

Considerations in Developing the Proposed Calendar Options 2010

The 2010 Salt Lake District Calendar Committee has been meeting since early February to develop academic calendar options for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years. The committee consists of 24 members and is comprised of administrators, teachers, parents and all support services related to the Salt Lake School District's operations.

Three different calendar options have been proposed by the committee. Each option has been discussed extensively and evaluated from each members' point of view. Below are the central factors considered by the committee in developing the three calendar options:

1. **School year start and end dates and major vacation blocks**– THINK: weather; effect on athletics and extracurricular activities; air-conditioning and its cost, summer vacation length and dates, summer school, summer employment; placement and length of time
2. **Professional development and teacher compensation days** – THINK: balance educational benefits for teachers and least amount of disruption for students
3. **Number of full weeks versus short weeks.**– THINK: continuity for student learning
4. **Common calendar for all school districts** – THINK: commonality for families, teachers and schools
5. **Alignment with other school district calendars and student mobility** – THINK: moving from one school to another in a different district or a charter or private school midyear; effect on athletics and interschool competitions and collaborations
6. **Alignment with area colleges and universities** – THINK: fall semester end before winter break; early graduation and early entry into college; possibly more concurrent enrollment classes; start date is a few weeks earlier than college start date and ends after college end dates.
7. **Increased time between end of school year and district fiscal year** – THINK: length of full summer school courses
8. **Energy Costs** – THINK: costs related to cooling buildings in warm summer months

Your input is very important. Please review the three proposed calendar options and consider their effects on your school community; discuss them with your faculties, administration, neighbors, SCC chairs and your Salt Lake Board of Education Representative. The Salt Lake School District will host two public information meetings one on **May 26th at 7:00 pm at Highland Park Elementary School** and one on **September 2nd at 7:00 PM Glendale Middle School** to gather input from all community stakeholders. A final calendar choice will be made in the fall of 2010.

If you have questions or concerns about the calendar options, please direct them to your SCC Chair, SIC Chair Principal, Salt Lake School Board Representative or email a 2010 Calendar Committee Member.