

Dear Colleagues,

As Labor Day approaches, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about an important survey that will be conducted during the month of September. As we all know, what happens outside the classroom can have as much of an impact on student success as what happens inside it. That's why we're asking for your input on how our school calendars should look in the years to come. The goal of this survey is to get your input, as we try to determine what's in the best interest of our student families and staff long-term.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 5th**, every parent and employee in our district will receive an email invitation to participate in our "*2017 Calendar Survey*". Because the state has very specific guidelines that govern school calendars, I've asked my staff to submit three viable options for your consideration. Participants will be asked to vote on one of these options and share some additional feedback about how each option would impact your family and the students in your care.

After Labor Day, an email will be sent to your district email account. That email will contain a unique survey link that you will use to vote and answer questions. This can be done any time from **September 5th- 22nd**.

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 will remain completely confidential. No one in the district will know who participates, or be able to see how an employee voted.

We believe in the importance of listening to the experiences and opinions of our parents and staff, and allowing them the opportunity to help shape the future of our district. Your involvement is key to the process, so please keep an eye on your district email for your invitation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Wilson County Schools. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donna Wright
Director of Schools