

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's a well-known fact that the strength of our school system hinges almost entirely on the involvement of our parents, teachers, students, and administrators. We appreciate the role you play, and we recognize the importance of seeking your opinion on important matters. That's why we're asking for your input on our school calendar, as we plan for the future.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 5th**, every parent and/or guardian in our district will receive an email invitation to participate in our "*2017 Calendar Survey*". Because the state requirements that govern school calendars are very specific, I've asked my staff to submit three viable calendar options for consideration. Participants will be asked to vote on one of these options and share how each might impact your family.

Each family will be given the opportunity to cast up to two votes. An invitation to complete the survey will be sent to the custodial parents/guardians, based on the home email address that you have provided in Skyward. If you would like to change or update that information, it's important that you do so by the end of this weekend. If you are unsure about how to verify your home email, instructions are posted under Family Access. Each email will contain a unique survey link, which can only be used once. The survey window will be open from **September 5th-22nd**, in an effort to give stakeholders ample opportunity to review and consider the options before casting a vote.

In the essence of ensuring the integrity of this process, Wilson County Schools is partnering with our "Let's Talk" provider, K12 *Insight*, to administer the survey and compile the results. All responses are completely confidential and will not be accessible to employees of Wilson County Schools. Once the survey is complete, the overall results will be shared with our Board Members, as they consider future school calendars, and those results will be made public.

We're committed to making decisions based on community feedback, but that's only possible with strong community involvement. Please keep an eye on your email for your survey invitation.

Thank you for being a part of the Wilson County Schools family. I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,
Dr. Donna Wright,
Wilson Co. Director of Schools