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Metro Schools releases calendar survey results

Faculty, staff, families prefer balanced calendar

NASHVILLE, TN (August 22, 2011) – Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools today released survey results from parents, faculty and staff regarding their school calendar preferences for the 2012-2013 school year. The results include numbers recorded as part of a survey call to families conducted in five languages Thursday, Aug. 18, as well as totals from phone calls and emails to the district's Customer Service Center Friday, Aug. 19.

The district survey successfully reached more than 24,164 families, with an additional 21,013 families, faculty and staff receiving an answering machine message that allowed them to record a preference via email or telephone to the district's Customer Service Center. With a 37% participation rate, considered extremely good for surveys, the results were:

2011 Phone Survey	Balanced	Traditional	Total Responses	% for Balanced	% for Traditional
Faculty	1,200	846	2,046	59%	41%
Staff	553	513	1,066	52%	48%
Families	9,317	8,354	17,671	53%	47%
Customer Service	131	177	308	43%	57%
TOTAL	11,201	9,890	21,091	53%	47%

The Board of Education is considering calendar proposals for the 2012-2013 school year. The balanced calendar would begin in late July or early August. It would include longer fall and spring breaks with optional school programs so students could get enrichment activities, extra help in math and reading, and college prep during these breaks. It also includes an 8-week summer break. The balanced calendar has 180 school days for students. The proposed traditional school calendar for 2012-13 would begin in mid-August, with a 10-week summer break, one-week fall and spring breaks, and 176 school days for students. The Board will consider calendar options at its regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 23.

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