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Forgot material-8 people
- Sleep schedule interrupted-9 people
- Getting back into a routine
- Not much to do--3 people



Challenges

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Retaining information
- Coming back from long break
- Sports barely had a break
- Schedule
- Attendance
- Virtual/dual enrollment classes
- Too long
- Still getting work
- Not remembering certain school criteria with expectation to remember right way when returning



Challenges

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS

- Working parents and daycare (provide list of camps/activities)
- Challenging to get students back into the routine
- Teachers working during extra help sessions did not get two week break
- Sports/activities continue regardless of the break, effects travel

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

- No vacation due to sports and band camp
- Groceries went up
- Finding things for them to do
- Students unable to volunteer for summer activities
- Trouble keeping them on schedule



Challenges

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

- Schedule of sports during the breaks
- Dual enrollment



Benefits

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

- Sleep in
- Have fun
- Get to visit friends/sleepovers
- Stay up all night
- Eating snacks
- Training harder
- Travel
- Visited Urban Air
- Reset your brain
- Online shopping
- Playing video games
- Reading/Battle of the Books

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

- Sports
- Camps
- Chilling
- Visiting family
- Eating with friends
- A lot of time off
- Time to relax
- More time to spend with family



Benefits

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Sleep in
- Catch up on HW
- Break from having a lot to do and rest from taking tests
- Family time/celebrations
- Vacations/cultural traditions
- Break allows to refresh and rejuvenate
- Self-care for teachers and students
- More time with peers outside of school
- Personal learning time and interests
- More practice for sports/Marching band/sports conditioning
- Camps during break

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Students could recollect themselves
- More chances to pass
- Attendance recovery
- Longer vacations-could travel further away
- Make up work
- Sleep in
- Time away from school work
- Spending time with family and friends
- Spend more time on other things
- Time to reset from school pressures



Benefits

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS

- Weekend in the middle of the break
- Re-energized to go back
- Off season travel
- Mental break
- Q1 ended before the break
- Extra help offered
- Visiting local attractions with less people

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

- Was a good time to recharge
- Helped the kids catch up with one on one time with teachers
- Vacation
- Catch up on appointments-very important, students and teachers not missing work
- Mental health
- Intersession



Benefits

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

- Second band camp
- Extra time for sports practices/weight lifting, bonding, team building
- Rest
- Mental breaks



Superintendent's Student Advisory Councils

SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A FALL BREAK?

No - 1

Yes – 58 plus

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE FALL BREAK?

Not long enough - 16

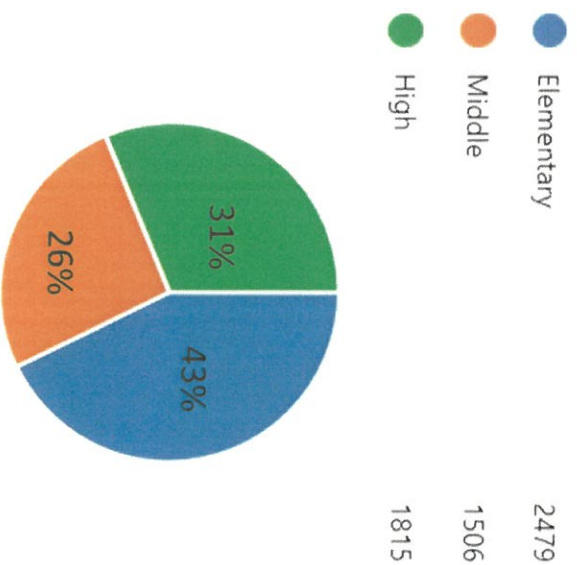
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Too long - 15

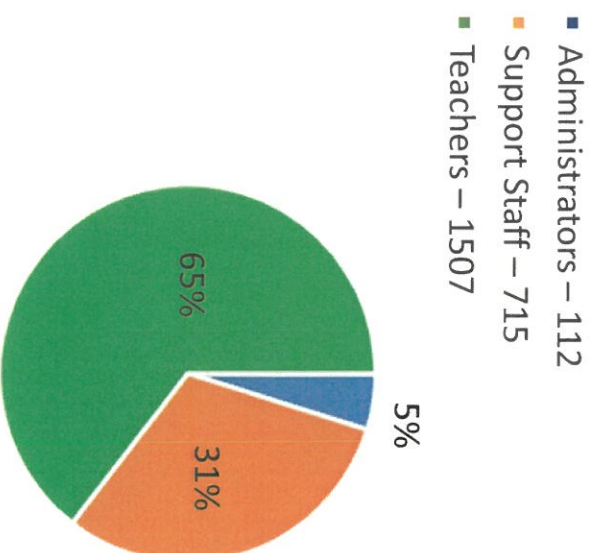


Survey Results

Parents – 4313 completed the survey

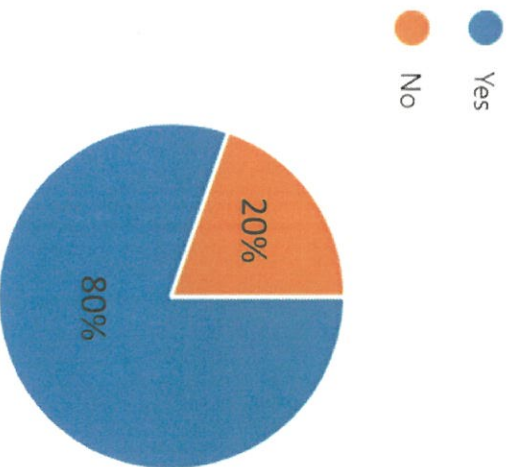


Staff – 2327 Completed the survey



Were you adequately informed about the purpose and expectations of the Fall Break?

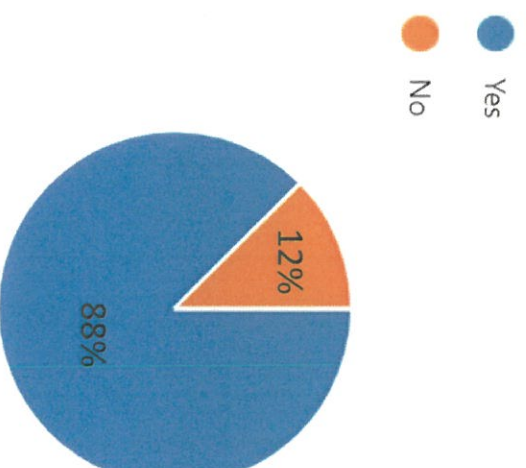
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● No

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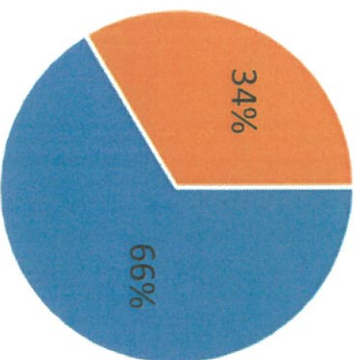
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Were you able to maximize the Fall Break for family activities or travel?

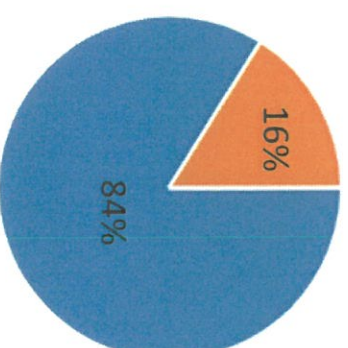
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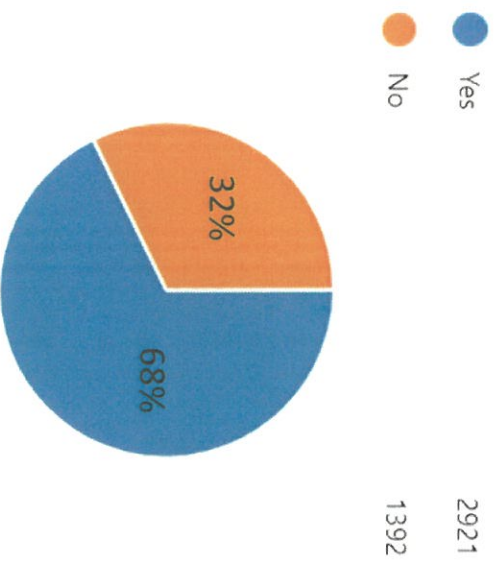
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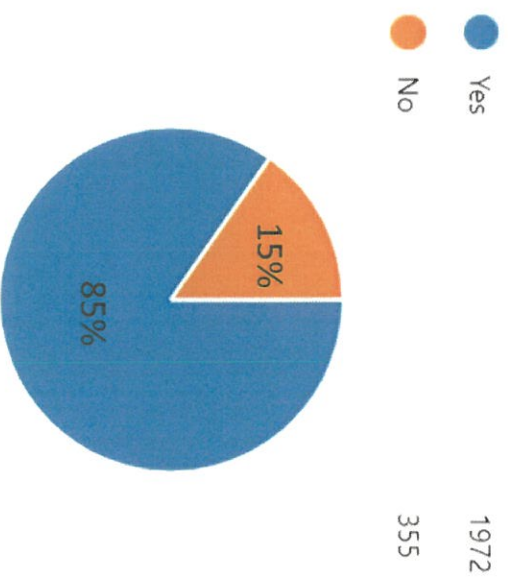


Did the timing of the Fall Break align with your family's schedule and needs?

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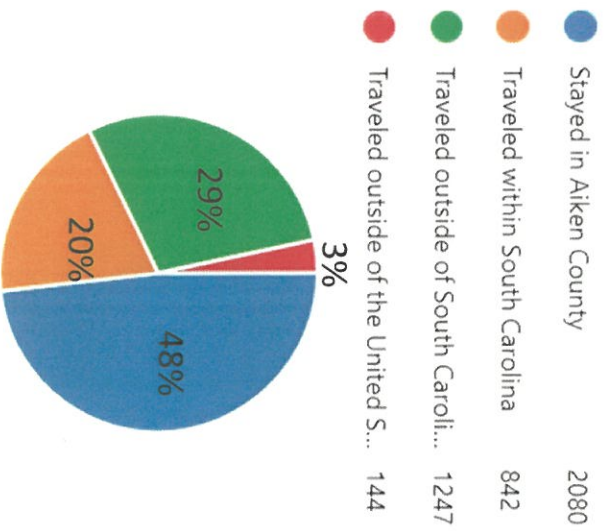


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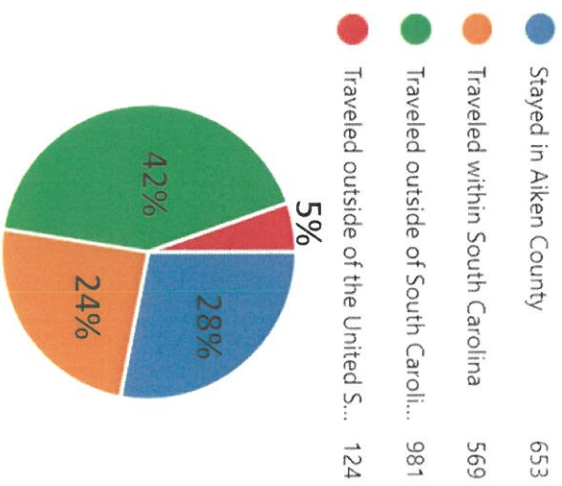


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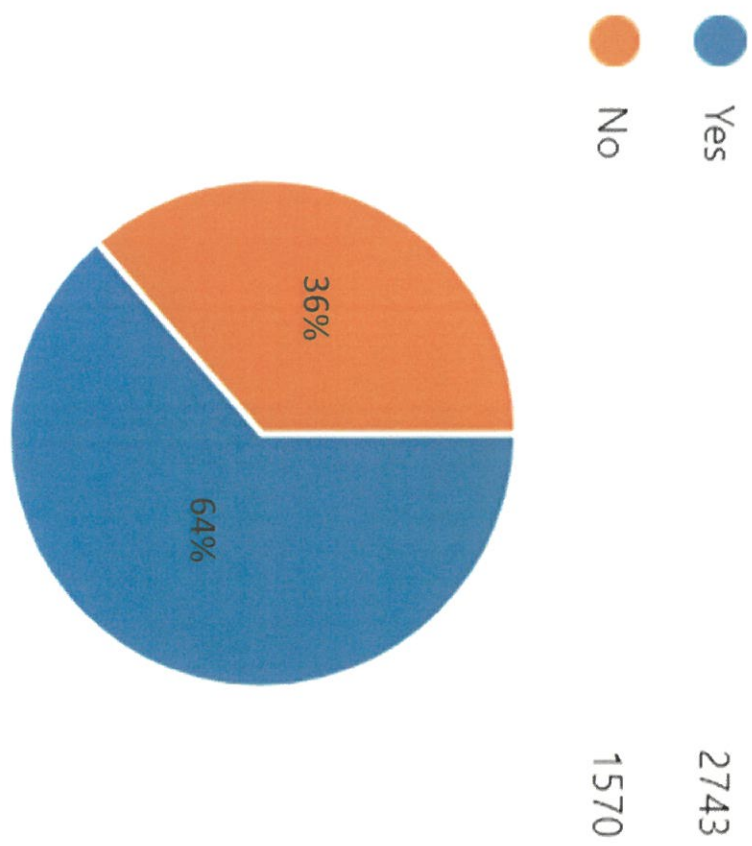
PARENTS - DURING THE FALL BREAK, MY FAMILY:



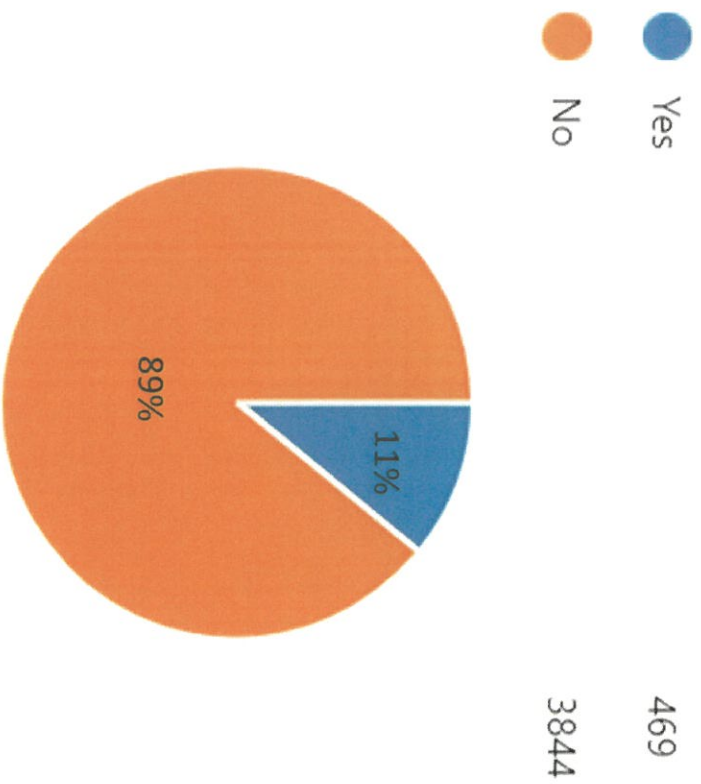
STAFF - DURING THE FALL BREAK, I:



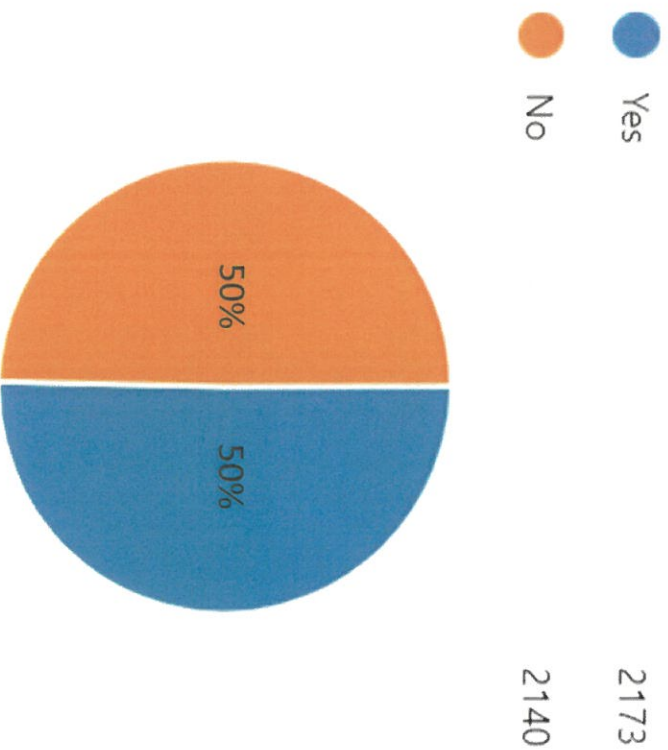
Parents - Did the Fall Break enhance your child's engagement and preparedness upon returning to school?



Parents - Did you have a student(s) participate in intersession?

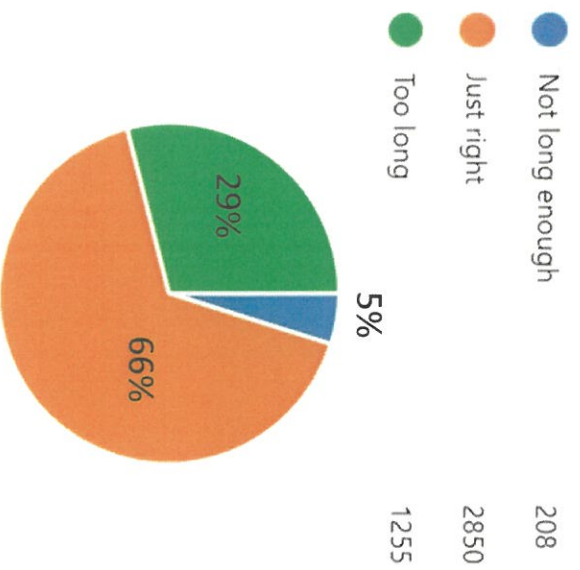


Parents -In the future would you be interested in your child participating in enrichment or acceleration opportunities during the Fall Break?

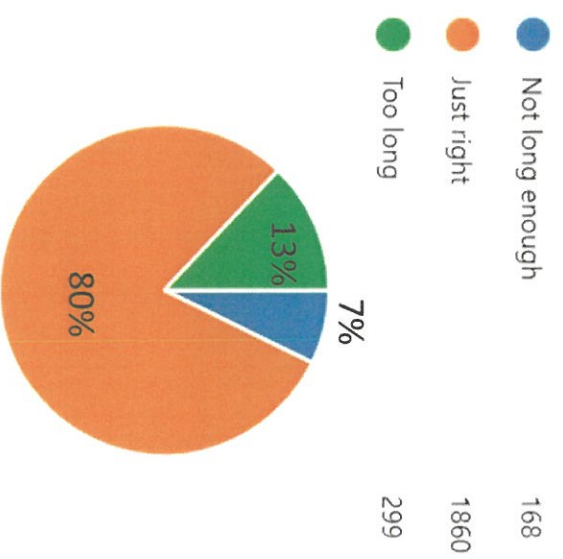


What is your opinion on the duration of the Fall Break?

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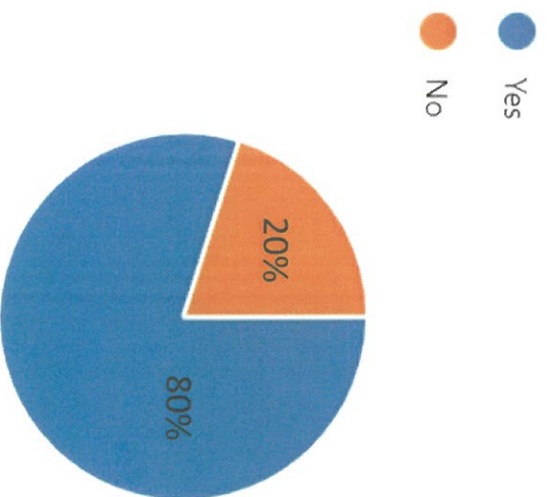


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Should we continue to have a Fall Break?

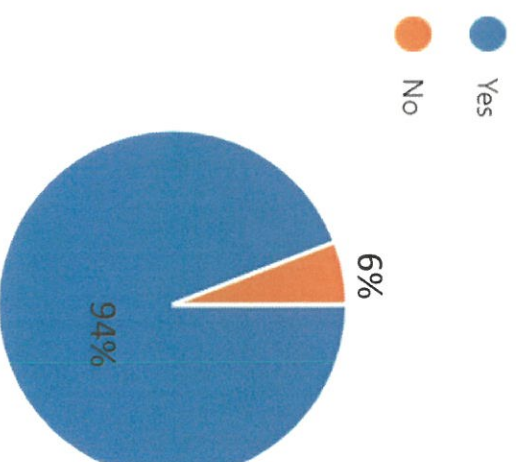
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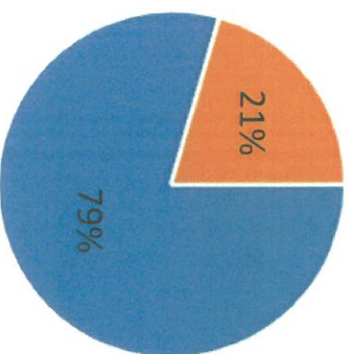
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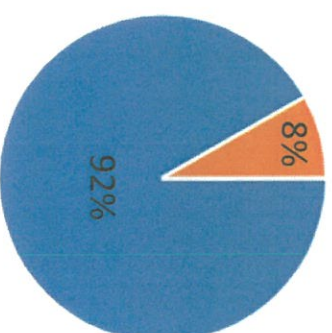


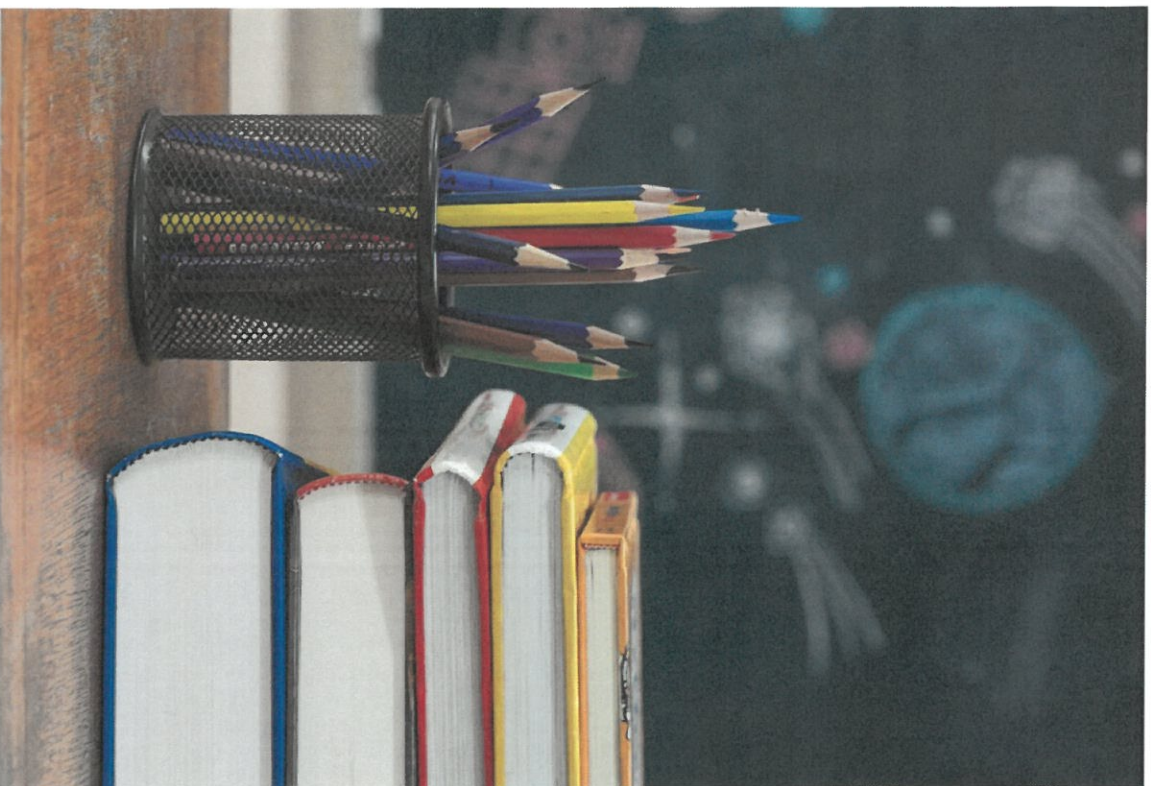
Well-Being

PARENTS - DID THE FALL BREAK HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD'S WELL-BEING?



STAFF - DID THE FALL BREAK HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR WELL-BEING?





Parameters

- First semester complete by winter break
- School year ends by May 31
- Two week fall break
- Two week winter break
- Two week spring break
- Holidays based on School Board Policies
- First day for teachers after the winter break is a work day
- State regulations for school calendars