












1. Please tell us your relationship to North Boone:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Staff Member NBHS		22.9%	33
Staff Member K-8		52.8%	76
Parent		10.4%	15
Student		6.9%	10
Other		6.9%	10
		answered question	144
		skipped question	0



2. Do you prefer having the semester break at the same time as winter break (the way this year was scheduled) ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		90.2%	119
No		9.8%	13
		answered question	132
		skipped question	12

3. How important is it to have balanced semesters? (e.g., the same number of days in both 1st & 2nd semesters.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Essential		6.8%	9
Important		51.5%	68
Not important		19.7%	26
Not an issue		22.0%	29
answered question			132
skipped question			12

4. Would you be supportive of one late arrival day (60 to 90 minutes) each week to facilitate teacher professional development?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		49.2%	62
No		50.8%	64
Comments or additional information			36
answered question			126
skipped question			18



5. We currently have 3 early release days. Is that the appropriate amount?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, 3 is the correct amount		53.9%	69
No, we need more (4 to 6)		25.8%	33
No, we need fewer early release days		3.1%	4
There shouldn't be any early release days		17.2%	22
		answered question	128
		skipped question	16



6. What are your feelings regarding observing state holidays?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would prefer to waive holidays in order to complete the school year sooner		12.4%	16
I think it is okay to waive Casmir Polaski Day and Veterans Day, but not the federal "Monday Holidays"		65.9%	85
I would prefer to observe all of the holidays and get out of school later		21.7%	28
		answered question	129
		skipped question	15



7. Would you like to see the Board continue to adopt a calendar two years out to make other planning easier?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.7%	102
No		20.3%	26
	Other (please specify)		10
answered question			128
skipped question			16

8. Would you like to see a longer instructional day for students?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		25.0%	32
No		75.0%	96
	Comments		16
answered question			128
skipped question			16

9. Would you like to see more student attendance days in future calendars?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		22.4%	28
No		77.6%	97
Comments or additional information			10
answered question			125
skipped question			19

10. What other input would you like to provide regarding the 2014-2015 school calendar?

	Response Count
	35
answered question	35
skipped question	109

Page 2, Q4. Would you be supportive of one late arrival day (60 to 90 minutes) each week to facilitate teacher professional development?

1	I think this is a great idea to help teachers get grade level plan time	Dec 18, 2012 5:46 AM
2	Parents have become familiar with early release & I believe it would be more difficult to find adults to remind students to board the bus for those parents who would not be able to go to work late	Dec 17, 2012 10:40 AM
3	I feel many students will not attend on this day! Parents have to be to work and can't schedule transportation when they are at work.	Dec 16, 2012 7:54 PM
4	It would be less disruptive for the students, parents and transportation to have the teachers do this after school	Dec 15, 2012 6:17 PM
5	Absolutely NOT, as a parent also, this is very hard for child care with two full time working parents. And as a staff member, what can really be accomplished in 60 minutes. We can hardly accomplish anything in 2 1/2 hours.	Dec 15, 2012 6:13 AM
6	I need more information: Does that mean late departure for those days as well? What do you mean by "professional development"? I need some examples	Dec 11, 2012 7:45 AM
7	Would weekly really be a necessity?	Dec 10, 2012 7:13 AM
8	Once a week is too often. This takes away too much instructional time. Additionally, we get enough professional development, as a district as well as the conferences most of us attend on our own. We need time to work with our teams and to implement what has been learned during the PD.	Dec 10, 2012 5:58 AM
9	Teens home alone? Need I say more?	Dec 8, 2012 7:03 AM
10	I think this would be difficult for families.	Dec 7, 2012 6:32 AM
11	Would this be instead of early release?	Dec 6, 2012 2:00 PM
12	Don't need more professional development. Need more time to plan or put in place professional development ideas.	Dec 6, 2012 1:50 PM
13	Not each week, but maybe once a month	Dec 6, 2012 7:35 AM
14	Each week seems a bit much. Maybe once a month	Dec 5, 2012 7:15 PM
15	Once a month	Dec 5, 2012 6:58 PM
16	I think this would be a hardship for some of our families with young children. With that amount of time taken out of a day, the elementary schools would have to give up their math or reading block once a week. Routines are so important to elementary children and late arrivals once a week would disrupt routines.	Dec 5, 2012 3:22 PM
17	It would depend on the type of staff development. With no information, my answer is no.	Dec 5, 2012 3:12 PM
18	I think this makes it difficult on our families	Dec 5, 2012 2:28 PM
19	No if it makes school go into June..if not..not an issue	Dec 5, 2012 2:01 PM

Page 2, Q4. Would you be supportive of one late arrival day (60 to 90 minutes) each week to facilitate teacher professional development?

20	probably not EVERY week! Some would be OK	Dec 5, 2012 12:49 PM
21	How would else would this change the weekly schedule?	Dec 5, 2012 12:25 PM
22	Absolutley not! We are a working family as most families in this district are. Changing our morning routine once a week would be a big inconvenience and a worry to ensure everybody is where they are supposed to be and on time. Not to mention worrying about transportation, daycare etc.	Dec 5, 2012 12:11 PM
23	I think it would take the place of staff meetings & just extend the school year unnecessarily. I prefer full days to accomplish things.	Dec 5, 2012 12:09 PM
24	Once every 2 weeks or month may be better	Dec 5, 2012 11:48 AM
25	I need further explanation of how this would work.	Dec 5, 2012 11:20 AM
26	Only if some of this time can be used for working with teachers in our subject areas	Dec 5, 2012 11:08 AM
27	Maybe. It would depend on the structure. In conjunction with question 5, I don't think doing both late arrival and early dismissal days would be necessary.	Dec 5, 2012 10:40 AM
28	This takes away from classroom time with students, even if the school day is lengthened.	Dec 5, 2012 10:00 AM
29	Thatd be awesome	Dec 5, 2012 9:24 AM
30	60-90 mins is not enough time to accomplish most tasks.	Dec 5, 2012 9:00 AM
31	I see advantages and disadvantages for both scenarios. I would support either decision.	Dec 5, 2012 8:58 AM
32	Too difficult for parents.	Dec 5, 2012 8:30 AM
33	not each week, maybe once a month	Dec 5, 2012 8:29 AM
34	I think this would be very hard for our working families.	Dec 5, 2012 8:24 AM
35	Once every 2 weeks, or once a month. Once a week is a little much.	Dec 5, 2012 8:07 AM
36	Fox Lake Dist 114 currently does this--but in the afternoon. It seems easier to find childcare in the afternoon for families. It is also quite a challenge for admin. to come up with weekly topics, so maybe a bi-weekly schedule would make that easier.	Dec 5, 2012 7:59 AM

Page 2, Q7. Would you like to see the Board continue to adopt a calendar two years out to make other planning easier?

1	It seems like it would be a great idea, but when we work through a calendar and find some things that need to be changed; we can't because the calendar is set so far out.	Dec 15, 2012 6:13 AM
2	Yearly	Dec 6, 2012 8:32 AM
3	With an option to make changes in case something doesn't work the first year	Dec 5, 2012 8:31 PM
4	As long as it is closely looked at by all parties involved and the correct number of days on and off. ie- evening conferences=1 day, also conference days can also legally be used as teacher institute days.	Dec 5, 2012 12:25 PM
5	Not unless we get better at anticipating problems (like giving MAPS our 1st day back from winter break).	Dec 5, 2012 12:09 PM
6	If the calendar doesn't work for some, two years isn't too long before it can be changed again.	Dec 5, 2012 11:08 AM
7	For the overall start days of attendance yes. The ability to alter the early or late schedule days without waiting two years would make sense.	Dec 5, 2012 10:40 AM
8	In my opinion, early release days are for important work at the building level. Some people don't care about collaborating and don't care about grade-level wide or school-wide initiatives, but that doesn't make them unimportant or unnecessary! Some principals may not plan appropriately to make early release worthwhile in their buildings, but all buildings have needs that should be addressed at these times. Early release is so important to getting the 'big picture' of educating our students accomplished. It's hard to find time to get groups together to accomplish things otherwise.	Dec 5, 2012 9:00 AM
9	I do not strongly favor either of these choices.	Dec 5, 2012 8:58 AM
10	things change....	Dec 5, 2012 8:29 AM

Page 2, Q8. Would you like to see a longer instructional day for students?

1	younger grade students are done for the day already	Dec 16, 2012 7:54 PM
2	or maybe split starts... some start late some early	Dec 6, 2012 8:32 AM
3	15 extra minutes at end of day would be good.	Dec 6, 2012 8:11 AM
4	Adding more minutes to the day would be hard on younger students IMO.	Dec 5, 2012 6:14 PM
5	Yes, but only to include time for a study hall/ RtI. So many of our kids don't have time to work at home. This would help that and have the teachers available for help.	Dec 5, 2012 3:12 PM
6	I would reconsider if the plan was to create more class periods so that class sizes are smaller. So we don't have multiple classes with 30+ students.	Dec 5, 2012 1:02 PM
7	No more than 30 minutes. 15 more minutes would be good	Dec 5, 2012 12:49 PM
8	My kids are bouncing off the walls by 3.	Dec 5, 2012 12:25 PM
9	Only if part of the day was devoted to work time for homework	Dec 5, 2012 12:09 PM
10	I believe the time students are here is about right.	Dec 5, 2012 11:08 AM
11	Fairly compensate staff for extended time. (Prorate)	Dec 5, 2012 9:29 AM
12	20 minutes more would be so helpful!! There is not enough time in the day to accomplish everything students need.	Dec 5, 2012 9:00 AM
13	I would like to see 2nd hour be 5 minutes longer to accomodate announcements, even if it meant adding 5 minutes to our contracted school day.	Dec 5, 2012 8:58 AM
14	yes, if it meant that RTI could be done at a different time. For example in the middle school we would have a 30 minute study hall. During this time students could be served RTI needs, ISAT prep needs common core skill needs etc. We have a terrible homework completion rate at the middle school. Having a study time at the days end would allow for homework completion extra help from teachers etc. I would not be in favor if it meant longer class periods in the middle school.	Dec 5, 2012 8:29 AM
15	I think 30 additional minutes would be beneficial to our students	Dec 5, 2012 8:24 AM
16	Longer, but not much longer, maybe 30 minutes a day to provide for the social building and other activities that get squeezed out of the day.	Dec 5, 2012 7:59 AM

Page 2, Q9. Would you like to see more student attendance days in future calendars?

1	We have fewer than other districts as is. Our professional development is sorely lacking.	Dec 14, 2012 3:14 PM
2	I thought this year was a good calendar.	Dec 13, 2012 5:32 AM
3	Maybe some of them as RTI days necessary for students who are struggling.	Dec 10, 2012 2:47 PM
4	If that means getting rid of some non-required days off	Dec 5, 2012 12:11 PM
5	I think summer break is too lengthy and adversely affects comprehension/routines (for teachers, too)	Dec 5, 2012 12:09 PM
6	Possibly if it was a few days at the beginning of the year to let the semesters be closer in number of days.	Dec 5, 2012 11:08 AM
7	Provided teachers are compensated for the extra days	Dec 5, 2012 10:00 AM
8	Fairly compensate staff for extended time. (Prorate)	Dec 5, 2012 9:29 AM
9	Our students would benefit from additional days. Perhaps an extra week of more enrichment based activities and not a traditional school day schedule	Dec 5, 2012 8:24 AM
10	But, I would like the district to provide other learning resources during off time (like Camp Invention over the summer at PGE). That outside the classroom learning time is very valuable. Maybe the middle and high school students can run clubs for elementary students with a staff moderator. Just some thoughts to extend learning outside the classroom--especially during the summer!!!	Dec 5, 2012 7:59 AM

Page 2, Q10. What other input would you like to provide regarding the 2014-2015 school calendar?

1	The 2012-2013 calendar is working well for students, staff, and parents from information I have received from them. Parents expressed that they did like the longer holiday break in December/January as many of them travel long distances during the holidays.	Dec 17, 2012 10:40 AM
2	Christmas break is too long, it would be preferable to shorten this and get out of school earlier	Dec 15, 2012 6:17 PM
3	Getting "relief" time doubled up on a holiday PRIOR to a conference night does nothing to physically relieve us for those extra hours. A lot of teachers get sick around those times of year. We DO need the recuperating time. I feel very strongly about this. I also do not like being in school on Veteran's Day. What's the logic behind being off on Columbus Day (which isn't even a historically accurately celebrated holiday) and not Veteran's Day. I was disappointed in that decision.	Dec 14, 2012 3:14 PM
4	Try to align breaks with Belvidere School District for families to utilize camps/ activities during the winter and spring breaks.	Dec 12, 2012 9:17 AM
5	I prefer to start the school year earlier and end the school year earlier	Dec 11, 2012 7:45 AM
6	Year around school would be great. Use time between quarters as RTI time to address struggling students and offer teachers extra pay during those times.	Dec 10, 2012 2:47 PM
7	Would like to see Spring Break shortened to allow for an earlier ending to the year, or push it back a little so April and May are not months without any days off. Would prefer to start the school year after Labor Day.	Dec 10, 2012 7:13 AM
8	Double check dates and make sure it make sense when early dismissals and conferences are, this fall the days fell at the wrong time.	Dec 8, 2012 8:36 PM
9	In after labor day....out before memorial day.	Dec 8, 2012 7:03 AM
10	compensation day for conferences. conferences on day per semester from 12-8 as we did in the past with no student. Use an institute day.	Dec 7, 2012 12:06 PM
11	I like the idea of weekly time for common planning - as great as our intentions are, that just seems to be pretty impossible to fit in while students are here.	Dec 7, 2012 5:57 AM
12	Veterans' Day should be observed no matter what day it falls on. Parent/Teacher conference evenings should be followed with a non-attendance day.	Dec 6, 2012 8:46 PM
13	I think early release days should be looked at more closely, so that they are not near holidays (Mondays usually) when class time/schedule are already interrupted.	Dec 6, 2012 1:50 PM
14	If we have late arrival days, then there would be no need for the early release days. State holidays-would like to observe Veteran's Day but not Casimir Pulaski Day-was not an option on the list.	Dec 6, 2012 8:11 AM
15	I really feel that Veteran's Day is a day we need to honor.	Dec 6, 2012 6:20 AM
16	Work with other school districts on days off. Helps with babysitting/no school programs offered by YMCA, Park District, etc.	Dec 5, 2012 8:31 PM

Page 2, Q10. What other input would you like to provide regarding the 2014-2015 school calendar?

17	I prefer starting the last week in August vs. right after the fair.	Dec 5, 2012 7:15 PM
18	I don't feel giving up Veterans Day is ok, but Casimir is fine to lose. For the staff development and early release day questions I don't feel we need any more in-servicing, but we do need more time to actually put together things that we have already been in-serviced in.	Dec 5, 2012 3:12 PM
19	I wouldn't mind getting rid of two of the early dismissal days and combining them into another teacher institute/work day. I feel that the full days of professional development are more productive than the early dismissals. I would also like to see the first day of school go back to being an early release day. If we have any early release days, it should be this day. There is so much to prepare and discuss at the beginning of the year and this gave us a little more time to do it.	Dec 5, 2012 1:02 PM
20	I really don't mind the calendar, although I would much rather forgo the pizza and salad on teacher institutes and leave earlier. (or if need be, please vary our lunches. :))	Dec 5, 2012 12:25 PM
21	I personally enjoyed the 2011-2012 calendar that released the students prior to the Memorial Day holiday. Not a fan of this year's calendar and the 17 day Xmas break. If students were to go until the 21st of December, like most schools, our kids would be done prior to the Memorial Day holiday.	Dec 5, 2012 12:11 PM
22	I'd prefer more frequent breaks, holidays, training days and a longer school year. It's difficult for students and staff alike to retain concepts & routines after a continual summer break. Then we have to devote a month in the fall just to review and get everything up and running again. Also, if we took more frequent breaks to rejuvenate and clarify our curriculum and staff initiatives through data analysis, reflection and strategic remediation, I feel instruction would improve dramatically.	Dec 5, 2012 12:09 PM
23	Please consider turning one of the K-4 schools into a year-round school.	Dec 5, 2012 11:36 AM
24	Just a suggestion.... Put spring break the week after Easter.	Dec 5, 2012 11:20 AM
25	I feel we should observe Veterans Day, ON Veterans Day	Dec 5, 2012 11:13 AM
26	In general, the fewer days with alternative schedules the easier it is to manage. If alternative schedules are implemented, then regularity helps (weekly vs. 3 times a year) everyone to transition more smoothly.	Dec 5, 2012 10:40 AM
27	I would really be up for a longer school day; it is important to compensate the faculty for the additional time they are putting in. If extended periods/days, I would prorate appropriately.	Dec 5, 2012 9:29 AM
28	It would be wonderful to align at least one early release or SIP day with Belvidere so that on occasion, we would have the option of combining and bringing in an outside professional and splitting the cost.	Dec 5, 2012 9:00 AM
29	would like p/t conferences to be an evening followed by a day/morning OR a full day into evening with the following day off.	Dec 5, 2012 8:33 AM
30	Please be honest when declaring days off. Such as calling our parent teacher	Dec 5, 2012 8:29 AM

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waived day an observance of Veteran's Day. That was a sneaky way to make it look like we were honoring Veteran's Day when we were not. Please consider making Thanksgiving break a full week.

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| 31 | It is important to have parent teacher conf. days scheduled near each other not a month apart as in the 2011-2012 school year. In addition the Wed. off before Thanksgiving is important. | Dec 5, 2012 8:08 AM |
| 32 | Please keep the first day of school after the Boone County Fair. It is an important part of many families lives considering we do still have agriculture and farms within the district. To many families agriculture is the main source of household income. | Dec 5, 2012 8:06 AM |
| 33 | veterans day should be observed regardless of what you do with the rest of the holidays. Later start dates in the fall would save on energy. | Dec 5, 2012 8:01 AM |
| 34 | Think we should move to block schedules. | Dec 5, 2012 7:56 AM |
| 35 | Off the day after Easter for those families that travel. | Dec 5, 2012 7:55 AM |