



School Week Schedule and Half-day Kindergarten Survey Results

All Respondents - Open-ended Responses Only

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Please explain your initial reaction to an alternating 5-day/4-day weekly schedule.

How can parents hold/maintain there jobs?

Because I think our district should implement 4 day weeks only.

It would be confusing for families to keep track of which week it is.

I don't want a longer day. And school would be starting earlier. but I am open to this option.

I prefer it over the consistent 4 day week.

I think an alternating schedule each week would make daily scheduling of our specialist classes a nightmare! I also think parents/students will have a tough time remembering when it's a 5 day vs, a 4 day week. It's just too confusing for everyone. We need a regular schedule that everyone can stick to week after week. I don't mind a longer school day, but I don't think an alternating schedule is the way to go. Way too confusing in so many ways.

More face to face time. I'm concerned by my children's academic achievement in an already underfunded Idaho system.

less days the better

While the time away from school during weekends and a total amount of days less than current are appealing, an alternating schedule of any sort is difficult for parents and students to plan around, much less a teacher's need to plan for the required curriculum. The confusion of alternating balances out with the less total time spent in school.

I think that parents and teachers will get more confused remembering which days are school days and which are off days. I would think that a consistent 5 day or 4 day school day would be preferred.

Find budget cuts elsewhere.

Should be same for all grades k-12

Having an alternating schedule would be somewhat annoying to keep track of, and consistency is just easier. Alternating things during covid was so frustrating, so keeping consistency is the best option.

I don't want to have to keep track of what weeks we have 4 days vs 5 days.

This will be very hard for those parents who work full-time and can't get childcare

Alternating will cause confusion and schedule complication, as well as costing the school more money for daily things like bus transport and power.

Because we would get to have a a 3 day weekend. But the somewhat is the longer school days.

I believe more face to face time with teachers is important for elementary and middle schoolers

School needs to be 5 days a week. My husband and i have full time jobs. I already have to utilize school plus for child care every morning and every night to be able to work.

I like having more FaceTime than 4 day option but keeping track of which week and planning things could get confusing.

It would be hard for my guy to get into a routine with it changing every week

way too confusing, difficult in many ways to manage.

Sounds annoying to keep track of wether its a four day or five day week

Seriously, changing the 5 day school week is the only option. I had 4 kids in the school district at one time. There is no way we could have afforded to cover child care every other week. I would have been looking for a charter school for sure.

I have seen the 4-day week schedule and I think it is a better option.

I like that students get a bit more face time with their teachers each day, and in exchange, they get an extra day off every other week. While this doesn't apply in my case, I do feel for those families that would have to find daycare for their kids on the day off every other week. I think this may present a hardship for some families where the parents are working full-time.

It's important we accommodate our children and budget the best we can! My biggest concern is for the children in homes that have very little support or are in need of time away from their homes due to volatility.

4 day would be better

Need more information on efficacy

It may be difficult for families to adjust to an alternating schedule.

I would prefer a 4 day school week and not alternate

I like the idea of my kids having more days off to do other things outside of school.

Your taking time from students to fit you budget. If your down 700 students, it seems like you need to look at faculty and supervisor reduction, not student time reduction.

When my children have an extra day off from school they are more rested, less stressed and able to catch up on school work and family time.

Students already don't have enough contact time in schools. When we moved to ID from a midwestern state several years ago, our kids enrolled in the correct grades. Yet that first year was a complete review of what they had learned the year prior in our previous state/school district. So our students are already behind the students of other states. Also to compare, our previous school district had 180 days in the school year, with approximately 10 of those being professional development days for staff. So 170 instructional days. This compares to CDA's current 162 and this plan's proposed 154 days. By scaling back school hours, that will only put them back further. This plan also puts pressure on families that work Monday-Friday as every-other Friday they would need to find childcare.

The inconvenience it will come with in keeping track of what week is what, especially with extra activities outside of school and family works schedule.

I'm concerned about the students having fewer days in the classroom, or less instructional time overall and that middle school students lose 12 days of class time with no replacement.. This option maintains the most class time.

This allows for more family time and more time for homework. Right now, I find it difficult to keep up with everything.

I think it would be confusing and hard to keep up with an alternating 4-5 day school week. If you just do a 4 day school week it's easier to plan around and work out childcare, after school pickup, sports, etc.

Very few options in this area for child care

I work with the school and my schedule will change with theirs, so no there is no impact to our schedule.

Seat time is crucial for math and ELA instruction. This seems like the best middle ground.

With the current state of affairs, trying something different sounds appealing.

Not enough info,..what is the day off? Monday? Friday?

I do not think this would be ideal for working parents trying to afford child care and not missing work.

I would prefer a 4 day week

This schedule provides flexibility for working parents and relief for the district.

If an alternating 5 day and then 4 day week is the only option, then I think that's better than always 5 days. But I prefer 4 day weeks

It seems to be a good alternative to the current schedule, with limited impact on face to face time, and not increasing school days/school year

Inconsistent, more difficult schedule for students and parents alternating 4 to 5 week back and forth schedule.

We already have to switch between A and B days, it will be needlessly more complex if students also have to switch between 4- and 5-day weeks.

More time with the kids at home. Schedule flexibility for long weekend trips.

Like the three day weekends, but not the alternating.

I think its great for students and families to have a little less time at school and more time at home.

My daughter is behind in reading even with all the extra effort and support... we do what we can at home... but I am a single working parent without any help. Affording a sitter that most likely won't help her with homework seems like a double negative.

That it even has to happen at all is a problem. I do believe that it is a better alternative to a 4-day week however.

One concern is the confusion for parents about which weeks are 4 day weeks and which weeks are 5 day weeks. Will we see lack of attendance on that 5th day because some families aren't tracking communication sent out from the school/district? My other concern is about the decrease in contact time. Will it impact student achievement?

I think time in class with a teacher (in person learning) is very important. The more time and hours the students get, the better.

Fire current school board administrators until they can tell us where the last levy money went these threats to voters and tax payers need to stop now. These kids are our future and your nlt spending money on education instead you only care about sports and it shows

Because so we can have more time to catch up on missing or unfinished work because most weekends I am always behind and or busy and it leaves me very little time for me to finish.

It would be difficult to keep straight the 4 vs 5 day weeks along with parent working schedules

As a High School student, it would be nice to have an extra day off every other week, but we need the in-class time for the higher advanced classes, we are already behind in time, we can't afford more time to be lost.

Honestly I'm a little confused. I'd like to see a proposed calendar.

It seems more complicated to alternate amount of days week to week. I would rather it be the same each week for consistency in schedules.

We already have childcare issue. School plus is full and can't accommodate us and this would reduce face to face time for learning and present child care issues.

inconsistent for scheduling purposes; harder to make a work schedule and a child care schedule

It would be nice to have less days, but it's barely any change

Because I don't enjoy school

I don't like to alternate it's too confusing

Alternating between 4 and 5 days could be a bit disorienting. Is it a 4 day week? A 5 day week? And is there truly a benefit budget wise? Or is this creating a bandaid for a much larger shortfall and are we doing a lot to receive a little back. What is the benefit to adding 15-20 minutes to a school day, to replace the full day that is missing every other week?

If you change the schedule, don't make it confusing for teachers, staff, and students. An alternating schedule could mess with plans for the future.

well it would take a lot of presheer off all the students and would give them a break from allways rushing and you can have time at home with parents as well cus school takes omost all of your day.

Many are concerned about uncertainty of which week is 5 and which is 4. Finding child care for every other week vs. just every Friday or Monday seems to be a concern.

As long as I can attend classes and learn, and am given time to carry out school work I will be satisfied with any plans regarding the school schedule.

It would be a difficult transition to this schedule because it's not consistent. I like that there is more contact with teachers. Additionally, it might be easier for parents who work to have children in school on more days.

More time with teachers and classmates, and less time at home trying to entertain themselves while we work.

Hopefully the added three day weekends would allow families to plan trips that don't impede student learning.

Unsure of how this would affect our family schedule until I know which days the kids would be off school

I think it's a good option, but think the 4 day only is better.

I like the alternate Fridays being off because it would give our family more time together.

I feel it could get confusing as to which week is a 4 day week and which is a 5 day week. I would like to see more consistency.

Either needs to be 5 days a week or 4 days a week. Alternating does not make the best sense.

Loss of stability for kids in their education, access to meals, childcare, meeting IEPs, and loss of hours, benefits or jobs for staff.

Kids need consistency and this just seems to not be a consistent thing. Plus scheduling around this would be a nightmare.

I just don't know what to think And I want to know if this will be the same for elementary schools in the district.

I've seen the 5/4 schedule be successful for other schools. Currently we have friends who attend a private school in Liberty Lake and they enjoy the every other Fridays off as they are able to get out of town for a long weekend.

This doesn't work for the average family in which both parents work. Stable schedules are more important.

I don't like the thought of reducing days of school, but if we have to choose an option, I would prefer this over 4 days per week as it provides more learning time.

face time

I think an alternating schedule would be difficult for students to keep track of. I also believe that this longer day will affect students' ability to concentrate on their classes, especially those students who already have attention issues.

I'm fortunate to have a part-time job. I would appreciate more 3 day weekends with my son.

It sounds good to only go to school 4 days a week

Don't really want my child to be in school less time. Also, this would increase the cost of daycare for our family on the days school is not in session.

Because we will be able to have a 3 day weekend and be able to do more sports,study and hangout with friends or be lazy around the house

Prefer just 4 day school days.

No child care

My reaction would be very positive if the day off for the 4 day week was guaranteed to be Fridays, for sports reasons.

i enjoy the idea of having 4 day weeks but whats the point of alternating. just keep it at 4 days.

Why make each week different? Making the week's the same reduced confusion.

It gives more time for students to catch up on homework and have breathing room. More time to converse with teachers would also be nice as that is a main part of learning.

The alternating Monday off would be more difficult to find child care than the same days each week. The overall savings with this schedule seem too small for the hassle.

Inconsistent schedules are hard for working parents.

Children need consistency and schedule. Parents also need the same thing

This schedule seems inconsistent and therefore harder to plan daycare around.

We appreciate consistency as family a believe a consistent schedule would better serve our student and all CDA students.

Admittedly, I haven't done the math, but 15 min added to each day doesn't seem like it will make up all the lost time, but maybe it works out. Mostly worried about any loss of socialization and face time with teachers.

-Balanced time in classroom compared to the current 5 day week.

I feel an alternating schedule would be too difficult for families to constantly adjust to. Raising children requires structure and schedules. I know that I do not want to have to adjust our families routine on a regular basis.

Schedules would be hard for sports

Changing schedules offsets students - consistency need is why I am somewhat negative

More face to face time

Why would middle schoolers miss out on more school yet the other levels get time added to make up for the days off? What happened to the Levy money?

I would rather a consistent schedule rather than have to figure out which week is a Friday week as I am too busy to remember. It's hard enough remembering Monday is late start.

cuz i want a 4 day weeks

4-5 would be very confusing.

To me and our family, it means more quality time together. Even if the kids are doing homework on that Friday, we are still home together as a family. More opportunities for 3 days get aways to see other family members near by in neighboring states. More time for kids to work on school projects, study, get assignments handed in. Less stress, mental health days that are so needed for kids. All of the positives for kids who have stable home lives. On the other hand, kids who rely on meals at school might not get them if they are not actually there. Kids who feel safer at school than they do at home will have that added stress of being home, parents who rely on their kids being in school because they work will have the added stress of needing child care for that Friday, kids may become less focused, or lose the consistency of their daily routine. So many important issues to think about. I would hope that if they do go to a 4 days week, that for those parents and kids who rely on food and care would still be able to have that. But all in all, I think most kids and parents would adapt in a positive way to a 4 days week.

It seems inconsistent and would be easier with a set schedule.

I believe that this week schedule is positive because it will be altering, our school year won't go so far in June, and school days aren't as long as they would be if they were 4 day week.

It would allow more face time with the teachers but it will get confusing with which Friday they will need to be at school when trying to schedule things months in advance

I strongly prefer the 4 day school week.

I wonder if alternating the 4 - 5 day week would be challenging for parents who have to work out after school care. The lack of consistency each week could be a challenge. But, I'm overall positive about the reduced days and longer slightly longer day as a way to reduce spending. My other concern is that this reduction in cost is by reducing teacher wages. Is that how the cost reduction is realized? I think we'll have a challenge in keeping good teachers who already don't make enough if the reduction is in teachers a proportional reduction from what they make know. I don't think it would be realistic to expect that teachers could supplement their income when the schedule isn't consistent.

I would like to read the details of the 4-day week before providing feedback

it would be super better for me and it would improve my learning

I teach in Post Falls and I know what the transition from 5 days to 4 days is like and I know that alternating from week to week could create some problems with elementary specialist schedules and it would be hard to keep track of as a parent.

I don't want more time at school and switching between the days will probably be confusing

i dont like the 4 day school week. i think it puts a burden on working families without daycare on the fifth day. it leaves middle school and high school kids at home unsupervised longer, which as we all know can lead to mischief and/or other things. it also sets the stage for the future workforce to expect a 4 day work week. in todays culture we already face all of these challanges with youth and workforce, i think this is more likely to make things worse.

idk

Prefer that school didn't go 15 minutes later in the day.

I would rather have a 4 day school week

I think it could be a little confusing for students but they would adapt. During the 5 day week, parents of younger children won't have to scramble to arrange childcare.

My family thrives on routine and an alternating schedule is harder to manage, keep track of, work schedule. It's the alternating part that is unsettling.

I have the flexibility to do whatever works best for teachers/staff and the needs of other families in the area. My child would not have any significant impact with any of the schedule choices

Kids need consistency.

I think it would be a good idea

Only like one schedule

It is already somewhat difficult to keep track of 3 high school students schedule with a and b days, adding "is it a 4 day week or 5 day week" would be a further challenge.

i don't feel as though i will get a proper education to prepare me for life

We are way too tired after 5 days or early start, and we would have more free time to do activities.

I think it will cause more absences because parents will get confused about the week it is. They will also need consistency for daycare.

It sounds good but I worry about the schedule not being consistent each week. It may be hard for busy families to keep track of the schedule.

I prefer a 4 day school week.

19 3 day weekends

I feel it helps reduce stress on the kids as well as teachers to have an additional day a week to catch up on homework/school work. As well as an extra day to unwind.

I'm usually off on Fridays, so if the 3rd day off was Friday, I would enjoy that

My child has done 4 day school week in private and is transferring to public. We loved the 4 day schedule. 5 alternating is good as well

I don't want to go down to 4 days a week. As a employee I would rather work my normal hours 5 days a week. Also working with kids with special needs they need all the positive guidance they can get. Plus some kids don't get food at home, so that's another day these kids won't get food or the guidance.

It seems to be a good solution.

The confusion on which weeks would have 4 and which ones would have 5 days.

This allows for my family to hopefully miss less days due to athletic competitions that often require up to compete on Fridays, and miss school/days of work. 20 minutes long in a school day does not seem like it is too extensive as well.

I feel like the school district is more than capable of making the best decisions for the kids.

Just like A/B days it would be confusing and lose track of which week is which. Would rather be consistent week over week.

Doesn't seem like a huge change from our current schedule.

I think the extra day off would improve my and other mental health. we can also get more work done.

Its adding to already having to keep track of A/B days which can be confusing when snow days interrupt things or after a long break

The back and forth between 4 and 5 days would be disruptive to a family routine.

My child likes the way it is now

I think having a four day week for both would be better than alternative between a 5 and 4 day week.

I think this schedule is way too difficult for the average working parent.

I think this would cause some confusion and some hardship for families with alternation and child care etc.

I understand the rationale for finding a way to balance the budget and am supportive of less instructional days IF it is balanced with cutting wasted time out of the current setup. Late start MUST end. Extra free time in the classroom should end. Unnecessary assemblies that take away from classroom learning should be minimized. As someone who spends time volunteering in the schools, there seems to be a significant amount of wasted time that needs to be cut down on. The 5/4 system is also less preferable than a 4 day system from the standpoint of childcare. Parents, like kids, need stability. As a small business owner, I'm not certain how many of my employees would be able to juggle a constantly changing schedule. A 4 day schedule would at least provide more consistency for all involved. Last, if a 5/4 schedule is implemented, then pretty much all holidays/days off should be removed with the exception of Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas break, Spring break, and Memorial Day.

Long days are hard for little minds. Inconsistency in the schedule is hard for parents to plan child care.

Probably the choice that is the most like what we currently have, so the least disruptive and stressful to the parties involved.

I believe going 4 days a week can help with refreshing kids on sleep and a relaxing day. Also could help teachers by having a day to do any work like just grading and updating information.

I come from Ca and they have been doing this for years. I do plan on registering to vote

I choose neutral because I would much rather a 4day school week

I would rather either have 4 days or 5 days but not alternating. Alternating will get confusing for parents, cause child care issues, and be difficult for scheduling preps. I wouldn't mind having a 5 day week for teachers and 4 days for students because it would allow me to do all the work I do on weekends during the work week and leave my weekends free.

I see this causing confusion of students and patents both

It will affect practice and sports. It will also impact early morning seminary for my church.

Every other week needing care or not needing it

We require a consistent schedule.

Simply put, I believe more family time is better than more school time.

For high schoolers I think it would get confusing! They already have to do the a and b day thing. Then adding weather there week is 5 or 4 days I think it is confusing

Less school and we won't really be affected by that much less school

Confusing with alternating weeks of instruction

Would like to see 4 day information before responding

I feel like this schedule would result in lower attendance on the 5 day weeks because of kids/parents forgetting if it's a 4 day week or 5 day week.

The schedule would lack consistency.

Too much confusion with a rotating schedule

Confusing

I think an alternating schedule would be extremely difficult for parents to manage with work schedules. I also feel it would make it harder on students to not have consistency each week.

The additional contact time with teachers is nice. My two students will be in 12th and 9th grade next year will be able to handle the additional 20 minutes/day of instruction time and the additional day off for family time, social activities and general rest would be nice.

I'd rather do 4 days.

I'd rather the state appropriately funded school and my child could be educated 5 days a week.

the 4 day weeks seem very reasonable

Well what about all employees and there benefits

I think a shorter week for younger kids would be beneficial - more opportunities to enjoy the area around us. Kids need to learn and kids need to wiggle.

Schedules

Schedule confusion, showing up on the wrong day, conflict with parent/work schedules

I think it would be hard to keep straight.

With having an additional day without school, that then makes the already un-livable pay, even less. This is not sustainable for anyone lacking dual-income and financial flexibility. It also adds the stress of finding childcare for my child once he enters the school system, which is more cost for me and again less pay. The cost of living nowadays makes it almost impossible to work anywhere in the school district. I anticipate this change causing a lot of staff to rethink their positions here and be in search of a more functional schedule and live-able pay.

I like the idea that we would have less time at school but more time with the teachers.

I think it is a helpful and easier way for those families who need it.

that passage made it seem as if we may diffre week to week from 5 days to 4 days which is not smart and would cause havic if we just switch to one that would be fine

As a working parent, an alternating schedule will be harder for me to plan for child care than a 4 day per week consistent schedule. Also, my child benefits from predictability. Alternating the number of days per week would make it harder for my child to anticipate and plan for what happens every day (ie what day is library, what day he needs to practice spelling and prep for the test, etc).

Lack of routine and consistency

more free time and less finacial strain on the school disrict

It should be permanent 4 day week, rather than alternating with a 5 day.

The planning for each week make it harder in families

Child Care is hard to find on a sliding scale

New structure that would impact parent work balance.

because i would prefer a 4 day week to catch up on homework and assignments

This would help families have extra time for extended family time and involvement with outside school activities. It would also allow teachers more time for professional development.

I plan on withdrawing my 1st grader out of Atlas at the end of the year, and my son who is supposed to start Kindergarten is also not going to public school in the fall. I used to hate the idea of homeschooling, but now our kids can do more at home, education can be customized, and kids learn better in an environment where they are most comfortable. Segregating kids from families is just outdated and society has shifted. Most of us also remember how hard school was on us and don't want our kids subjected to it. Public school offers no evidence-based research that says public school is the best learning environment. My daughter is an excellent student, our decision to homeschool was based on the fact I can provide better education, and follow standards that we feel would serve her best. I don't think anyone cares about 4 or 5 day school days, that is not the issues. Leaving schools, or schools that are old aren't the issue, it's the fact parents have found there are better options than public schools. We still love our teachers and a lot of kids who don't come from good homes need this institution, it is a safe place for many kids. It is just not for us anymore. I don't care what you guys decide. I support you, but it's not the route we are taking next year.

Face-time with teachers is important and a slight increase to the day length does not seem problematic.

I think it will be confusing. I think there's value in having a consistent weekly schedule. Obviously there are some 3-day weekends currently and that's fine, but with this proposed schedule to me it seems like it might become confusing.

It breaks up the weekly flow of consistency in both the parents, teachers and students work and school week. I think one or the other would be best, but not both

Rotating between 5 and 4 days a week makes scheduling appointments, daycare, work, etc. difficult.

I appreciate that the district is thinking of all potential options. Finding what is least disruptive and cost effective is easily the goal.

It would very beneficial to our lives and schedules as a family.

Inconsistent for students who rely on consistent schedules and routines if its the 5/4 day back and forth schedule.

Child care

bc you spend less time in school and also a 4 day scedull give students mreo free time

it should only be a four day school day.

I don't like the idea of alternating. i'd rather have it stay 5 days or even better, permanently be 4 day weeks.

These kids are already failing in all reading and math. Rather than cutting the school days you should look at the other reasons people are pulling there kids out of the district and stop shelling out thousands of dollars to your woke agenda. Get rid of all the social emotional learning, diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and just focus on the basics. Reading, writing and math. We are turning out kids that will not be able to function in the world and it makes me so sad. If you did this, and parents felt like they could trust the district again, you wouldn't have so many families leaving the district.

I believe this is ideal for me and my family. Doesn't seem like we lose much if anything educationally for our community.

Very confusing to have a different schedule week to week.

three day weekends would be awesome However longer school day might be harder and less productive on the student.

I think this is absolutely the wrong direction.

They need more time with education not less, and it seems current generation struggles with focus and attention and trying to cram more into fewer days just puts more challenges to keep focus

It seems like a good compromise, but I don't love longer school days, especially for elementary school. Their days already seem so long and kids need some down time after school before heading off to various activities. Makes for a more stressful home life.

The purpose of free public school is to educate and prepare the future leaders, workers and citizens of our Nation. To shorten the already very limited time simply releases our government from their duty of education of the citizenship.

I'd like to hear test results from other schools that have a similar schedule. Also I'd like to hear thoughts from other parents and students that have a similar schedule. Are our kids going to "miss out". It just seems sad. After the big push to get the Levy passed last year. It feels discouraging like the State does not care about public school. We LOVE Hayden Meadows.

It's too conflicting..it requires higher demand to schedule work life, hime life around it, and creates unnecessary level of responsibility for children to adapt, which can be stressful

I want the schedule to be consistent, not to alternate.

I feel as though it would help improve mental health as well as it would help give extra time to get work done as we would have that extra day to do it as we have 8 classes which usually all of them assign homework

I think this would be confusing for families - not consistent. Having a consistent weekly schedule for all would be preferred.

I appreciate the days only being lengthened by 15-20 minutes per day, and 19 3-day weekends. However, the inconsistency might get confusing for some families, and might be hard for them to find childcare with a constantly changing schedule.

All this is doing is giving the teachers more days off- and i don't see how this is reducing costs. Less teaching = Less learning for students. This overall negative for the students. What about the children?

I like the alternating option better as it would allow my child more time with teachers/staff. I do not want my child to have to be in school longer(longer days/school year) that the 4 day school week might impose. Students already spend enough time in school as it is. I also like that the alternating schedule will give us a balance of time in school and 3 day weekend to allow more time at home with family.

I think giving the students a extra day to relax their minds is very useful and important.

This is my reaction because I would like a 5 day and then a 4 day week back to back but I would like the other option way more.

It's needlessly complicated and whatever is gong to happen has already been planned so this survey is a waste of time

My initial reaction is negative mostly due to the longer school days--at least for me, my time is precious already thanks to school taking up the majority of it. I barely have time to do anything other than school already (my nightly amount of sleep can attest to this). It's really difficult to maintain a semi-healthy state in addition to doing well in school. And, the school length is bad enough already--with short and crowded lunches, no breaks, and long classes, the day really drags along and by 2pm I'm exhausted and stressed. Then again, having an entire extra day every other week to be able to use as a break and catch up on sleep might be helpful in battling my already deteriorated mental state.

I do not think that this would promote consistency for students and staff. This would cause issues with childcare additionally.

That would be confusing and way too complicated we need a simple 5-day schedule why should I change I 100% disagree

Longer class time, especially for middle school students (where my child would be next year) does not necessarily equate to more teaching time. There is actually research that says that once classes reach a certain amount of time, teachers aren't teaching for the full time and instead are giving the kids time to do their school work. Which, while there is more "face time," the kids are actually learning less. My other concern is childcare. If kids aren't going to school 5 days a week, I have to find childcare for my children, an expense I don't have currently (I have altered my schedule to align with the school day) and it is an expense I cannot afford. However, if keeping the current 5 day week is not an option, an alternating 4/5 is slightly better than a 4 day week.

I think a 5/4 day week school will be very confusing and a lot of holidays fall on Mondays.

I don't love the extra 20 minutes, but I appreciate the 3 day weekends.

I would rather have a 4 day week every week.

i think it would be nice!

Asking elementary students to be in school until 3:45 every day is a lot. Besides that, they already get out of school later than most and have to walk home. In the winter it's getting dark by that time. Why are the elementary schools and high schools the only ones to be affected by additional time and not the middle school? I'm honestly confused how we got here after we pushed and rallied for the levy, why was this not considered?

Because I believe it would be somewhat confusing to alternate and not have a very constant schedule throughout the school year.

I think we'd like our student to be in person at school more often than not, however, I might feel conflicted about the schedule getting confusing.

Inconsistency for student. Mostly inconsistency with parents having to get extra childcare every other week, but likely will end up paying for weekly extra childcare but only using it half the time.

I feel it should be either 4 days every week or 5 days every week. The alternating is difficult for working parents. I do believe three day weekends would be great.

I like the idea of more 3-day weekends

Less missed days. Nice to have a few 3 day weekends for family time and hopefully if sick, less sick days. Get rid of your policy/threats to fail a child who has missed too many days. I pulled my older advanced student out of CDA schools because she was sick a lot and once returned would get sick because of stress of failure. Even though she was a straight A student. You might have better enrollment

Would rather consistency with a 4 day school week. Gives me more time with my kids and gives them an opportunity to work part-time jobs as well.

I feel it may be hard going back and forth weekly.

Initially, I didn't like this due to an irregular schedule. But as I went through your example I became more in favor of it because I like the statement " Students would have more face time with teachers and staff in this schedule than under the 4-day week schedule." I want my son to have the best possible education and don't want a budget shortfall to compromise that fact.

The school year sounds as if it would be similar to what the district already operates on. I am curious if hourly staff would continue to be paid the same amount they are paid now or if pay would be less due to working less. I am also curious to know what holiday breaks may look like, if they would be shorter or the same length.

This sounds confusing and complicated for my students and families. What would happen to specialists during the 5 day week? Does this mean our class would only have one of their specialist classes every other week? I also wonder about the community and how serious they would consider attending school on that 5th day every other week. I would hate for parents to assume we really aren't doing anything important and extend their weekends on the 5 day weeks. I worry this would actually HURT our attendance MORE than just keeping it to 4 days a week. I teach first grade, and schedules and consistency matter. It's already hard enough having late start Monday, in terms of adjusting to a "wonky" schedule every Monday. For consistency sake, I believe it is better for kids to have 4 longer school days than it is to alternate between 4 and 5 day weeks.

I'm not sure. I need more info. But I am neutral and this could be a possible option.

Leaves kids home alone for a day which leads to more screen time.

sounds like bullshit to me.

Too confusing just like the block schedule. Hard to find care easier if just set 4 days

I prefer 4 day week

Pick one or the other. There are advantages to synching with the neighboring district. Having Monday off makes little sense to me. Absenteeism is higher Friday.

I think it might confusing figuring out the schedule of when days are off and when they're not

I don't have an opinion that is either positively or negatively. If the school voted for this schedule I'd be fine with it. If it left the schedule the same I wouldn't mind.

Disgusting. If you value your schools systems and think school is so incredibly valuable and important to the children WHY would you REDUCE the amount of time that they are there!?!?!? What do you think these children are going to do on Fridays???? They are going to be alone. Children and adolescence are so vulnerable and need to be in school staying busy in a positive monitored environment. What will they do?!?!? Likely get in trouble ... petty crime will go up, game addiction, porn addiction, depression and obesity will likely increase. Sell all the garbage technology you spend so much on to "teach" them go back to the basics with books and regular school hours... when I was a kid each kid was not assigned a chrome book and taught staring at a screen... SAD times for this community when reducing the amount of time kids go school is somehow best for our community and future

Its that because I love the 4 days but the 5 days is not it

Regularly fluctuating the length of a school week negatively affects a child's ability to establish routine. Subsequently losing their sense of control over an inconsistent environment challenges feelings of safety and security thereby reducing self-confidence. This is especially true in early childhood where regular schedules empower healthy self-regulation skills as well as resilience. Shifting back and forth between what days students attend school means childcare issues will also arise for families with probable fallout at home on various levels. Conversely, a more predictable regimen ensures best possible outcomes. If a fluctuating week becomes inevitable then it would be prudent to consider looping teachers (Cistone, et al 2004 in Hill 2018, p. 2) as an elementary school practice. The latter approach would ensure a foundation for younger students amidst the district's attempts at conservation without threatening the intellectual, social and emotional formative years of younger kiddos as greatly.

I don't want to go to school for 4 days then 5 the next week, it is confusing and some students just want to go to school for 4 days a week to make room for the other things in life. Us students have other things in life to do, doing schoolwork all day makes us very tired and stresses us out more than schools district thinks. Some people need more time to catch up with either school or the things going on in their lives, or maybe for some more sleep.

Switching between 4 and 5 day weeks would be to confusing and difficult.

cause i want only 4 days without having school on Friday now matter what and no longer school year

It would be a nightmare trying to keep track of which weeks were 4 days & which were 5. Also not keen to have my kids' number of hours in school increased, that would make it harder to get to their after school activities.

I would prefer a four day school week.

I feel this would confuse many parents and children. Not having consistency would be damaging to the child's learning.

An initial concern is keeping up with the variable schedule, but I like the idea of three-day weekends.

Seems like a purely 4 day schedule would be easier

See some benefit but the alternating may provide some difficulties for families compared to a set definitive schedule.

Alternating would be difficult for child care and may be hard to remember which week is what

I feel like it would be overly confusing for most people to work with the A-B schedule and then the 4-5 day week schedule also.

I feel like it would be a little hard for some people to get into a groove of having it every other week. However, it would be something to take into consideration for starting instead of starting directly with a four day school week. This would give staff and administration to see how students, teachers and parents act and use the four day school week.

I don't like the inconsistency of schedule. Some weeks 5 and some weeks 4

Rotating it doesn't make sense

I pay taxes to have my kids in school. I would rather pay a private school for a consistent schedule. I need consistency and I already think the kids get way too much time off of school and that the curriculum needs an overhaul.

None of these options work for parents that work full time. This creates more cost in daycare or requires more time away from work for parents.

I think the idea is great but for single or working parents or parents who have multiple age children with different drop off times... and having to switch their schedule every other week would be a mess.

I'd rather just go to 4days a week

Too confusing and I only see kids missing more school time

Because this is a cop out for a problem the administration has cause itself. People do not like woke schools, or teachers. You fail your job and it children!

A greater lack of time in education and it puts an extreme burden on working families with extra child care costs and logistics.

because it would be hard to keep track of what days and classes we have because of the block schedule

This inconsistency in schedule would make it more difficult to plan and more difficult for students to know when they're supposed to be coming in on what weeks.

I don't see how we are saving costs if staff is still in the building for professional development days on the Mondays we are off. In addition, late start Mondays are almost worthless. We get very little done with students running a short schedule.

Schedule is too inconsistent when staff work days are built in.

Believe 4 day school week is preferable

This option takes away 14 days of education from our children each year. Over the course of a student's education, that equates to more than an entire year of school missed. This is unacceptable. It puts our students at a complete educational disadvantage compared to other students throughout the state and country. Sports should be cut from the budget before educational time is cut.

I like the idea of 3-day weekends but think it will be tricky to make arrangements with a shifting schedule (alternating). I work from home and have a flexible schedule -- many parents do not thought and I worry about their childcare/logistic needs.

I don't understand why after passing a multi million dollar levy the school district is still falling short on money and in turn wants to cut days of school for our youth. Many parents work five days a week and having kids not in school those extra days places extra burden on working families and parents.

I would prefer the same schedule each week.

My personal opinion kids need more time in school. If it was up to me, winter break would be shorter. Summer break would be shorter. I would prefer if kids spent more time in school out of the year. I personally don't think that in a school year kids spend enough time at school. I think the days are long enough. I just wish they were more school days in the year.

Minimal loss of face time. My concern is poor consistency for the kiddos. Expectations would be hard for young kids. How would holiday weeks work that have a Monday holiday?

Because we are already are already losing out on our learning as it is and if we go to a four-five day school we would be losing out on learning also it would be hard/confusing for parents because they would have to leave there job early and what if they can't do that what iftheir job doesn't allow them too and they can't pick up their kids/kid and wwhati they forget to pick up there kid because what if hey forget if they have school or not this is just a good idea at all

A five day school week keeps students connected with the teachers and their peers. They are in a structured setting with clear rules and boundaries, learning. I also think that it would help alleviate childcare issues a couple days a month for working parents. However, the five/four schedule will be problematic and confusing for many parents and teachers. Additionally, it makes planning and implementing instruction much more difficult.

I feel a consistent routine and schedule is very important at all ages.

It solves the problem with relatively little adjustment

Not sure if it benefits young students on a positive mental level. Would like to research other schools that have implemented this schedule & know the pros & cons.

I think it would be a good schedule but could also cause child care conflict for some parents.

I think it is a good idea that students as well as the district budget would appreciate. However, the inconsistency of the schedule may be found confusing for students as well as teachers planning their lesson plans.

More facetime with student-teachers sounds positive and, I think, we would lose less classified staff to reduced pay.

Do not agree with straight across 4 day

Get rid of late starts all the different times are just confusing. We are in private school right now that's 4 days a week but consistent schedule.

I feel like our kids need to be in school five days a week, they need that extra time for learning life skills, some thing that is not currently taught.

I think it would very confusing for students that have jobs as well as parents that are trying to find consistent child care for their work schedule. As well as this I think many people would not come to school on Friday on the 5 day weeks

I would prefer to stay with our current schedule.

Difficult to work full time and be available for my children with this school schedule.

I believe this schedule would make it hard for working parents to negotiate child care for their elementary school children both on the alternating days off as well as when they rely on High School siblings for child care assistance.

This sounds schedule sounds good but would want to extend the day of our soon to be 1st grader.

I like the idea of 4 day school work weeks. Would rather have 4 every week.

Because we should have a five day school week when we are already so low in education. In addition, instead of raises you should have budgeted. I don't believe what you are releasing to the public is all truth.

As a teacher I see this being a frustrating use of our time on those required days in without students

the teachers

This sounds like a great idea, but I'm worried that it will not save enough money for the school. Half a million versus 1 million.

Because i think i'd prefer the 4 day week much more.

I think for parents, this is a hard schedule to adjust to. For kids, this could teach a level of adaptability, but data is also showing the benefit of a solid 4 day week. If there was a school plus availability for those off Fridays, this would be helpful but I can imagine staffing school plus could be even more difficult with the varied schedule.

More 3 day weekends allow for more family time.

Because that way I can get work done more efficiently and hang out with my friends a little more.

More FaceTime with teachers and minimal added daily school time

Too confusing for students & families. Just go to a straight 4 day/week schedule

I think a 5 days school week is important for our kids education, as well as working parents in our communities. I am not understanding how shorting their weeks will amount to significant savings, because teacher pay is not dropping with this shift.

I think the money savings would be worth the change

Could be tough on some kids not having a consistent schedule

Is every day going to be longer or just the 4 day week? Need more explaining.

I think alternating 5 day weeks with 4 day weeks will be confusing. Schedules should be predictable and easy to remember.

Need more details, do you have any data for how the students may perform with the additional class time?

I dont know

That won't help. Parents are pulling kids because of choices leadership is making at the schools and it must change. CRT, pro transgender and furries are right at the top staring you in the face. More parents will pull kids if you shorten the week

my daughter thrives with one on one in school. less time in school and her grades drop. i work during the week. i cant take days off to teach her other wise then i end up loosing my house. i work around her school schedule and struggle enough. keep the 5 days in school. dont need more stress. my daughter loves goin to school mon-fri.. dont take that away from her. sooo many kids rely on the interaction with teachers and other students.

I just completed an essay in my English class about how a 4-day school would be beneficial for students and teachers alike.

12 built-in professional development days for teachers - are these on the days the kids would not be in school or MORE days not in school for them?

Alternating 5 and 4 sounds like they would have the maximum amount of school time while still addressing the budget shortfall

Will do it if required

I would prefer not to change it at all, which is why I didn't choose Very Positive. Having to choose one of these alternate options, I prefer this one because students have more facetime with teachers.

I thing one or the other. Alternating might prove to be very challenging for childcare options.

I see the benefits.

Make it one or the other not alternating. Makes planning ahead a headache

I would rather have four days and count on that each week so my child could get a job and work Fridays .

I say it is somewhat negative because it will just make everything confusing and going 4 days a week will help people with after school activities.

I would be worried what type of alternating schedule it is. Easy to follow? Or random? Harder to plan for those Fridays he isn't in school and the ones he is.

I don't understand how students can learn the same amount in a shorter period of time. I think especially middle and high schoolers should be in school five days a week. I understand the need to work withing the budget, so therefore feel neutral

No consistency for daycare options. Also hard to establish a routine for students and staff.

If this benefits our budget and helps lower cost I will be all for this proposal. My only concern is less time in the classroom equals increased opportunity for kids to get into trouble.

Expense for childcare on Fridays and or kids being left unattended will be very tough on the community as a whole.

I worry having an inconsistent schedule would cause for a lack on attendance and a lot of confusion on the part of parents/students on which days we have school and which days we don't. It would also cause difficulty scheduling student interventions because of the lack of consistency.

I think it will be confusing and hard for parents to find daycare on the Mondays and low enrollment will happen on the alternation days.

The best option for our students to have face to face time with their teachers is a five day school week.

Lots of kids home while parents working. Less days of learning.

The idea of some 4 day weeks, but not all 4 day weeks is somewhat appealing.

I like the idea of flexible weeks due to travel or downtime for kiddos to get more homework done at home.

There isn't a crazy amount of reduced instructional time with teachers and it also gives parents some days off that can hopefully be utilized for appointments, etc. What would the day off on the 4 day weeks be? If students are in sports and are going to be gone on Friday for games anyways and they also have Mondays off with this be enough instructional time for them?

would rather stick to one or the other

I think that having a consistent schedule is beneficial for the kids.

The alternation of 4 days to 5 days wouldn't be as simple as just 4 days. It may be difficult to plan things with the alternation.

i want a 4 day week

This would be almost impossible to keep childcare consistent and allow me to work 40 hours a week.

because I don't enjoy 5 day school weeks

I want to extend my weekend to have more time for enjoyable activities.

because the people in the woodland are dump not me but some people need extra time at school.

Might be harder for parents to accommodate

I like 5 day every week

With parents busy work schedules it would seem difficult to remember which week is 5 day and which week is 4 day. Also might be difficult to find coverage for the children on the extra day off

Students are the heart of education. Shortening days and increasing class length is not the solution, current class length is long enough for developing minds attention span and retention rates are better with less time off. Find a different answer, please.

Scheduling different weekly arrangements for childcare is difficult. Also, I understand it's only 15 minutes, but for elementary students and kindergarten that's is impacting.

I think that this schedule would be challenging for parents to keep track of. It would also be hard to plan as a teacher, keeping track of what week is which.

The 5-day/4-day schedule is extremely inconsistent. We have high absent rates as it is for students when we switch from a 4-day week back to a 5-day week (i.e. President's weekend). Monday's late start confuses everyone, let alone being inconsistent week to week. We thrive on routine and consistency.

Longer school days?!?! As if they don't have long enough days as it is.

I think developing a regular cadence will be difficult for students, teachers, and families with it being different every week. I am absolutely open to the change for the sake of the district.

On one hand I think it would be hard for parents to find child care with this type of pattern. But on the other hand, anything that provides the most time in school for the kids is best.

This does not allow for a consistent schedule and allow parents and to plan their work.

Not a set schedule, hard for parents to remember on and off days. May be difficult for parents with child care.

Confusion. 4 day every week

I believe alternating from a 4 day week to a 5 day week will confuse students as well as families. As a teacher, I believe we would see an increase of absences on the 5 day week due to confusion

Scheduling conflicts would surely ensue.

I would rather not alternate between 5 and 4 day school weeks.

The whole thing is just unfortunate and sad, and it's hard to get excited about any of these backstop options. I feel badly for your position, but am powerless to do anything about it.

Allows for better work and child care balance

My children are older now and can be left home unsupervised, but looking back when my kids were young, and when our family income was lower, it would have been difficult. We could not afford 1 extra day of childcare. You already mentioned earlier that many younger families may be moving out of the area due to extreme housing costs, so this may increase the departure rate. Like I said earlier I can afford it now, but when we had a younger family, no way

Confusing for people who need childcare

Its a more complicated schedule to keep track of than if you had a consistent day off every week.

Seems like a good idea. Less days but students would still be supported.

Our schedules are fortunate enough to be flexible with either choice at this time.

Allow us to have longer weekends and not have to skip school on Fridays.

it would be very confusing to remember which week we are on.

It would make more sense to give less 4 day weekends, rather than 3 day weekends. This could help with attendance, as families would have more opportunities to plan events out of town without missing days.

It would likely mean increase childcare costs for many people who don't have a weekday off.

Trying to keep track of 4 day weeks vs 5 day weeks in a split parental living arrangement is too complicated. I see potential for parents forgetting if their pickup is at school or not. Also too much for working parents to have to have a different schedule every week at work to accommodate picking up and dropping off their kids. My boss would just let me go if I asked for a specialized alternating work schedule every week.

School hours are too long. Homeschooled kids excel and are thriving on less hours of school a day. A 4 day week will not be a negative. Much can be accomplished with 4 days a week plus provide more play time for kids.

As a highschool student, I feel my opinion doesn't have much say in what actually happens.

My daughter competes on a competitive dance team and has that specific practice for those dances every Friday.

It's not very consistent and doesn't seem to have synergistic flow. We're humans, we adapt and will get used to it, but the schedule doesn't allow for easy planning throughout the school year for needs outside of school hours. On the other hand, I do think its important to have as much classroom time as possible for the ever-growing mind of the students.

Seems like more hassle than it's worth

Kids need to be in school every day for the most learning opportunities.

because why?

I think that reducing any days is a horrible idea. However, out of the two options, this one is preferable.

Need more information

Too confusing

It would be difficult for the students and parents to remember. Make weeks feel chaotic and planning confusing.

I think this is the best compromise option. This will hopefully save our paraprofessionals that support our most at risk students.

In addition to being confusing for students and special education students, parents who need outside childcare will still be required to pay the same amount for the 5 day school week, whether they use the daycare or not.

There are concerns with the 4 day schedule as to childcare, and whether it not school plus will be available-

Concerned about families without childcare and kids who only get food from school

I would love to have more time with my child at home, more three day weekends.

I think the more in person school time the better (unless student has opted for fully online school). I also think this out of the two options would create less of a hardship for working parents needing childcare.

I don't think 15 minutes longer a day is too much and neither is 20 minutes for high school. More 3 day weekends with my kids is a positive. The only negative is trying to keep up with what the current weeks schedule is without messing it up.

Confusing.

Confusing for students and more difficult for parents to find childcare options

More time to hang out with my friends

These options take away learning days for our children. Longer days cause exhaustion and less attention to learning. Our kids deserve to have as much education as other states. The national average is 180 days, and now these notes reflect we are taking more off! We were already too low.

Too much confusion. Either do a 4 day school week or no change at all.

I like being home.

It would give more family time.

I'd prefer my kids go to school 5 days a week.

I don't want to move away from a 5 day week, however it doesn't appear we have an option to stick with the 5 day week so I find this alternative better than the 4 day week alternative.

This would be confusing for parents and students

Because then if we do a 4-day week every week, what about those parents who can't find child care on those days!

There are so many days off already I don't feel like it would be a huge shift

consistency

I appreciate that the school days would only be slightly longer. It won't add any additional stress or fatigue. And the rotating schedule won't create an abundance of stress to parents needing childcare.

I want to make sure my daughter receives the best education she can and don't want her to fall behind.

I think the consistency of each week having the same schedule base would pose a benefit. Have a rotation I feel would pose more issues and possible confusion on when school is scheduled and what weekends are three day weekends

I think face time with the students is valuable, and if we get more, then more potentially can be done with the students, more effectively and efficiently.

The students are very over worked on a 5 day school week.

I wouldn't mind having the alternate schedule but it doesn't seem ideal, the situation is kind of confusing and doesn't make that much sense

I want full 4 day weeks

rather have all 4 day or all 5 day no rotation

Cost savings

I don't like the idea of any non five day schedule this one is better than the four day but I have negative reactions to both.

I feel that it would be too confusing for students. Especially special need students

I like the 4 day schedule

I have not had a chance to read the 4 day schedule yet but HOPEFULLY it would help cut down on the high rate of absenteeism I see in my classes.

Alternating the schedule creates extra unnecessary complications that every person, not only students, but parents must deal with. If we change the schedule, at least keep it consistent so parents can hold a schedule of their own for any changes that need to be made.

I would like to see how that saves money. Are teachers getting pay reductions because they won't be working that 10th day?

Families will get confused on which week is 4 days vs. 5 days. Vacations will get scheduled without any regard to which Friday they have off. Getting childcare would be easier if they knew it was every Friday vs. every other Friday.

This idea does not foster a routine. Terrible idea to change it every other week.

cause i need more time playing fortnite

I think alternating between a 5 day and 4 day schedule might be a bit confusing for families however I am not entirely opposed to this idea because it might give the students more time to catch up on school work.

It seems this schedule would not have as many days off for teacher work days if I am understanding correctly that the 12 staff work days would be worked in. I like that it is more consistent. The multiple random days off during the school year make it difficult to plan for child care. This seems to eliminate some of the variability

Love a 4 day schedule. Switching could cause confusion.

Will take time getting used to every other Friday off.

I can see how it would work well for secondary students having been a high school teacher but I cannot see this working well for elementary students as well as students in special programs.

I'm open to the idea. I am flexible for whatever works best for the students.

Would the weeks alternative every other week between 5 day and 4 day work week?

A little harder for working parents.

That if we have 4 day weeks we will have to cut of a whole bunch of our summer

because this four-day week could give the students an extra day on the weekend to relax and would help out certain students.

I have a tough time keeping track of my son's A/B days schedule. The 5/4 schedule seems to be confusing.

Better than a standard 4 day week. What will the elementary students do on non-school days when both parents work? That will be a HUGE factor in this decision.

I think having an alternate would be more difficult for child care options and scheduling.

Love the idea of 3 day weekends more facetime and more face time with teachers.

It is less school and 4 day weekends.

Ot would get confusing with busy family's trying to remember if there is school 4 days that week or 5

I feel like it's more about how we teach and less about how much. But in its current form I think the kids would lose out on learning opportunities. Also, we dont have family in the area to help watch my children, my wife and I both work full time out of necessity.

I think this could be a good idea however it's a little new and confusing so I feel it would be harder to keep track of along with the block schedule already.

It seems like this would be a lot of upheaval for minimum financial gain.

I don't like the idea of cutting days and would rather have 5 days every week, but I understand that changes have to be made somewhere.

As a parent it is already challenging to have childcare . This is inconsistent and leaves one day a week with our children unattended.

I don't have children at home or in elementary school to worry about but lots of parents do. Childcare might be more challenging to attain with this schedule.

I think that takes away the consistency for the students and makes it harder for parents to go to work. Personally I work Monday/Wed/Friday

Hard for scheduling with full time working parents

Confusing schedule with ever changing weeks.

A 5 day week is normal. 15 extra minutes is no big deal. But the every other week 4 day week is going to get confusing. Parents need to find daycare for Friday

It would be very inconstant for both students and parents.

As a working parent this creates an issue with finding child care. Even though school plus is an option to help with this it is very difficult to get a spot.

i dont want summer to start june 7th and i dont want an additional 20 minutes to my school day especially when im forced to go anyway

What if some parents have certain jobs requiring certain things from their kids' school days if that makes any sense?

4 day weeks are not desirable so an alternate schedule would work much better especially for those who would now need childcare during the 4 day weeks.

Longer school day for young kids

With alternating weeks we have a day off, and we will not be adding days of school. If school were only 4 days a week then we would have no flex days and add more days to the end of the school year, shorting our summer and nobody would want to go to school until the end of June.

The idea of some weeks are 5 days and some weeks are 4 days posses inconsistent scheduling options/arrangements outside of school.

We have a support system at home that would be able to step up and help on those week days of no school

Student education shouldn't have to suffer, because the administrators mismanaged funds—including about by appropriating those funds into politically biased options.

I like more FaceTime with teachers. But, for students that struggle with change of schedule (not consistent schedule), this could be very difficult for them.

This 4 day week would give me more time to get my homework done and allow me to do some fun stuff over the weekend instead of just homework

N/A

4 day sounds better

The 20 minutes cannot split evenly between classes. Many people including myself work after school jobs especially starting at 3 pm which means some would have to change to start shifts later which means less income and a ton of inconvenience for many. It would make instruction time more difficult in some cases as well.

I have children who are older and able to stay home during this 5th day. I do know of many other parents who do not have this option and will need to figure out schedules for their kids. I think that we currently have some wasted time during the week and maybe this will help with not having that.

Not consistent

Would be hard to schedule around.

I like the 4 day school week option better. Alternating is my preference over 5 day week. I think lots of learning and outside growth can be accomplished on non "school" days.

Students need more frequent contact with teachers to reinforce and maintain learning. Fewer school days also impacts support staff (secretaries, custodial teams, nutrition services, etc. and these valuable workers are already hard to recruit and retain. Offering them fewer hours won't help. Also, my understanding is PERSI pensions are somehow funded by number of days, not hours, so that could impact retirement amounts for staff (not sure of the details of this, but staff would need to know this to make an informed decision about these schedules.) Community childcare is also a concern.

The shorter school year

I don't feel like this changes much from the current schedule

It's a confusing schedule.

I like the idea that the weeks would be shorter, but I don't really like the fact that the days would be longer and some of the weeks would be five day weeks instead of four. Honestly, if you're going to shorten the weeks you might as well make all of the weeks short instead of long and short, plus it would get confusing.

It is stupid

I personally love school and don't really want longer weekends.

I teach a specialist subject and whichever classes I get assigned on Fridays will get substantially less in class time than the other classes.

Could save money while barely hindering education. It would also give a break for students to look forward.

Have not read about the 4 day week schedule yet.

I would love having my kiddos home more days. It is not completely positive bc I could see the alternating schedule being confusing at times :)

Pick one or the other. It makes it harder for parents to alternate weeks with rides and interferes with work.

less school days

This every other 3 day weekend putting strain on families where both parents work Mon-Fri.

I would rather have alternating 4-5 than 5 day schedule.

Please explain your initial reaction to a 4-day school week.

Again, parents jobs is a concern with childcare. Also family's that depend on food and schedule for their children

It would save the district more money for better things, it's not as confusing and better for buffers in students schedule if something goes awry.

I like the idea of having a day off of school but it could affect sports and people's jobs but I am open to this option as well.

I prefer the alternating option

Intensified focus with more days off for family time

I think sticking to a regular schedule week after week would be easier for parents/students/staff to get used to. As an employee I would love to have one day a week to schedule appointments and take care of personal business as needed. The job has become so much more mentally stressful than it used to be. Student behavior issues have escalated to the point of burn out for a lot of our teachers, special ed. staff, and administration. As responsible students flee public education to move to private schools, our jobs become more & more difficult to deal with. For mental health reasons, working four longer days is far more appealing than working 5 days per week.

I want my children to have more face to face time.

a longer weekend 🗓️

4 day weeks allow for more time spent in work or personal plans. It also allows for students to develop outside of a school environment and would increase attention when in it. The extra two weeks spent in school is FAR outweighed by the 38 three day weekends.

This will increase student and teacher attendance. It will also increase teacher satisfaction and decrease burnout. I will have more time with family.

Find cost savings in other areas. Get rid of the garbage that is driving families away. Be better stewards of the community's money. It's obscene that this is even being considered. Our elementary kids are in school long enough.

4 day (work/school) weeks create a more balanced personal schedule allowing for rest/relaxation

I'm not crazy about an added 30 minutes on the school day, but I LOVE the consistency of 4 days. I understand there is curriculum to get through, so the 30 minutes is understandable in the larger scale. And the 4 day week's consistency would allow for more vailability for working outside of school.

It's better than the other option because every week is the same.

This is difficult for families who have to work full-time. Also runs into the summer break. Not a fan of longer school days

Unchanging schedule Mirrors other school districts for sports availability Savings in transportation Savings in daily bussing costs Savings in power and staffing

Only a little longer school day.

Allows for families to plan more time together

Same as before

Extra day for completing homework, extra time with family and vacation if Fridays off.

I would prefer this to alternating 5/4 just to be able to schedule better

sounds lovely to have more time to work and pursue my personal interests and take care of myself

Seriously, changing the 5 day school week is the only option. I had 4 kids in the school district at one time. There is no way we could have afforded to cover child care every week. I would have been looking for a charter school for sure.

I think this is a great idea. As a parent I see my students burn out. I see them done by Friday. I feel I would use that day in a positive way for them to learn other skills outside of academics.

I like that there are longer days in school so that students get more face time with their teachers and possibly the chance to do more work in school so that there is less homework. I think this, if true, would help students pursue more personal interests after school and / or work opportunities. It would also help close the gap between the time parents get off of work and when schools get out. As with the previous case, I do feel for those families that would have to provide childcare services for the non-school weekday.

Concerned about the families that need childcare or don't have as much support from friends and family. Further, severely concerned for children in volatile situations.

it seems way better and i think the day you take out should be wednesday

This would result in better attendance, more motivation, better health, less stress, more time for students to develop hobbies. Teachers would have less burnout and have more time to become better teachers.

My children have been in a 4 day school week this year and it has been life changing in a positive way. As a teacher, I am very supportive of a 4 day school week

I like the idea of my kids having a 4-day school week, which would allow more time to do other things.

Same as before, you are cutting time with students.

My children have been part of HCC and we liked a 4 day week.

Everything I said in my comments to Plan #1 stands. But I feel having a 4-day week puts even more pressure on working families in addition to adding to the stress of trying to cover everything in only 4 days/week.

A 4 day week brings a lot of good benefits with it. A child may receive less absences on school records for being gone because of being ill. Or because of travel may it be for sports they are involved in, vacation or family emergency. A better opportunity for children to get more rest, sleep is so important and people's lives these they don't get enough rest and that leads to other problems like falling asleep in class, poor performance on work and general attitude. More time with family.

I don't like the extended days in school. I prefer getting out of school a week earlier.

More family time!

I'm all for a 4 day school week! My husband works at Post Falls High school where they are already doing a 4 day school week and it seems to be working out really well. I think my kids would benefit from a 3 day weekend.

Child care

Consistency every week. It will make it easier to keep everyone on track.

It, at first read, appears to be commensurate with neighboring districts offering similar schedules.

Work/Life balance.

I personally like the three day weekends,...chance to recoup better,...what does this do to bus drivers? And there current situation? Benefits, hours, etc

No comment

It would give kids and extra day off school and more time to spend with family

I think the set schedule of knowing the days of 4 days a week is a much better option.

I think kids mental health will improve with an extra day off to decompress, get any missing schoolwork done, and catch up on sleep.

The impact on students seems minimal, and having each week be the same may be nice for stability in kids lives

More consistent schedule

Simple

A 4 day work week would allow us a more consistent schedule for families and save our district more money than the alternating schedule.

I hate school

More time at home with the children. More flexibility for 3 day trips.

Consistency with 4 day week

I think its great for students and families to have a little less time at school and more time at home.

The kids and parents need the continuity of a 5-day week. What are parents supposed to do when prices are rising, and they are now expected to have a 3day weekend and lose out on a full day of pay since the school cannot accommodate their children.

There would not be confusion for parents about which weeks are 4 day weeks and which days are 5 day weeks (a set schedule for families). Student attendance may improve, because parents will have a day that can be used to schedule appointments, long weekends, etc. I think families would have a more formalized child care plan for that 5th day (vs. an inconsistent plan for the 4/5 day option). My concern about lack of contact time decreasing achievement remains.

I would fully support a four day school week if, as an hourly staff member, I was guaranteed NOT to loose my insurance benefits. If I do not qualify for benefits, I would need to leave the CdA School Dist for a different job, which I would absolutely hate to have to do :(I love my job and the people I work with!

Because like I told you a day to catch up.

This would be a consistent schedule change throughout the school year

It would help with the attendance and save the school money.

I rather have the 5 day school week, but since the budget cuts, we need to cut things to still have a maybe functioning school system.

I work for Post Falls School district. We are doing the four-day week this year and we love it.

4 days at school seems to be enough for kids, especially if they take ownership in working independently the 4th day or weekend from home. I feel that it would bring better resiliency for kids to have life school balance, more family time, and ultimately happier kids. Same goes for staff as well.

We already have childcare issue. School plus is full and can't accommodate us and this would reduce face to face time for learning and present child care issues.

Because it would help students mental health and would help students performance at school.

If the school district is going to force us to go to a shortened school week, I would choose the consistency of a 4-day school week, with Friday's off to match the other districts around us; allowing businesses to better plan for our community. Bottom line it means the kids will get less schooling and that's not something I feel great about. Additionally, it really won't save enough money. We have one of the most expensive administrations in all of Idaho, and we need to look there for cuts in addition to sacrificing the student experience and educator's impact.

Constant four day weeks would be great for both staff and student health and learning retention

Because I want more time to finish homework.

Simple easy to follow

The added time on school days (30 minutes for Elementary, 5 for middle and 20 for high school) does not seem impactful enough to replace Friday's. I think, if done right, a 4 day school week can be successful, when education and not finances are the leading factor for the change. I understand the financial situation that the district is facing. It is a crucial factor. But dropping a school day solely for financial purposes doesn't feel great to me. North Idaho STEM successfully does a 4 day school week, going 8-4pm. Due to transportation, I know this schedule could not work at all levels... if you switched all middle and high school schedules to a block schedule (providing students with a deeper, more personalized classroom experience) and then lengthened the elementary day by an hour, I feel that is a better balance than what is currently being proposed.

My family goes on vacation a lot during the school year. That one day would be beneficial to me and others. Also, another idea because you are considering changing, change it to our day a week and a day off on wednesday. I think this would help improve the mental health of staff and students.

a lot of things it takes time and stress off students and some other

More consistent schedule for students and staff. Better reaction from the public that I have spoken with. Cost saving measure for the district

I belive all of that sounds good but i cant tell the benefit until it is in action.

I don't like adding days onto the school year.

Less time learning, more time at home trying to entertain themselves while we work.

Helps prevent the burnout during the year.

Unknown how this will affect family schedule without know which day will be dropped

It's working great in neighboring districts.

I don't like the idea of my kids being off every Friday. I feel as if they will be more lazy.

It would mean more family time with us all together. Our daughter who is in high school is our only child in regular school. Our oldest son is in college and our two younger boys are homeschooled.

Providing more efficiency and a greater amount of time in the classroom each day.

This allows for ease with travel due to non sanctioned sports that my children do that cause them to be absent. Also this allows for more time to focus on jobs with an added day off.

All the concerns before but expounded because it is increased days taken.

This would help staff mental health.

This would give the children the consistency they need and would make family scheduling much easier.

the same reason as the last one.

I'd prefer the 5/4

This doesn't solve the real problem. Also, it's a giant goat rope for families who will now require childcare on the off days.

This option has the least amount of school days, and extends the school days too long (in my opinion). I also don't like that even though there's less school days, the school year extends longer.

teacher retention, family time, work availability, and options for outdoor activities

I would like to hear more about where this saves the district money. I would also like to know how is would be possible for students to complete curriculum.

I don't like added time into June, takes away summer vacation time.

I don't want to go to school on Fridays

Again, don't really want my child in school for less time and the added cost to our family for childcare for 2-3 more years.

I think it would be beneficial in so many ways

No child care, not enough learning, already a lot of days off

My reaction would be even more positive if the non school day was guaranteed to be Friday, due to sports commitments.

4 day weeks give me a chance to see my dad more and have more free time for my out of school hobbies like piano and hanging out with my friends

It's working for Post Falls.

A four day weekend would be fun, but having school until June 11th would take up students free summer. Possibly the extra time at the end would prove less useful because students would just be waiting for the year to be over and not pay much attention to class and be less likely to do homework.

I support this schedule fully. I have friends that teach on this schedule and they speak very highly of it. It would also allow for our schedule and Post Falls's schedule to be synced and I believe that would create more opportunities for kids in the community to have activities created for them on the days off. Staff retention would also increase in my opinion.

It's a consistent cost savings. Better work/life balance.

More consistent schedule

4-day has been well received in Post Falls. It seems more consistent and easier to plan around than the hybrid version. It WILL take the community a year or so to fully adjust to a 4-day. I think that adjustment would be rockier with the hybrid option. 4-day seems smoother. Especially if we align with Post Falls.

It would force students and teachers to make the most of a 4-day schedule. Plus it would give teachers a day to grad papers and update grades in the system. This would also allow a day for alternative learning options: community theatre, music, arts, job skill or trades training, etc. on the off day. High school kids could also have an extra day to hold down a par-time job during the school year.

Same as before, I worry about loss of socialization and face time with teachers

Having a set schedule rather than rotating lightens the cognitive load as a parent.

Not all families have the flexibility in their employment to be home with smaller children during a weekday every week. It could lead to lost wages and lost jobs that would result in hardship for many families

It is consistent.

Worried this will impact learning, teacher retention (Job or salary cuts?), and working families

Already explained

Because I have older kids, it gives them time to do other things like work, or have a day of down time to themselves.

i want a 3 day weekend

Better mental health, Less absences.

To me and our family, it means more quality time together. Even if the kids are doing homework on that Friday, we are still home together as a family. More opportunities for 3 days get aways to see other family members near by in neighboring states. More time for kids to work on school projects, study, get assignments handed in. Less stress, mental health days that are so needed for kids. All of the positives for kids who have stable home lives. On the other hand, kids who rely on meals at school might not get them if they are not actually there. Kids who feel safer at school than they do at home will have that added stress of being home, parents who rely on their kids being in school because they work will have the added stress of needing child care for that Friday, kids may become less focused, or lose the consistency of their daily. routine. So many important issues to think about. I would hope that if they do go to a 4 days week, that for those parents and kids who rely on food and care would still be able to have that. But all in all, I think most kids and parents would adapt in a positive way to a 4 days week.

It at least is consistent. The kids will potentially have more time with family but I think it will be hard on families for child care, etc.

It is a good concept, as long as it doesn't affect how long the school year and school days are.

consistent schedule, longer 4 days,

I believe a 4 day school week is more efficient and allows for more time to be spent with families in the great outdoors.

I think students could use Fridays to work, catch up on school work, or focus on other interests.

There would be tremendous benefits to students, staff and the district moving to a 4-day work week.

way better it would help my learning

I would rather have a predictable schedule. If there are two options, 4/5 or 4 day weeks, I would rather have 4 day weeks.

It sounds almost the same as the switching schedule but easier to remember

i dont like the 4 day school week. i think it puts a burden on working families without daycare on the fifth day. it leaves middle school and high school kids at home unsupervised longer, which as we all know can lead to mischief and/or other things. it also sets the stage for the future workforce to expect a 4 day work week. in todays culture we already face all of these challanges with youth and workforce, i think this is more likely to make things worse.

we wold get more weekends and way less stres

I like to have extra free time to run ski lift hang with friends fish and just everything during weekends

38 weeks vs 36 or 34. Less time with teachers

Luckily, my daughter is older. While both parents work, we work from home and have flexibility. There is also a chance of moving to 4 day week at my work. Support family time and family fun, weekend adventures.

Same answer as before.

More family time

like the idea

I like the idea of more flexibility in my daughter's schedule.

It lets kids spend time with family

easier than the alternating 4/5 day weeks.

like i stated before i don't feel i will get the proper education to prepare me for life

It gives us more free time so we aren't as tired

I feel there would be far less absences. And less confusion for parents.

It seems that the district would get the most savings from this option. The schedule being more consistent.

It would save money and be better for staff and students mental health.

The school time being 30 minutes longer

I like this option better than 5/4 because it creates consistency every week. Also, with Post Falls schools on this schedule, it makes it easier to match those that may go to multiple schools

We've done this schedule and love it

I'm already used to the current schedule as is, and I would prefer for it to change once I finish school completely, that being next year, 2025, my graduation year.

Same as before

I think this would benefit everyone except the money loss for the hourly employees

Easy to plan and a day for homework

This could effect our High School Swim teams ability to be at practice on time due to our pool rental agreements.

I feel that the school district will do what is best for the kids

An extra 30 minutes to our already 1 hour 30 minute classes sounds kind of awful. Too much work to do for students or too much time to do nothing

Better to develop a routine schedule

Child likes it the way it is

I would like to not have to attend school 5 days a week

I think our society had shyed away from what truly matters in this life and that is family. I believe that our children need time with their families to develop relationships, more family time. I believe that this would be amazing for mental health of our kids. My children (middle and high school) have hours of homework a night. My daughter is a gymnast and my son plays baseball. Our kids spend 8+ hours a day in classrooms. They need time to invest in sports and their body's health. I believe this would catapult our community back to our roots and create less stress to kids and families. I do not struggle with child care but I do believe that the school system would need to provide some sort of child care for younger kids for parents who cannot change their entire career and schedule to accommodate this. Overall I think it would be an amazing thing for my family.

The 4 day school week is significantly preferred vs the 5/4 option due to the consistency for families and those with childcare needs. An alternating schedule would be a nightmare for parents who require childcare. With the 4 day school week, our district would match the Post Falls SD which further makes sense. I also like that it provides families with set longer weekends so traveling wouldn't have to result in as many missed instructional days.

There are other schools in the area that are on 4 days school weeks and I've heard very positive things from parents and students.

I love the idea of more PD time for staff, and it may (hopefully) lesson the impact of family vacation/student absences during the school year, by providing more days off for students.

I believe it would all around make sense. Save money budgeting wise. Also more time with family. Teachers can get caught up on grading.

All of the other answers. What if you lose good teachers because of the loss of income. My child will suffer.

because it will give students less stress and give them more potential and more time for sleep and other needs that don't get met with the stress of school

It's more consistent than alternating 4/5 day weeks. It would give me a day to do the work I usually do on the weekends allowing me to have a full weekend off each week. I would be very positive if classified are able to keep their full time status and benefits. I'm less positive about it if they lose that.

I don't want an increase in time during the day because it will impact sports.

More structure

Consistency, fewer days to coordinate school pick up and drop off, easier for my work schedule.

simply put, more family time and time to pursue other interest creates a more rounded child in my opinion.

I love this idea. It has been proven to be Beneficial for both staff and kids

I like the idea of it

Positive retention incentive for teachers. Consistent schedule for parents to navigate,

It doesn't seem to extend the school year by much. Just curious if it would affect holiday breaks.

More consistent calendar.

Yay

A four day schedule would help the district financially while providing families with a consistent weekly schedule.

Loss of hours for classified staff.

Similar to the 5/4 schedule, my sons are at an age where the additional length in days does not concern me. I like the additional school/life balance aspects of this schedule that allow for additional family time, social time and overall recovery for students. Going one week longer into June does not concern me tremendously seeing spring time is generally iffy on weather to begin with so not many families are planning big activities yet.

I think the long weekend would benefit my son by getting a longer break.

Again, I would rather the state appropriately funded the school, and the children could be in school 5 days a week.

4 days weeks

Employees benefits

I think a shorter week for younger kids would be beneficial - more opportunities to enjoy the area around us. Kids need to learn and kids need to wiggle.

I have 2 students on a 4 day already and we really like it. One is Wednesday. It gives him time to catch up on homework, rest, reduces his sick days because of the rest. The other is Monday. Same pros.

Same as pf and very set schedule

My response is the same as the one to the alternating schedule. Would be extremely difficult and inconvenient for child care scheduling and financial costly to already underpaid positions..

It is taking a lot out of our learning time and that could impact many families.

keeping it one type of schedule is good and the right thing no switching between 4 days and 5 days

Many children have a hard time maintaining attention for a full academic day currently, moving to a longer day may result in less productive learning time as compared to the 5 day a week schedule.

Consistency and routine

more time to stent for self care

Seems like a lot more days to miss school to learn and be with friends. Extra money for childcare.

Money savings, more time with family for students & staff

give teachers and students 3 day weekends

Consistent schedule

Coverage for off days

because it would be great having a extra day to work on missing or incomplete assignments and it wouldn't take up personal time.

This would allow for more family time, yet allow the school day to cover more instructional time. Families often need Fridays off for sports or trips.

Because my kids are going to be homeschooled next year

This schedule allows too much unsupervised time for high school students and provides more opportunities for getting into trouble.

It actually depends on the student. Some of the students will be fine with this. Others of the students will suffer from this. I know at least one of my kids thrives on being busy. It is in fact good for their mental health. A few of my other kids would be fine with having a four-day week.

If the only two options are 5/4 day weeks vs. 4 day week, the 4 day week provides more consistency for students, parents, and staff.

Learning loss, stressing about time to achieve mastery of all essential standards.

It would be beneficial to our family

Due to the state of Idaho's lack of support for education, teacher salaries and mental health support for their employees; a 4 day work week would be a huge reason to stay working for this district and not seek employment elsewhere.

Child care and work schedule

you get more time with families

my reaction is very positive because we could have more time to spend with family and less social hours at school

in 2020 we left the district and attended a charter school that had a 4 day week for 3 years. it was wonderful! the kids could get through 4 days with so much more gumption and enthusiasm then 5 days. it was weird to me how much 5 days effected them. we came back to the district this year. along with my children, I got a job as Tech teacher at Atlas. I LOVE my job and the staff. My kids are now back to 5 days and I see them just trying to push through 5 days. having the 3 days just gave their brains and bodies a needed break. I also think it would be so wonderful for staff. I see these amazing teachers who are expected SO much from not only federal mandated benchmarks, district expectations, parent expectations but their own expectations as well. they work tirelessly to keep up. I am in awe every day. I think if they had a day to work without kids every week, many would feel so much more at peace. I see some of these teachers have 10 min at lunch because they need to prep things. and it's NOT because they aren't organized. it's because they are going over and beyond to be amazing teachers.

This would be worse than the alternating week. These kids don't need less educational time. They need to be taught the basics. I basically explained my dislike in the other comment section.

I believe that this would be healthy for our students and community. I think parents need extra time with their children and this would prevent me from considering homeschooling as one of the reasons I have considered it is not having a enough time with my children.

More consistent than alternating.

Dont want school to get out any later than it currently does.

I think there is a bigger problem here around funding budget, use of funding, teachers accountability. This puts all the burden on the parents and students. You will never go back to 5 days even if you have funding because teachers will not want to. You think you have a teacher retention problem now. What happens when this fails you try to go back to 5 days a week. Teachers will fight it. I will leave the school district maybe even the state if this happens. I will vote against Any school board member that approves this.

same as for the 5/4 approach - students need more attention not less (current generation)

I like the idea of three day weekends, but don't like the idea of longer school days. Their days are already so long.

same reason the 4/5 day

I need more info. I'd like to hear from parents and students in other districts that have had similar schedules and how it has affected their learning, confidence, and family life. I'd like to hear from the teachers as well, who have worked in districts with similar 4 day schedules.

This option makes more sense than alternating with the 5 day. Its consistent and allows more room to prep, and stay on a routine

I like that the schedule would be consistent and that scheduling PD/meetings would likely be easier.

improve mental health, more time for homework as we have 8 classes giving homework, more time for work and community help, family time

This would be preferred since it is a consistent schedule. Also, I am assuming we would be matching Post Falls schedule which is another plus. Attendance would improve as Friday tends to have higher absenteeism with many (both staff and families) missing school due to weekend tournaments, competitions, vacations, etc.

I appreciate the consistency of this schedule, and believe that regular 3-day weekends would boost both staff and student morale, and likely increase achievement due to the boost in morale.

All this is doing is giving the teachers more days off- and i don't see how this is reducing costs. Less teaching = Less learning for students. This overall negative for the students. What about the children? sacrificing the kids education for teacher satisfaction.

As stated kids are in school long enough. Even with the three day weekends, I do not like the idea of making the days and school year even longer. I am against a four day week and hope the district does not convert. I am more supportive of the alternating 4/5 day week.

I think its a very good idea.

This is going to be a constant week back to back and would have me feeling better when I come back to school since I am less tired.

This is for the benefit of teachers. Only.

Once again, as stated before, longer school days for us high schoolers is not appealing. That's a long time to spend at school with constant work and stress without breaks.

This would be the most consistent option for students, staff, and parents.

BEcaus ewe dont nned to chaneg 5 day it the clearly better option

Longer class time, especially for middle school students (where my child would be next year) does not necessarily equate to more teaching time. There is actually research that says that once classes reach a certain amount of time, teachers aren't teaching for the full time and instead are giving the kids time to do their school work. Which, while there is more "face time," the kids are actually learning less. My other concern is childcare. If kids aren't going to school 5 days a week, I have to find childcare for my children, an expense I don't have currently (I have altered my schedule to align with the school day) and it is an expense I cannot afford.

I would love to see 4 day school weeks, I believe it will give the teachers the break they need to continue being a positive roll model and more time in the classroom.

Because I like more time to myself and longer weekends.

I think it would be nice

just when the school year ends/begins...

Again, we are adding time to the day for elementary students so they are getting out of school closer to 4 in the evening.

I think it would be better to have a constant schedule but still have more off days

Going longer into the year is a bummer. Also longer days throughout seem to be too much, especially with some kids. It's a long day.

Better for students, less burnout for students and staff.

This is the best option by far!!!

I like the idea of a 4-day week

More time for home, family and less school sick days

It's consistent, kids have an opportunity to spend more time with family, work jobs, and we'll have more energy with the time off

This model would work well for our family

I want to be supportive of the school district's budget shortfall, but I don't want to affect my son's education. Less instructional time is a big negative of this approach.

Longer school days and a longer school year may be difficult for employees that travel further for work. Students may have a difficult time adjusting to longer school days. Having a shorter week could have benefits for students having a longer resting period after the school week.

4 day school makes a great deal of sense for everyone involved. For Students: Schedules stay consistent with less confusion. Nobody will be asking: "Is this week a four day week or a five day week?" Curriculum/lesson planning will flow easier as teachers adjust to teaching 4 longer days of content vs. 4 days, then 5 days, etc. resulting in a better instructional foundation for students. Routines and rituals flow easier such as stem shop every Friday instead of every other Friday. Children do best with consistency. For Families: less confusion arranging childcare/work schedules. It is easier to arrange no Fridays with work or daycare than it would be to alternate one Friday on and one Friday off, for example. Employers prefer schedule consistency. Also, routines and rituals flow easier such as weekly communication to parents (newsletters coming out every Thursday, for example, instead of some Thursdays and some Fridays.) For the District: I'd imagine the savings would be higher in a four day week, since you would be eliminating building utility, classified employee, bussing, and lunch services fees MORE days a month vs. the expense of keeping the schools open an additional day every other week. The DAILY costs associated with keeping our building open would be decreased with a 4 day a week schedule vs. an alternating one. For Certified Staff: Full day PD one Friday a month would feel more productive than spending a couple hours on late start Mondays to meet as a staff, especially when we all have the added stress of knowing we have to teach immediately after collaboration. A full day of devoted focus with my colleagues to work on PLC stuff, curriculum PD, becoming a Highly Reliable School, etc. sounds magical and productive. Lastly, I believe moving to a 4 day schedule will help increase staff retention, leveling the playing field between Post Falls and CdA. I personally would consider switching to Post Falls vs. staying in CDA with an alternating schedule.

It would give my daughter an extra weekday to pursue her outside activities and classes with the 4-H.

still bullshit

I know money needs to be saved so if thats the best we can do I support it. But prefer non creative schedules 5 day week no changes in schedules like late start etc.

4 day school week has many many benefits

Would align with Post Falls. Provides a strong incentive to retain teachers (not the watered down version of every other week). Potential for higher savings, thus reducing the pain of budget cuts.

I think this schedule serves as the best option for families, staff and to save money for the district.

LESS SCHOOL IS NEVER BETTER FOR THE CHILDREN, THEIR FUTURE, OR FOR THE COMMUNITY

Because this would give me a lot more sleep, and I could catch up with some work that I may have missed.

While very uncomfortable with the idea of trying to find and afford childcare to accommodate 4-day school weeks, embracing how predictable routines will be established makes it palatable. Offering educators a consistent 3-day weekend also seems fair whilst considering all they do for so many students. That said, it seems wise to somehow help lower income households find childcare as not everyone has extended family or relationships with parents of other students for support in the event this change is made.

It's a more organized schedule, it doesn't cause as much confusion as a 4 day then 5 day week. It also allows the students to take time to themselves to either finish missing work or pursue their future interests, it also allows the student to take a mental break for the day. Believe it or not students actually do more things a day then just lay around on the weekends. For example, they have to spend time with their family, or maybe go to work, finish assignments, do chores around the house, maybe even going to get gas for their cars or go grocery shopping for their parents. Students have a lot of things to do over the weekend, so the extra day to relax and take a mental break would be nice for the students and project a positive effect on students.

It is good for the students mental health and gives them more of a break during the week. It also offers more time for working for students who have jobs.

cause students lose sleep/time for family/time for missing work/ect. when with 5 day school days unlike with 4 it gives more pros than con then with 5 gaining what we lack and more then with 5 days

Long schools days are not ideal for kids

I'm sorry but this doesn't seem like an idea to help students achieve and grow (more a carrot to staff as they'dget extra time off). Also how much costs would truly be saved if the district has to extend the overall duration of the school year?

More time for extracurricular activities.

I feel the consistency would be more beneficial to the child's learning if it was 4 days in a row as opposed to the 5/4 week.

Seems like the easier of the 2 options

Extra day off may benefit students but hinder working families

More time with families and more time for teachers to lesson plan than during their own time on the weekends

I think everyone would like an only 4-day week.

I think it would help out students with their education and getting another day off from school to not stress or worry about tests or homework that they have to catch up on after school and sports. However, students who need the food services that the school provides, wouldn't really work out that well. But I think that having the four day school week would be good for teachers, staff, and also the students.

I think this provides flexibility for traveling purposes and built in collaboration for teachers.

Same as the other. Kids need to be in school for consistency. Too many long weekends are harder to recover from in a schedule change. I would in no way support this and would likely take my tax dollars elsewhere.

Again, this is super inconvenient for working parents and costs more to us in daycare.

Other countries spend more time having children spend time home so when they do come to class they are alert and WANT to be there. The more hours kids especially younger/middle school age kids spend in a classroom then hours at home for home work they don't have time to be a kid. So they aren't wanting or willing to focus. If they had a little extra time to do their home work, spend fun time to decompress, get stuff together and relax and sleep more then come Monday after late start they'll be 100% ready, refreshed and excited to go back to school and learn Every week will be like the first day of school feeling every time.

We have gone to a school that did 4 days and liked it.

May be nice for teachers and kids but very hard for parents

Again, scrambling to fix a self inflicted problem.

Lack of time in education, burden on working parents finding and paying for child care

Because kids need a day to recharge before they go back to school and it would save the school district money and kids might be more proficient in class

I worry that I wouldn't be able to covering the curriculum losing close to 20%

Again, our current shortened schedule on Monday is almost worthless. We can get very little done with students and has very little academic benefits. All teachers hate late-start Monday. Starting your work week half an hour early and with a meeting is a negative start to the week. I honestly feel like our kids would learn more in a 4 day week, especially since I think we would have better attendance. I think the mental health would improve for both staff and students.

This is preferred over the 4/5; however this is still a challenging schedule for busy families who fit in extra curricular activities and sports after school ends each day. Also, I do not want to see the teacher work days coming out of the 4 day schedule. The already shortened week would be even more challenging for families needing consistency when staff work days are happening 1-2x a month. The staff development/work days should be conducted on the 5th day of the week. Many charter schools use this model successfully.

Think this is best for the students having more well-rounded lives

My thoughts are the same if not more angry at the school district for considering this option. \$500,000 is not worth more than a year of education for children over their lifetime in the educational system. Sports and administration should be cut before educational time. This is a disgrace.

Love the idea of consistent 4-day weeks. My family and I could enjoy more skiing time, more travel/trips, and we would be more competitive in attracting and retaining good staff (similar to the Post Falls school district).

Same as previous option

I like the same schedule each week

I strongly oppose the four day a week school idea Kids need more days in school not less Also, if a kid is sick for a day or two, they are missing a larger percentage of school throughout the school year if school is in session less days The four day week school schedule in my opinion has more negatives than positives Also, I think the current school day is long enough it doesn't need to be any longer

Less time with teachers but more consistent

again it is jut and bad idea losing out on learning and and of parents and children

The schedule is set so there wouldn't be any confusion in regards to what days parents would need childcare. Planning would be easier for a four day work week rather than a five/four schedule. Parents could plan vacations and sporting events without their child missing school (if the day off was Friday). It would definitely be more challenging to cover the content in the curriculum. Students who are absent will be missing more school time. It will cost parents who have to pay for childcare services. Students will have less structured learning time and therefore, their academics will suffer. Many students will be unsupervised on the days off.

Inconsistency in the schedule is challenging.

Helps solve the problem with consistent scheduling for parents

unsure for the students & educational loss for hands-on teaching appears to be dimenishing. Public schools are not funded enough to stay open for standard 5 day week & teachers should be certified and/or degree in education.

The schedule has more consistency for parents with a set schedule.

I think this is a consistent schedule that will save the district the most money. Not to mention, the impact it would have on preventing student and teacher burnout.

Consistency, staff retention, easier childcare schedule for parents

Like having a 3 day weekend. And more time with our kids.

I think this option would maximize the positive impacts on the staff, students, and cost.

This may be more optimal for people with set schedules and having to alternate weeks with Fridays or Mondays off. However, not a huge fan of starting before a long weekend, Labor Day, and ending a few weeks into June.

I feel like having a consistent schedule is better than switching back and forth for students and gives them the opportunity to get a job for the weekends

Because it would give students with jobs more opportunities to work, as well as giving more time outside of school for students to work on projects and assignments and studying. I think it would drastically improve students attendance as well as overall school grades

I would prefer to have a five-day school week.

Easier to schedule around a consistent school schedule. Each week is consistent not on/off as the other plan proposed

A set schedule of days off would make it easier to create a personal schedule.

I think 4 days is plenty for an elementary school child to grasp learning.

Our son does amazing in school and an extra day off would be great if it benefits the school district.

You still have built in teacher days? For what? They have three day weekends. You'd save money if you let teachers go. This whole thing is a joke.

I would like the ability to fully relax and rejuvenate on a 3 day weekend.

"It's concerning that reducing class time could result in less learning. Additionally, we need to consider that some children may not have the best home life. Due to COVID-19, we have lost a significant amount of learning time. Every second of learning counts, and I believe that as a community, we need to work together to provide the best education for the future generation. These children are the future of our world, and we need to prepare them adequately to make it a better place. We need to be proactive and work harder to improve society as a whole. We are intelligent and brilliant as a community, and we need to utilize the remaining five days of learning to prevent the world from failing."Remember this: "By Kamber Noel Lewis."

I hate blocked schedules because I don't retain any information and it makes my learning boring and extremely tiring. It also means I see my friends less, who are my support systems, and am forced to stay home more. I also don't like how it would make the school year longer.

This is it. This is the schedule. I want this one. my other kids go to private school and have fridays off. plus the having that many 3 day weekends to be able to do stuff with my family just gives me more options.

Data is showing that districts and charters that have a 4 day week are able to retain staff much longer. We may find that teachers finding more of a work/life balance are in a better space to teach, have increased mental health, and create a richer learning environment in the school as they gain years of experience. Student attendance may improve with a 4 day week. I wonder if there would be a correlation to 3 day weekends increasing attendance? I think we already know our teenagers especially aren't getting enough sleep. Our surrounding charter schools have a four day week, we may become a competitive option and see an attendance increase if we do the same with kids transferring back from Charter schools. Personally, our family can do any of the schedules. Having our youngest home on Fridays would not be a hardship, it may be for other families, but we are all responsible for our children and made the choice to figure it out when we decided to have children.

More family time with three day weekends.

Because I provides more time for extracurriculars

Longer daily time, concerned about loss in learning

Consistent weekly calendar throughout school year

We are stripping away our education from our children, and falling behind the kind of education given in Europe and across the world. Education is the great equalizer that narrow the socioeconomic gaps and we continue to degrade the very thing our kids need more of to be competitive on the world stage.

cost savings, more regular expected schedule

I know Post Falls has gone to 4 day weeks, have you gotten any feedback from parents if this has been good for their families, working parents, childcare?

Set schedule. Concerned with teacher and hourly pay.

I believe you will face challenges on both sides, but with the appropriate planning this could be beneficial.

because its cool

Same Answer as first question

More time for families

u do this u take away the future for many in many ways. not just education.

Because it can be very beneficial for funding.

What days would 10 the built-in professional development days for teachers be?

Will do it if required

I do not like the idea of having less school days. I think the teachers have enough difficulty getting through the curriculum as it is and having less time with students would be a detriment. I currently have 2 middle schoolers and longer days would be a drain on their already limited motivation to be at school and complete assignments. As an hourly employee, I am also concerned about having less hours - which, I understand, is a way of saving District money but is still a personal concern. I would not oppose this decision if it was the only one presented but if only one option is presented, I would prefer to see the alternating schedule.

The children's mental health would improve.

This seems more straight forward and would impart more cost savings I would assume.

I have heard from colleagues in the Post Falls school district that they really enjoy the new schedule whether it be due to their ability to spend more time with their school children on that extra day off or being able to better prepare for instruction during the days that school is in session. I would vote for the 4 day week as opposed to the alternating option simply for having more of a stable routine that everyone can get used to, to include the students.

Maintains a set schedule and adds a longer weekend

I would love to have an extra day each week for scheduling appointments and not missing school. Also my child could work a job and have would be able to work that day.

Because for the kids that have after school activities and for kids and teachers to spend more time at home.

Our son is in a traveling soccer team and we miss a lot of Fridays for travel.

I understand the district is trying to work within the budget. This would be a big change. I would like to see some data that show it would not negatively impact learning or teachers, and there needs to be viable solutions for families who cannot change work schedules

A more consistent schedule for staff, students and parents. Makes it easier to find consistent day care options as well as business opportunities for the community to cater towards the day off. Provides a consistent schedule for students who work as well as teachers who work second jobs. We are facing a \$6 million dollar shortfall so the option that saves the most amount of money makes more sense.

Childcare expense and too much time on these kids hands without family. Most families don't have the option not to work Monday through Friday.

-less confusing than the hybrid option -better alternative to other cost-saving options with less impact on students/staff (such as closing an elementary/increased class sizes/less student support, etc.)

I think having a set schedule makes it easier to follow and know what to expect.

A four day school week does not give enough time for students to complete the work needed to be done. As a parent of elementary students they are already tired and hungry when they get out of school. Adding additional minutes to the day will exacerbate this. If the minutes are added at the end of the day it will also impact any after school activities that begin at 4pm.

Same reaction as I had to your other option.

The idea of 3 day weekends is somewhat appealing.

Concern with getting through curriculum.

it would save money for the district

I think if it would help the financial side of things, a consistent schedule would be better than the hybrid schedule

It would be easier than an alternating 4 day to 5 day schedule.

i want less school

Consistent days off

more time for what we want to do

I prefer this option because it offers a consistent schedule instead of a fluctuating one.

I want to see friend and have a higher education

More time at home- a set schedule for the entire year

need to go to school 5 days a week

Consistency

Instead of it alternating per week and changing, this seems more set and consistent Making it easier to find coverage and have more time with family

How does this save money? And how did we become in such a huge projected deficit without seeing it coming? This shortfall is of huge magnitude...please enlighten us as to why parents are pulling their children from our district or not enrolling them? Is SD 271 considering scaling back on administration? I believe it is possible to keep a 5 day a week schedule and manipulate responsibilities at the higher levels of pay. Did our community pass levies which were to provide smaller class sizes in support of our educators and teacher retention? And now our teachers jobs could possibly be threatened? Honestly, our district can save \$500,000.00 another way that isn't disruptive to family life. People work and our community depends on consistency of workforce.

I like the consistency of 4 day weeks for the students, staff, and for families.

The 4-day schedule would decrease student absences as well as staff. A lot of events are held Friday's going into the weekends and this schedule would adapt to those community needs. Additionally, teacher burn out would decrease and teacher preparation and collaboration would rise since we have a built in work day.

4 days would provide consistency even more so than the current 5 day weeks with some holidays, etc. A 4-day work schedule can benefit both students and teachers by improving work-life balance, reducing stress, increasing productivity, and contributing to cost savings and environmental sustainability.

I have heard from the Post Falls superintendent and they have had tons of success. It would create a stable cadence for my child and our household. And it would save the District considerably.

I understand the financial reason behind it but I think kids need to be in school.

4 days weeks allow the students more time for homework on the days off. This also allows for a consistent schedule giving them the ability to take online course's through the dual enrollment program.

Not sure how that would affect my maintenance department. I know everyone enjoys spending more time at home or with their families. In recent years I feel we have lost the family unit. Both parents working just to make ends meet. I also understand transportation would have no kids to drive and would miss out on pay. I guess we would need to see if they would be able to survive in one less day pay. These are difficult decisions for sure.

Give kids a break, the biggest problems students aren't being taught much in the 5 days. CURRICULUM needs to be better

Not only would this option save the district money it would not change instructional minutes for students. This would also allow for families to plan vacations accordingly that will lessen the impact of missed instructional time. The benefits of a 4 day week in comparison to an alternating schedule would be in the consistency it would provide to students, families as well as staff members. Many schools already have different bell schedules three of the fives days, if we add in different schedules per week it would cause added confusion to all involved. Allowing for a 3 day weekend would improved attendance, teacher retention as well as increase productivity from students in the classroom.

It has shown a lot of positive impacts on children and staff to change to this schedule

I would rather have my children going to school the same days every week, than doing the 5/4 schedule.

The consistency is an advantage over the alternating 4/5 schedule. I imagine that when we get to it the cost savings will be increased. I don't remember the numbers for instruction time and how they compare exactly, but I imagine this option is lowest and that is a concern.

No familiarity with this

Kids need to be in school, where they can learn and stay out of trouble. Look back at my previous answer for the 5/4 school days, and the answer is the same here.

Easier for families with set schedules

it can be more convenient far students ans staff alike while allowing for more even time spent at home and a better mental health break for students while still giving plenty of time for homework and other at home assignments.

I think the alternating 4-5 day schedule is better. I think our schools do a great job. Im.worried about my kid falling behind because he wouldn't do extra homework. He Luke's to do his school work at school

Not impacted.

i would have fridays to finish any and all homework and have the actual weekend to reset

more consistency, easier to plan for.

Less academic time for kids. Increased child care costs.

My last comment summarized my view. A 4 day week would be excellent for staff and students!

Because this would allow the day off to be consistent instead of alternating every other week.

Tell us why you support or oppose a 4-day school week.

It has convenient factors for both district, for saving money, teachers for planning, and students for all areas of wellness.

I think it would be good for our school districts and would benefit students and teachers

I support it so teachers aren't as burnt out

Our parents already take a lot of extra days off for family vacations. Hopefully attendance would be more important to parents if they only had 4 days to attend. A 4 day week may also make it easier to attract and retain quality teachers and staff members.

students are happier

Better option than the 4/5 alternating

As a teacher, I think it would increase attendance and decrease teacher burnout. I highly support this option and will be very excited to continue teaching for many years with a 4 day work week.

Find cost savings in other areas. The lack of responsibility and foresight is obhorant.

Creates opportunities for staff/students to better balance between relaxing and working.

A four-day school week would mean consistency and increased time for jobs and personal ventures.

It's a consistent schedule.

Longer times in a day for focused subjects, more time to spend with family on weekends, potential elimination of teacher prep days, savings in bussing, matching schedules with post falls districts to allow for Friday extracurricular activities

Because it gives us kids more time to socialize with friends.

Cost savings. More time to spend with family

Childcare challenges and lost learning time for students.

Prefer 5 days week but if I had to choose that or the alternating days off I would prefer the 4 day week

more time for students and less likely for students to be burnt out

This is not for the students. Figure out another way.

Times have changed, we need to as well.

I believe that this proposal makes the most sense of the two. It gives students more time on the weekends to relax and enjoy their personal hobbies. Yes, it keeps them in school longer during the day, but not by much, and it actually mirrors more closely their parents work schedules. While not ideal that school would go 1 week longer into the summer, I think the less school days makes up for that. Plus more face time with their teachers during the day would be a good thing.

it would just make everything easier

Better health and attendance, cost savings, increased motivation

A 4-day school week appears to be a valid cost-saving measure for the district. It also allows for additional professional development days for teachers.

I fully support a 4 day school week. My children have been in a 4 day school week and it has been a positive experience for our family

See my other responses.

Cuts not focused in the right area

It's better for our family. More time to rest and less stress on days off. Hopefully they would have more time in class to complete any homework.

I feel that it is a huge disservice to our kids. Instead, the community should be stepping up to provide for the loss of funding (I know...HUGE task to convince voters, but still).

I think it will ease stress on staff and students

I think a 4 day school week would be great for everyone involved. To be honest I think kids are in school too much. They need more breaks to get to do the things they like. They will be working during the summer so they won't get any "time off" so for them to get a 3 day weekend would be really great!

Child care

All the families I know who do a 4 day week, feel it works very well for them and their kids.

Seems like a necessary adjustment.

Again, to try something different.

It would give kids more home time

Cost savings for the district and more flexibility for staff and families.

See notes on previous page

I actually love the idea of 3 days with my kids each week- more time to do 'life learning' with my kids! Although I realize this would be a challenge for many families.

Easier/consistent schedule, more free time for studying, work study, time for family and well being.

Simple, 2hr classes easier to manage and time.

I believe it would increase our attendance rates and help retain staff. The 4-day school week would also allow more time to spend with family and save money for the school district.

More time at home with the children. More flexibility for 3 day trips.

Consistency - shown it works in other districts

I think its great for students and families to have a little less time at school and more time at home.

The kids lose out on 1/5th of their schooling and parents lose out on 1/5th of their hourly income.

I would support a 4 day school week for the following reasons: *There would not be confusion for parents about which weeks are 4 day weeks and which weeks are 5 day weeks (a set schedule for families). *Student attendance may improve, because parents will have a day that can be used to schedule appointments, long weekends, etc. *I think families would have a more formalized child care plan for that 5th day (vs. an inconsistent plan for the 4/5 day option). *It would save the district money. *It is a better option than increasing class size, which decreases student achievement/contact time. *It may improve teacher attendance. Teacher's would not have to schedule a sub for appointments as frequently. *Rest, well-being, family time would be nice benefits, too.

Because for more suppot and gives me more time to catch up on work.

This would save the district money

It would make life overall easier for me and i would do better in school.

It's working for us on Post Falls

A win for staff & kids alike! Better balance in kids lives.

You have already asked this question a few times

I support 4-day school weeks because it would help students and staff get more sleep and would help their mental health.

It would make everyone much happier and able to learn more

It would save the district a lot of money.

If necessary it's better if the 2 options

I think I've already said enough, but a 4-day school week would also help staff have time to plan quality lessons rather than ones that get the job done. This would help students learn the value of meaningful time use, and overall learn better. Mrs. Heule, I think, does a great job of this.

its just better for the school staff and students and it lets off more stress of students as well as haveing more freedom and spending time with famly finaly.

Support because it is more consistent than the 5/4 schedule. It saves money for the district and will work as a teacher retention model for the future.

I would support it because it would give me more time to pursue other interests and work more.

4-day school weeks are a trend to address budgeting problems. The CDA School District should base their decisions on what is the best for student growth. If there is valid evidence that a 4-day school week improves academic, social or emotional performance, then it should be considered. As a strictly budgetary proposal, I can't support it.

I would oppose it because until the American workforce adapts a 4 day work week, we can't expect to have children home while we're working.

The opportunities for planning trips on weekends, better retention, less burnout.

It's working in neighboring districts. I have another student that is currently under this structure and he's thriving.

I don't think the kids should be off every Friday. I think they would do better with every other Friday

It would mean more time together as a family

I would support a 4 day work week as it would provided greater efficiency and extend time in class per day.

Ease of travel for families, more opportunity for work for high school kids. Less struggle to get teens out of bed!

I oppose it because it will negatively impact families, children, staff and the community for far more reasons than it would benefit. The district needs to look out of their children they serve and the staff they employ in a way that doesn't eliminate education, safety, jobs, and benefits.

Mental health

Because it is a consistent schedule and it would help families schedules.

It seems to a positive situation/works in Post Falls

IT SUCKS.

Less school days, longer days and extended school year.

repeat ?

I think it will help relieve the teachers and students

It gives us students more time to enjoy our hobbies

It can give us more oportunities to do more things with family friends, study, sports and be lazy.

It has so many benefits. Way more positives than potential negatives for students and staff

I would support it if Friday is the non school day for sports reasons. I would not be supportive of Mondays as non school days.

i support it because it will be a help to the entire cda community. it will give more time for families to get together and interact. it will also open a window of time to get missing work don, also giving time to catch up on sleep and chores. it will also give us time to hang out with our friends. This will improve the mental health of many students. %42 of high school students have experienced sadness and hopelessness. %29 percent of high school students experiencing poor mental health.

Having a three day weekend, means I get to spend more time with my family.

I would oppose a 4-day school week because it could create problems for parents' schedules. While it could be nice at first, in the long run it would be difficult and going until June 11th could potentially be disheartening.

Increased staff retention from a better work life balance.

Consistent schedule and savings and better for student and teacher mental health

A 4 day would give more consistency for both children and parents and a schedule the children can rely upon.

I'd support it based on the budget shortfall.

4-day weeks are the future. Might as well get ahead of the curve.

Overall it would be a good option to consider for the overall health of students and teachers. Teachers deserve a day to get caught up, have flexibility to work on their own health and needs as a teacher. I don't see any negatives for secondary aged students and families who have a parent at home or working flexible hours. Adjustments can be made in order to improve student and teacher and fiscal health throughout the district. The only concern I would have is how it would affect the wages for teachers and staff. Wages for schools in Kootenai County are already lower than most districts in our area(inland/pacific northwest). Creative measures should be made in areas to reduce fiscal indiscretion in order to pay our teachers and staff what they deserve!!!

Same reason as previous

It would give us a good rest day

Consistent for planning purposes and consistent attendance by students and staff.

Reduced student achievement, teacher pay cuts, hard for working families to find child care.

Already explained.

This allows more time for my kids to have a down day, work, or do other non-school activities. The schedule is the same every week, which brings consistency.

i want more free time

I would love fridays off, i would have less absences

Having my kids home. Knowing they were able to have a day where they could go at their own pace, while still getting school work done. Having that much needed, some days, mental health day. Being able to have a 3 day weekend to do more as a family. More time to get assignments done. Study more. Relax more, get ahead. Less stress for them. I am a homemaker, so it is so easy for me to say all of this. But I do understand and can empathize with parents who work outside the home, and how this may add more stress to their lives and their childrens lives.

It is a good concept, as long as it doesn't affect how long the school year and school days are.

fixed schedule, more time for kids to pursue personal interests and increased time with family

More opportunities for learning outside of the classroom in real life situations. My students would have better attendance as well.

I think this would give students and teachers more flexibility to do what they need on Fridays. This could give students the ability to catch up on school work, work, or pursue other extracurricular activities one day during the week. It's often challenging to get certain things done if you work or go to school 5 days per week. As long as teacher pay wasn't reduced, I think this could be positive for both students and teachers. I also think that flexibility is what drives students online. This flexibility may help retain or gain back those students who are either currently or considering an online platform.

Improved mental health for students and staff, district will save money, increase in attendance for both staff and students, etc.

it would help me with me learning

A 4 day week does not make all teachers love their job more. Long days are not my favorite as a teacher. But having one day off a week with my daughter would make it better. So I am hoping your schedule lines up with Post Falls (Fridays off). I am glad it won't mean longer days for middle school students.

It would be less confusing and less stressful than the alternating week

i dont like the 4 day school week. i think it puts a burden on working families without daycare on the fifth day. it leaves middle school and high school kids at home unsupervised longer, which as we all know can lead to mischief and/or other things. it also sets the stage for the future workforce to expect a 4 day work week. in todays culture we already face all of these challanges with youth and workforce, i think this is more likely to make things worse.

i support becuase more wwekdns

I would support becasue I would get more free time with my family

Risk for decreased learning

Mental health, rest day for a growing student who is involved in extra curricular activities. Down time to explore interests and friendships outside of school.

I'm indifferent, if the school district thought it was a positive change and could save money, I'm ok with it.

More family time

good idea

Would prefer to stay at 5 days, but if needed then have to do it

I think it would be better for my daughter to have an additional day off.

Spend more time with family

i would not get the proper education to prepare me for the demands of life

We will have more free time for interests, and will not have to be as tired and save money

Save money, give everyone time with family.

I love the idea of having a 3 day weekend most weeks (for both me and my kids)!

It makes the most sense.

The end time being at 3pm and 2 week longer school year

Because I feel that it is better for kids and staff

I believe students need more time at home.

More family time, less stress on students

I just explained it to you.

I don't want to lose hours for work. The pay is already not great and its hard to live off this income, now you're going to cut more hours. May lose staffing in the support category.

I would support the 4 day school week to help the budget

Allows access to less time off for athletic competitions for my kids that compete in swim meets often on Fridays.

Because I want a extra day to get caught up on my work.

I dont mind the 5 day school week. I dont want to spend 2 hours in class, I have after school activities going on for Monday and improv shows on Friday. Some people have other clubs to attend to on other days that could cause conflict

I have one child already using a 4 day schedule and it works well for her.

A four day week gives students and staff another day to relax

See previous response

1. It matches the other large school district in our region. 2. It allows for families to travel on weekends without pulling their kids out of school. 3. It will attract and help retain the best teachers/staff. 4. If done correctly and current wasted time in the classroom is eliminated, then students will maintain the proper growth in education rate. However, my support of this initiative is ENTIRELY dependent on using Friday as the off day. Having no school on a Monday would be a ridiculous choice and cause huge issues for almost every family. Several workplaces have already gone to Mon-Thurs and aligning with that would be imperative. If you choose Monday as the day to eliminate, you will have an army of angry parents fighting this proposal. Also, late start MUST be eliminated if you implement this program. Kids and parents who work need consistency in their schedules to make this work so the school district must do their part to support the families if this is to work on all sides.

This may be the best way to address a budget shortfall

Just makes sense.

This is getting redundant same questions

i support a 4-day school week because it will make kids more active listeners in classes by giving them extra sleep and more time too do what they need

I would support a 4 day school week because it's more consistent than alternating 4/5 days. Personally, it would allow me a day to complete work that I normally do on the weekends and have a full weekend free. I don't support 4 days if classified staff lose their full time status and benefits. It will be really hard to hire and retain people if that is the case.

I would love having a four day week

I oppose it because it decreases the time to learn everything in the curriculum, making AP classes difficult to keep up with because we are already behind when we begin the year. It may also give more homework because we aren't able to finish curriculum and such in class so we would have to take our schoolwork home to keep up. That already happens with AP and it increases stress and decreases time to do extracurricular activities and hobbies.

Support

Increased efficiency

I support this because like I said previously I enjoy the time to spend with my child showing her life skills that are not developed in school.

It has been proven to be good for both staff and kids

Teacher retention. Set/manageable schedule. Cost savings

This survey gives no info regarding paid holidays. Spring break ??? Thanksgiving??? Christmas??? Need more info please.

It just makes more sense than an alternating schedule. Easier to keep track of than the 5/4.

fun

While I would prefer a 5 day a week school, I feel a 4 day is a better option than an alternating 4 day/ 5 day school week.

Overall benefits seem to outweigh overall negatives, including studies that show student achievement does not suffer and it does have some benefit to staff retention, which is huge in today's age of teachers and other support staff leaving school districts in droves. The benefits of additional family time and students being able to pursue outside employment or other interests for an additional day/week is just an added benefit.

More time with family opportunity to do my other job on Friday.

I would like my child to be in school 5 days a week

i would be able to work more hours

How it effects all the employees

I think a shorter week for younger kids would be beneficial - more opportunities to enjoy the area around us. Kids need to learn and kids need to wiggle. I also think this would help improve teacher retention/employee morale and provide significant savings to the district.

My 1st grader and Pre-k kids both have 4 day and I think it works way better. For my 5 year old to hop into a 5 day week this fall will be exhausting. He also has Autism so he has multiple therapy appointments to attend in addition to school. 5 days is too much. More and more children are having mental health issues and not having g time to get help addressing these issues is increasing the amount of students that go through the mental health facility at the hospital, as well.

I have already stated my reasoning for my opinion of opposition regarding this matter.

It would give students more time to get work done and more down time. It would help students not get burnt out and would give students more time to pursue their dreams.

Takes too much of our time and some families won't be able to cooperate with that.

i dont want to have to go to school 5 days a week

More time for students and staff to achieve personal goals

because its just generally beter for student and teacher mental health wise

Because it would give students more time over the weekend to do home work.

this would be a consistent change to the school week instead of the alternating 5day/4day weeks

Consistent

helps give many a mental brake and not feel as forced about going to school.

because of a exrta day to play and catch up on assiments.

Families would benefit from more time for extended experiences and activities. Teachers would have more time for professional development.

It allows too much unsupervised time for middle school and high school students.

The 4 day week provides more consistency than the other option.

Cost saving measures. Mental health support for staff.

It would be beneficial to our family

Due to the state of Idaho's lack of support for education, teacher salaries and mental health support for their employees; a 4 day work week would be a huge reason to stay working for this district and not seek employment elsewhere.

Childcare schedule and loss of work

spend more time with fam

i support it because it would help students mental health

I gave a pretty detailed support in my previous comment! as a parent, I would love it.

I already did in the other section.

I believe this would be beneficial to my child and the community. I think that this is a great trade-off for students to be able to spend more time with their families. I would also love for my teenagers to be able to work on Friday as I believe that is a great life lesson for them to learn.

I think it would help attendance dramatically.

Either the alternating or the set 4 days would work for our family

This is horrible

Every day and hour of education is important ... period.

This opportunity is much more feasible for all to adjust to, in comparison to swapping back and forth with a 5 day schedule. This allows routine and still save money for the district

It's a better option than alternating schedules.

I support the 4-day school week as it will leave more time to get work done as well as give me the opportunity to work Fridays or volunteer, Also gives me an extra day with family

I believe this would increase both staff and student morale and retention; would give families more time together; and would keep students more engaged on the four days they are attending, knowing they have consistent three-day weekends. I much prefer the 4-day week to the alternating 4/5 day weeks.

oppose- less learning for kids- decrease in quality of education. only the teachers benefit= a pay raise for them do not want to stay longer in the day or longer into the summer less structure for kids- my teenager would be goofing off or in bed all day if not in school

Again too long of days

because i hate school

I think it can benefit the students and staffs well being.

It would make me feel replenished when I come back from the weekend.

I oppose anything that will benefit the schools. I was a supporter but I don't like being fed a lie

I support the decision, but mostly just because it would help the district stay afloat with such a huge cut on budget.

I support a 4 day school week because of the consistency it will provide opposed to a 4/5 switching school week.

Because were fine as we are we don't need to change the system

Longer class time, especially for middle school students (where my child would be next year) does not necessarily equate to more teaching time. There is actually research that says that once classes reach a certain amount of time, teachers aren't teaching for the full time and instead are giving the kids time to do their school work. Which, while there is more "face time," the kids are actually learning less. My other concern is childcare. If kids aren't going to school 5 days a week, I have to find childcare for my children, an expense I don't have currently (I have altered my schedule to align with the school day) and it is an expense I cannot afford.

As stated in my other answer.

I support because I am tired of long weeks in school.

I would be nice for mental health

I don't see how it's saving money when they will be in school longer each day and the year will be longer. It seems we are taking the days they won't be in school and adding them on top, so effectively, it would be the same cost.

I would like to have the additional off day to have a more positive school week

More time off to spend with family. Less student and teacher burnout.

I am all for saving tax payer dollars

100%!! Kids need parents more than ever now, I think it would be great for families, and give them more opportunity to connect. Kids would have the opportunity to work part-time jobs, take college classes, if they wanted, and a better experiences

Consistent scheduling, more family time without missing school days, more time for outside interests/obligations

I want to support the school district and education as long as it doesn't affect my son's ability to get a high-quality education.

I support a 4 day school week because it would benefit: The Students: Schedules stay consistent with less confusion. Nobody will be asking: "Is this week a four day week or a five day week?" Curriculum/lesson planning will flow easier as teachers adjust to teaching 4 longer days of content vs. 4 days, then 5 days, etc. resulting in a better instructional foundation for students. Routines and rituals flow easier such as stem shop every Friday instead of every other Friday. Children do best with consistency. The Families: less confusion arranging childcare/work schedules. It is easier to arrange no Fridays with work or daycare than it would be to alternate one Friday on and one Friday off, for example. Employers prefer schedule consistency. Also, routines and rituals flow easier such as weekly communication to parents (newsletters coming out every Thursday, for example, instead of some Thursdays and some Fridays.) The District: I'd imagine the savings would be higher in a four day week, since you would be eliminating building utility, classified employee, bussing, and lunch services fees MORE days a month vs. the expense of keeping the schools open an additional day every other week. The DAILY costs associated with keeping our building open would be decreased with a 4 day a week schedule vs. an alternating one. Certified Staff: Full day PD one Friday a month would feel more productive than spending a couple hours on late start Mondays to meet as a staff, especially when we all have the added stress of knowing we have to teach immediately after collaboration. A full day of devoted focus with my colleagues to work on PLC stuff, curriculum PD, becoming a Highly Reliable School, etc. sounds magical and productive. Lastly, I believe moving to a 4 day schedule will help increase staff retention, leveling the playing field between Post Falls and CdA. I personally would consider switching to Post Falls vs. staying in CDA with an alternating schedule.

Gives us an extra weekday for outside pursuits with the 4-H. So I would support it.

Since you cannot adequately educate our children in a 5 day school week, a reduced week will only further reduce the quality of education our children receive.

Just think learning is best with contact and a set routine.

I support 4 day school weeks because it allows more time to develop our children in things like cooking, connecting with family, extra curricular activities and pursuing new interests

Higher savings for budget, strong incentive to retain teachers.

My younger kids don't have school on Fridays. It would be nice if my high schoolers didn't have school on Fridays as well

I think it would provide a chance for all parties to benefit. I do not see a downside other than for those that might have childcare issues.

Children are vulnerable they need to be in a positive environment where they are supervised, learning, and are given the opportunity to grow and be active

I support the 4-days because I can get a lot more sleep and catch up on some work, or I could just chill for the day and play with my dog or just sit for the time

Supporting a 4-day school week makes sense because of the predictable routine established for students and the 3-day weekend benefit our educators will receive.

Like I stated earlier it will give the students more room to breath and will project a positive effect on the students.

It has many benefits like gives more time for outside of school activities whether that be sports, work whatever. It will also help with the mental health of students and teachers.

cause it gives more time ect. for others and will help the students

Opposed. Decrease administration staff, find other ways to lower budget, kids will suffer

Again, this is not how most industries operate...so don't get how a short work week trains our kids to be self-sufficient adults. Also the bit of extra time each day is NOT equivalent to a whole additional day of learning. If the district goes this route, my family may well withdraw our kids and either homeschool or put them in a private school.

The kids become better rested and available for learning. I'm not opposed to a four day schedule.

I feel it would allow the staff time to recover and prepare better for the following week. I feel that kids are so pressure to learn and excel that I think the extra day would allow them to decompress afterwards.

If it would save the school district money and help retain our teachers, I would support it.

It's like the current 5 day one but with one day less I guess

Extra day to complete school work.

More time with families and more time for teachers to plan

I think it would allow students to catch up on work such as missing assignments and more.

I would feel like I could get in some more time with hanging out with my family instead of being at school all day, doing a sport until 5:30pm, then do homework and only have an hour then to hang out and do stuff with them. And I would feel that I would be more enthusiastic on doing schoolwork and not as tired and unmotivated.

Seems more consistent for students and families.

I pay taxes for my kids to get an education. That includes time in social situations as much as textbooks. Otherwise why don't we just do online school and we can save millions? Kids and families need consistent routines and environments.

Because a 4 day school week is better, consistency is key

I already mentioned why in the beginning. It benefits not only the adults but children to be able to have more time to relax and decompress and also have fun so come Monday they are ready, refreshed and excited to come to school and in turn more willing to learn and remember what they learned also will give teachers more time to themselves and to finish work and even have time to prepare fun activities as well as have more time to relax themselves

It's hard for families. Kids shouldn't be home a long and most jobs are 5 days a week so this doesn't prepare them for real world living. I also believe there is a potential for more older kids getting into trouble

Because it makes sense

Lack of time in educational setting. For older kids that means more time twiddling their thumbs and ability to get in trouble. For younger kids the burden lies on parents to find extra child care and the logistics of bringing the kids all the places with set work schedules. Child cares already have waiting lists in this area and it will only be even worse if this is done. Leaving a lot of families with no other option but to stop working, which is not an option for a lot of families.

Because kids need a day to recharge before they go back to school and it would save the school district money and kids might be more proficient in class

I understand that it might be necessary, but I just think it would be difficult to cover everything we need to cover.

I oppose this schedule as it is a challenging schedule for busy families who fit in extra curricular activities and sports after school ends each day. Also, I do not want to see the teacher work days coming out of the 4 day schedule. The already shortened week would be even more challenging for families needing consistency when staff work days are happening 1-2x a month. The staff development/work days should be conducted on the 5th day of the week. Our children have attended a 4 day/week school and we much prefer our 5 day school weeks at Cda SD.

I think it would help the children be more well-rounded

Educating our students does not seem to be a priority for the school district. Cut costs from sports and admin. Don't take away more than a year of education from our children to save \$500,000.

Great idea. See very few downsides personally.

Children lose out on education and none of the proposed schedules makes up for the missing time. It seems more about making it easier on the staff than about the children

I do not support less school days per year for longer school days per year From an educational point of view I think it would have a negative impact on students

We need a balanced budget. I support the schools doing what they can to support every student as best we can.

If it could save the district money, and the schedule is set, both parents and school staff could plan accordingly. If the day off was Friday, we would not have as many absences due to sports and/or family vacations.

I feel the survey covers that question.

Consistency in scheduling. More instructional time than the 4/5 alternating schedule.

Planning, more time for self-care, action packed school days.

I would support because it is a good solution to the issue at hand.

Savings, staff retention, professional development, easier to schedule childcare on a consistent basis

Many negatives!

Private schools already do this and it's convenient/healthy for families/children.

Most cost-effective for the school district, and will likely allow more opportunities for students to grow, learn, and relax on the weekends.

I feel like it would give the high schoolers an opportunity for hours at work and learning about finances. Also an opportunity to get them into extracurricular activities that they are interested in.

I already explained why I support it

I strongly prefer our current 5-day school week.

Sports can happen on the day off of school and no school day is missed

If it increases attendance, that's a plus for students. If it equates to a savings for the District, that's another positive.

I support this and think it is a great idea.

Support 100

It's best for all

If it's going to change anyway I would prefer a four day. It's not like these surveys matter.

I love the idea of having 3 days to recover from a busy week with kiddos

"I am convinced that our society is not equipped to survive beyond four days. The fragility of our systems and infrastructure, coupled with the unpredictable nature of crises, make it imperative for us to take action now to ensure our survival. We must not underestimate the challenges we face and work together to build a resilient and sustainable society that can weather any storm." I hope this version is clearer for you. Let me know if you need any further assistance.

4-day school week would be difficult for everyone to adjust to. Homes would become more unstable and students would have an academic decrease.

4 day allows more options to take 3 day weekend trips with my kids. also allows them to work on any of 3 days.

I think I've already stated the benefits. For our family, the thought of a 4 day week means more time to study, more time to rest, more time to do things as a family.

More family time

It gives time for extracurricular activities, more time to work, and hang out with your friends and be more social

Longer school days are hard on kids. School lets out at dusk in the winter. Tough to have outside time after school when it's dark

It will work

I will always choose children's education first, it is one of the most important thing we do as a society and we are failing so many children by degrading the level of education that is provided to our children. Teachers have classmates grade each others work, assignments frequently involve watching movies in class. My students come home speaking of boredom and pointless time spent in classes. We need to be celebrating our excellent teachers, and have some way for repercussions for those who are quite frankly lazy teachers.

Cost savings

Many districts are on 4 day school weeks. It's a cost savings to the district.

because its good like oh my god so many questions chill out

Not going to help our students

I support. More time for families to spend together. More rest for students.

people will loose hours,jobs, education and more. not healthy for anyone. just more stress.

Because its beneficial

I support whatever the school district decides is necessary to address the budget shortfall

Would do it if required

I prefer the alternating schedule. If the only option presented to save money was the 4-day week, I would not oppose it. I would rather see the 4 day week in place of closing a school.

Families would spend more time together. More time to unwind and relax from a stressful/busy week. Mental health will improve.

The cost savings and non alternating pattern.

I have heard from colleagues in the Post Falls school district that they really enjoy the new schedule whether it be due to their ability to spend more time with their school children on that extra day off or being able to better prepare for instruction during the days that school is in session. I would vote for the 4 day week as opposed to the alternating option simply for having more of a stable routine that everyone can get used to, to include the students.

It maintains a set schedule and allows families more time together on longer weekend and students can work more and be more involved in the community instead of school

I think there are many benefits, mental health, time with family, opportunity to work that day....

I support a 4 day week because it will give more time for mental health issues to resolve and more family time and gives more time for after school activities.

A lot of the private schools in the area are a 4 day school week. Handy to have Friday off.

Same reasons I listed before. Also higher job satisfaction. We lose too many new teachers to Washington every year.

I'm on board eith alternating 4 and 5 days weeks.

Childcare expense, scheduling conflict, family careers that don't support this change.

Lots of positives and fewer negatives than other coast saving measures.

I think the set schedule would be great along with the ability to have more time at home and to plan more for my class.

The way our lives have been set up for parents to work 40 hours weeks, mostly Monday through Friday is how school should mimic. This is going to be an exceptional hardship on parents who aren't home during the extra day off and parents who already have their daily schedules planned around their children's current daily school schedules. I don't support longer days as both of my elementary kids are tired and hungry by the end of their current day. Adding time before or after school to make up for the day off isn't the best option in my opinion. I don't think a \$500,000 savings is worth it to upend everyone's schedules.

Kids need education not more free time.

The 5 day week is working fine and overall seems to be a steady schedule for families.

We could use the extra day of the week to pursue hobbies or sports, get homework done, and still have time to relax for the weekend. My main concern would be student achievement and extra stress on the teachers trying to fit the curriculum into one less day a week consistently - that said, the extra week at the end of the year may give them enough time.

it would help the district financially

If it helps the district stay fiscally sound and the children will learn at the same rate, it would be a win - win for the district

It would help with cost. It may also be easier for students because they get more of a break, which could lead to less stress.

i love less school

Consistent and working well as it is doing in Post Falls

Because it gives everybody more time for there own things other then school

because I want a higer education then other an be more sucfull in life

See previous comment

need to go to school 5 days a week

Children need breaks and 5 days of school straight can be a lot especially for the elementary grades

SD 271 should be able to project fiscal responsibility. Adding weeks to the school year and less days is not in the best interest for most the population of the area. Students deserve the time to learn and process information. Adding more time to a school day may be a detriment for academic retention.

I think 4 days a week is ample amount of time to teach curriculum while allowing more family time.

The 4-day schedule would decrease student absences as well as staff. A lot of events are held Friday's going into the weekends and this schedule would adapt to those community needs. Additionally, teacher burn out would decrease and teacher preparation and collaboration would rise since we have a built in work day.

I support a 4-day school week for the following reasons: Improved academic performance. Enhanced teacher morale and retention. Cost savings for school districts. Reduced absenteeism. Better work-life balance for families. More time for extracurricular activities. Positive environmental impact.

See previous notes. It will be mutually beneficial to the district, the teachers and the students.

Already answered

I think it has been a successful model many districts have used. If this helps save jobs and the district money, I'm all for it. This may look good to the voters also as we are doing what is necessary to save money.

- Increase attendance - Teacher Retention - Mental health for all students and staff

In many cases it has shown a great improvement in quality and quality in children and teachers.

Consistency. I'm expecting greater cost savings. Maybe some parents could help make up for lost instruction time at home over the long weekends.

Kids need to be in school where they can learn.

More time with family

its more convenient for set schedules

More time with family.

My child tends to need additional help. I don't know how this would be possible with less class time.

I would support the four day because it would give an extra day to prepare for the next week, and I can use it as an opportunity for study hall. I would be able to finish all homework distraction-free and be able to rest and spend time doing personal activities with loved ones on the weekend.

It would make more sense to give less 4 day weekends, rather than 3 day weekends. This could help with attendance, as families would have more opportunities to plan events out of town without missing days. I believe the 4 day weeks offer more consistency to families to allow for planning. So, I choose the 4 day week between the alternating 4-5 day week or the 4 days week.

I believe it will give students a much needed Mental Health Day each week to focus on doing their homework getting caught up extracurriculars. It will also allow parents to have a set day to schedule appointments like dentist eye doctor, and so on during the work week of which those kinds of offices are only open.

I support this. Kids are in school for too many hours a day. 4 days a week is plenty of time to learn the most important fundamentals.

Because having one day off a week would save the district money and hopefully prevent the loss of jobs within the district.

I enjoy it better than a 4/5 school week. It still remains consistent. It allows for more time with my own children and puts power into my hands as a "teacher" for other growing opportunities aside from the classroom environment.

The school day doesn't appear to increase by much, a longer weekend and the district would save money

Less learning opportunity for kids. Consistency and daily learning is important. Being away from school three days per week is not advantageous at this age.

i support because it allows a more balanced week for students and is shorter amount of days

Kids need to be in school 5 days a week.

More time with family

If we are going to cut a school day I don't want it to be alternating for the students. They must have consistency. This makes more sense for students and parents then alternation.

I oppose the 4-day school week due to the potential loss of classified staff which are greatly needed to support our most at risk students.

I would support this

Work/school/home life balance.

Too much impact on students and vulnerable families

I would love three day weekends with my child!

See last comment.

Support. Very beneficial for our family that travels. Our high school, middle school, and elementary kids suffer from major burnout. This would help considerably.

More fun with other people

See my above answers

LESS SCHOOL. YIPPEE

We prefer our kids are in the classroom learning 5 days a week.

Consistency and absences

I support this change to provide the financial savings that is needed

I would support a 4-day school week for the same reasons noted previously.

The students will have a better well being and be more happy.

it will help mental health and more family time

I think it's a lovely solution and would make kids lives easier and allow them to be involved in more outside of school

4 day weeks are great

i support because it is better for teachers, money, and students

I like the idea of more teacher/staff collaboration and a "mental health break" for students/staff with having a 3 day weekend

Cost savings and consistency

I think this is the hardest option between the two.

I support this because my kids have been in schools that do this before and it was a very positive experience

It's awesome and great for the kids

Cost savings! Three day weekends. It would me feel like I am not CONSTANTLY behind in my work for school as I do now.

It gives me an extra day to pursue my passions on the weekends and is consistent

See answer to previous question

The cost savings is much higher than 4 on, 5 on. A set schedule is easier on all (parents, students, teachers). The consistency is key, especially for elementary students.

Support

I think a 4 day school week can be beneficial for students because they will have more time to work on school work and more time to spend with families. II beleive the same can be said for school staff as well.

Depending on the day of the week that would be the day off, I would support this. It gives more consistency to the schedule and gets rid of the random days off that make it hard to plan around

My kids did a four day school week in elementary school and were very successful and my family loves it.

Better staff retention and better staff / student mental health

I want whatever is best for the students. I am concerned about students' potential learning loss and the ability to cover all the necessary state standards within the four-day per week schedule. If the district is willing to narrow the list of required "essential" standards, then I feel a 4-day schedule may be attainable.

More time for travel and family time

Saving money

It most likely means shorter summers

because it can support student and teacher mental health

More consistent than the 5/4 day plan.

Learning Loss over a three day weekend. We see this already. It is NOT a good idea. The cost savings are irrelevant - do not do this. I've been teaching here for 25 years and I have seen and heard every idea that has been floated - this is a TERRIBLE plan.

I would support it. The kids having 20 extra minutes a day and then having an entire day off seems amazing. More family time more time for experiential learning and better work-life balance

In support if what is needed for continued success of the school district.

4 day weeks.

There is alot of time just doing busy work in the 5 days I think everything can be covered in 4 days it would also save the school district money kids would be less likely to miss school from sencery overload

For the reasons I stated earlier

If that's the best way for the district to save money I would support it.

I think it will help with the overall well being specifically of high school students so they can get more sleep and take that day for themselves. I think mental health is the biggest issue in America currently, especially in high schools, so I think this would be a good chance.

I would rather have 5/4

Already stated

It is a huge financial benefit to the district.

Much harder for families and not as consistent for students

Four days would provide a sturdy three day weekend for students.

Child care issues.

because i dont want school on monday and id have a longer weekend to do more stuff and not have to worry abt having school the next day

Because we would have more time over the weekend for homework and family time

I like the other alternate better

Mental health benefits. Greater opportunities for children to explore and partake in extra curricular activities outside of school.

bc i hate school

Children's education would suffer

I would support because I would get better grades because my mind would be able to relax

I would be able to consistently work more and get more sleep

I support it because it seems beneficial for everyone involved

Out of the options given, it is the better one in my opinion. It definitely has its flaws but I find it more favorable as it can also create pros in the process.

Easier to schedule around. More family time.

Better school life balance and time with family.

Students need more frequent contact with teachers to reinforce and maintain learning. Fewer school days also impacts support staff (secretaries, custodial teams, nutrition services, etc. and these valuable workers are already hard to recruit and retain. Offering them fewer hours won't help. Also, my understanding is PERSI pensions are somehow funded by number of days, not hours, so that could impact retirement amounts for staff (not sure of the details of this, but staff would need to know this to make an informed decision about these schedules.) Community childcare is also a concern.

I don't like the idea of pushing back sports to later in the day. I don't like the idea of Longer school days and a longer school year

Three day weekends!

Schedule consistency and cost savings!

Like the reasons I stated before, students are stressed and the one day off a week would be very helpful to their physical and mental health and will give them time to take care of themselves. This goes for not only students but also staff we all deserve some time off.

I can have more work hours, and a three day weekend all the time

I like the idea of longer weekends even if it also means longer school days and a longer school year.

Saves money.

Again, standard work week is Monday through Friday and alternating 5-day/4-day is my preference out of the two.

Easier for scheduling rides and child care if needed. Less confusing for all

it is better

Child care

I love the shortened week for kids and for families

I believe it would be better for students and it would give them more time for jobs, hobbies, and family time. It would also allow more time to work on online classes via Idla during the school year.

Several schools in our area & around the country use this schedule. Emphasis must be on covering the curriculum & completing homework for it to increase student achievement.

I would love a four-day school week to give us more time to reflect on what happened that week. It would also let us have more time with families.

Many opportunities to enhance curriculum for students w/4 solid academic days. Deleting the late start day that is somewhat non-productive for many elementary students in my opinion.

I already explain it see previous comments

The numbers from Post Falls look very promising.

It would be set schedule and easy for most parents to work with

i want this in life

Easier to arrange alternative child care

More time to spend with family.

it just doesn't benefit the children

This would work for our family

I think it is a good option for the current financial situation. It sounds like moving to a four day work week has led to much higher job satisfaction in Post Falls. It sounds like a four day work week improves attendance.

The cuts need to come from the unnecessary programs.

terrible

I oppose because this could impact the learning curve of my child.

It's more consistent, rather than an alternating schedule. I still fear for loss of learning/covering curriculum and having to squeeze 5 days of learning into 4 days. But of the 2 choices- I vote 4 days.

More consistent than the alternating 4/5 day school week. There may be less absences with more consistency.

All the previously listed concerns

opens up opportunities to learn things not taught in school, students with jobs can open up to more hours, spending time with friends and socializing with peers outside of the school, etc.

The 4/5 is better

Don't think 4 days is enough to educate our students

Loss of learning and lack of routine for learners. Young learners are already tired by the end of their current day. One day missed will seem like more loss.

This is so much better for my family! 5 days at school is too many

It's a logical move.

Support as it isn't a changing schedule and is set from the start

Oppose for childcare issues.

I believe people would be more motivated to go to school, more time to work, and more time to do homework.

More family time and rest for everyone

It is a solid, predictable schedule that is easy to follow

I support this because school is often emotionally and mentally challenging for students and teachers alike. I believe this will give them a break which will keep morale higher and increase learning experiences.

I know families that aren't happy with the 4 day school week in Post Falls. I worry there is too much pressure on the kids and staff to have the kids learn a certain amount in less time.

Greater opportunity for students to have flexibility in their learning, which keeps students in our district rather than losing money with them leaving the district. More flexibility for staff and students to enjoy their time off.

It would take time away from my very compact life after school

i would support because it gives students and staff a break

It would be good for mental health and save money

It's terrible for a working parents schedule

It would give me more time to do things I like or to go and visit family and do activities.

I would support it for the reasons mentioned above...but as an hourly employee, I would be hurting with the reduction in pay.

A consistent schedule

Learning loss

20% cut in our children's education is a terrible idea

I can't find a single con of the decision that even comes close to outweighing the multitude of pros.

I support a 4-day school week because of cost savings to the district and teacher/staff retention.

The 4 day school week will help retain and recruit qualified teachers and support staff. It may help slow the exodus of students from public schools. The ugly truth is most Idaho parents want less rigor and fewer demands from of their children's schools. Thousands of local homeschool parents are singing the praises of simple, basic curriculum that only demands two or three hours per day of work. Either we give the people what they want or we will watch Idaho public education as we know it completely disappear.

Helps students who usually miss Fridays for sports including myself.

Because of all the reasons I picked

Support! More time with family and increased well being of kids

I think this is in the best interest of kids and staff through out the district.

I support the 4 day school week for many reasons.

I feel the small cost savings is not worth the loss in classroom time. If the district would save \$2 million by changing the school week I would be more apt to support this.

As I have stated earlier in this survey....Loss of retention for the student and read my other responses

I support it because it would allow for scheduled down time and additional time to prepare for lessons not conflicting with family time. There would be fewer non-scheduled absences from staff. This would allow for teams that travel some additional time to play games and make ups if needed without missing class time.

I'm worried about lost learning. My child is already behind his current grade level.

I would support the move to a 4-day school week because I feel overall it would be fairly easy to adjust to our overall school environment.

See previous comment.

It's clear that the district needs to find money somewhere. If this is the way I, and it keeps my child in school and hopefully getting a quality education, then I support. But we can't sacrifice quality education, or people will find better places to have their children educated and enrollment will suffer more.

I think a 4 day school week would benefit teachers and students. It would allow students to have a set schedule, give teachers professional development days, and allow time for both students and teachers to have more time at home with family.

I support the 4-day school week to save money for the district. I would prefer a 5-day school week, but I believe the 4-day school week is a good compromise. Plus, it allows staff and students to have 3-day weekends!

I think two days of school a month last can still be covered as far as learning goes. I think four days less of school per month is pushing it

Ability to improve attendance.

This would benefit my children and allow them to better balance their academics with their passion, sports.

I don't like change.

less school days more fortnite

We support the 4-day school week. We were worried about it when Post Falls decided to do it this year but it is working out so well for our child. He has much less stress in his life and enjoys learning now.

It grows students mental, physical, and social status.

Repeated question

More time in class..more time for jobs or improvement..it's better for high school ages not sure for younger families that kids can't care for selves

Too much strain on working families with no support to accommodate proposed changes.

I believe it will enathe children to have more family time on a set schedule

I think a consistent schedule is a great tool for success for students. I think that high school would be able to fill in their time with jobs or college and could give them an advantage!

This proposal will disproportionately affect households of lower economic status who must have two working parents to pay bills. Students in North Idaho already have low test scores/college admission statistics compared to much of the nation. Less time in school will undoubtedly create negative academic consequences. However, as a child abuse prosecutor, I saw first hand abuse and neglect cases increase during covid when children were out of schools and in homes more. No one wants to think about the number of children who rely on school to be a safe space, a place where they are not verbally, physically, or sexually abused. Or, the number of children who rely on school to be a place where they are fed breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day which would not be available to them at their home. Our children are one of the most vulnerable subsets of the population. It is the districts job to protect their futures from an academic as well as safety and well-being standpoint. While personally I could make a 4/5 or 4 day school week "work" for my family, there are so many (probably those who don't have the time or means to respond to this survey) families who will suffer if the district makes this change. Please don't do this to our kids.

We will have more time with our families

It messes with peoples work times

Because it is more consistent and it would give more time to our selves and homework

Better for everyone!

More time for teachers to grade papers. They need more time to plan quality lessons. Kids need more time with families and to pursue other interests.

I like the consistency of having the same schedule week to week. It would free up a day for teachers to get caught up, plan with their team, and have some new P.D. opportunities. I feel that people would be more motivated to learn during P.D. on a non kid day. Rather, than squeeze in p.d. Monday morning, and then switch to planning for your day/week. This would also free up a day for teachers to take care of personal appointments that are often hard to squeeze in when most places run a 9 to 5 schedule.

It would help the district save money.

Increased motivation for students to learn. Families with set schedules can continue to have set schedules.

ITS NICE and less stress and more money for school which benefits teachers AND students

Tell us why you prefer either an alternating 5-day/4-day schedule or a 4-day school week.

Better for our work schedule

For the benefits it provides everyone.

I don't want to have to switch on and off every week I'd rather just stick to one.

I'm concerned about the quality of education for students with increased lack of class time.

Consistent schedule

More consistency from week to week. Easier scheduling for specialist schedules. Less complicated for parents/students to remember from week to week. Better mental health and job satisfaction for employees.

More face to face time.

Better option, less confusing, more time allowed for work.

increase attendance, more time with my family, less burnout, more time to plan

Better structure than alternating schedule.

A 4-day school week is more consistent, and offers more free time.

It's a consistent Schedule.

More schedule security

Because it would be more preductive.

Set schedule

Consistently, more family time

Easier to plan

It seems to be successful in Post Falls. My main concern is remaining at full-time employment with the district. As a classified employee, benefits are critical and if they are cut because the job wouldn't qualify as full-time, that is a concern.

less likely to get burnt out of school

It is a better option in my opinion. They get time to learn. I see teachers liking it more and not burning out. I see other school districts doing it and their staff and parents have liked it.

I think both proposals are fairly similar in how they would be structured. I just like the 4-day proposal better because it's a consistent schedule every week. This way families are better prepared to plan their weeks out when the schedule remains consistent.

its less confusing

Better attendance

Consistency.

I like the consistency of a 4 day week. It gives everyone a chance to recharge and be ready for the school week.

Consistency

It is more convenient than having a schedule that changes each week.

The students get more class time and interaction with teachers and school concludes for the summer one week earlier.

I wouldn't want to have to keep track of which week is a four day and which is a 5. This would keep it consistent.

Again? I think it would be great for everyone involved!

Consistency of schedule

It sounds so nice for work!

Consistency.

Loaded question for me as a bus driver,..no info out for how it will change for us, as for students,..I like the idea

More time with family and increased opportunities for work.

Allows use time to pursue our own interests.

See previous response

The impact of longer days/longer school year seems minimal, but having every week be the same would be very nice.

Consistent schedule every week

Simple and just better

More consistent for families than the alternating schedule.

More time at home with the children. Less confusion for the community on which week if it were a 4/5 alternating schedule.

Consistency

Getting my kid to school every day is challenging, we have to ask for outside help to get him there. 4 day school week would mean one less day to worry about. And it would be less stress for us all.

Consistency / routine

Kids and parents will suffer less with a 5 day/4-day schedule.

I would support a 4 day school week for the following reasons: *There would not be confusion for parents about which weeks are 4 day weeks and which weeks are 5 day weeks (a set schedule for families). *Student attendance may improve, because parents will have a day that can be used to schedule appointments, long weekends, etc. *I think families would have a more formalized child care plan for that 5th day (vs. an inconsistent plan for the 4/5 day option). *It would save the district money. *It is a better option than increasing class size, which decreases student achievement/contact time. *It may improve teacher attendance. Teacher's would not have to schedule a sub for appointments as frequently. *Rest, well-being, family time would be nice benefits, too.

This model would provide more in person attention for students, plus food services. Selfishly, this model would also assure that I remain above the 30 hours/ week needed to maintain benefits.

Because like I have told you again more support for us and time to catch up.

This would be consistent throughout the year

It would make school more enjoyable and less stressful.

Consistency. Saves more money

It would be a set schedule every week & more consistency in schedule for busy families.

More face to face learning time and less out of pocket costs of us for child care.

More Learning Opportunities

4 day school weeks would help my mental and physical health and it would help other students too.

The alternating schedule is inconsistent and makes scheduling difficult. Structure is important to developing minds, as well as families, and the alternating schedule does not support that. I would chose the four day school week if forced to make the choice.

Its just better

Because then I will always have three day weekend.

Simple

Less confusing than the 4/5 combo. That sounds like a headache waiting to happen and not worth the stress. The cons outweigh the pros.

Five-day school weeks can get confusing, and they save more money for the school. You also want to be somewhat repetitive with a schedule so students and staff know what to expect.

well maybe every couple weeks we could have a five day weekend but for the most part the 4 day school week is better for staff students and the school.

More consistent of a schedule for families and will be a good cost saving measure for the district.

Because its less confusing than alternating plus it might give more opportunities for other things.

Students will have more time in the classroom and more contact with teachers and peers.

The amount the district is saving and the consistency of the schedule makes navigating child care easier.

Cost savings to the district, consistent schedule/routine

See prior reaponse

I think it gives the kids more consistency and more time in school

I like the idea of a consistent schedule throughout the school year

Consistent schedule throughout year and bigger cost savings

It would create a cohesive system each week, more time in the classroom per day, and a greater savings for the district.

Already did, twice

Maintains some hours for children and staff

Many students are out and on vacations for extended weekends (sports or other) and this would help to not make so many absences.

Consistency and family scheduling.

I would like to have some time off and there are a lot of things that some of my family has on Fridays that I could watch.

Seems to balance more than the 4

It sucks less than the idea of a four day week.

better roll-out and see if goes well transition to 4 day

I think it would be difficult for students to alternate between the two schedules. I would be interested in knowing if the late start Monday would go away with either or both of these schedules.

Shorter school year, shorter school day, less frequent 4 day weeks.

switching between 4 and 5 days per week will become very confusing and might mess up plans

So students don't get confused

More time for my kids to rest and be kids.

More in class time with teachers.

i support it because it will be a help to the entire cda community. it will give more time for families to get together and interact. it will also open a window of time to get missing work don, also giving time to catch up on sleep and chores. it will also give us time to hang out with our friends. This will improve the mental health of many students. %42 of high school students have experienced sadness and hopelessness. %29 percent of high school students experiencing poor mental health.

You always know what days you will be working and which days you are not. It easier to schedule appointments when you know you have that day off every week and not make a mistake on planning an appointment on the wrong day.

Because, having looked through both the descriptions, it seems more beneficial to staff and students mental health as well as it fits better in a schedule.

Better continuity from week to week. It would be harder to find child care alternating week to week. Also I believe overall student and staff happiness would increase with the change in schedule.

Same answer as before. Consistent savings and schedule. Better work life balance

Because it is more reliable than the alternation choice

It would save the district much needed money. I prefer 5 days a week because of the more consistent interaction with teachers but it unfortunately comes down to money.

Consistency is king.

AGAIN... Overall it would be a good option to consider for the overall health of students and teachers. Teachers deserve a day to get caught up, have flexibility to work on their own health and needs as a teacher. I don't see any negatives for secondary aged students and families who have a parent at home or working flexible hours. Adjustments can be made in order to improve student and teacher and fiscal health throughout the district. The only concern I would have is how it would affect the wages for teachers and staff. Wages for schools in Kootenai County are already lower than most districts in our area(inland/pacific northwest). Creative measures should be made in areas to reduce fiscal indiscretion in order to pay our teachers and staff what they deserve!!!

The set schedule makes everything else a little easier to manage.

It would be alot better

More streamlined approach that saves more money.

More time in school than a four day work week

See previous comments.

cuz i wanna spend time with my family

Less confusing.

Having my kids home. Knowing they were able to have a day where they could go at their own pace, while still getting school work done. Having that much needed, some days, mental health day. Being able to have a 3 day weekend to do more as a family. More time to get assignments done. Study more. Relax more, get ahead. Less stress for them. I am a homemaker, so it is so easy for me to say all of this. But I do understand and can empathize with parents who work outside the home, and how this may add more stress to their lives and their childrens lives.

It is more consistent. There are pros and cons to fewer days of school. Most families have two full-time working parents or single parents who cannot afford child care, some children only eat at school, students are unattended more often, etc. Although there would be less stress on students who have good home lives to be at home more and with their family. The 4 days would be a lot more consistent and save more money so if we are choosing between the two, I think that is the better choice.

Already explained.

more time for interests and time with family, we work 4 days a week and it would fit better with our schedule, may work better with sports

It's the best option

I prefer consistency each week, which I think benefits teachers, students, and parents. I think the curriculum could be structured to cover the same amount of material as with the 5-day week. Going a little later in June doesn't bother me. I think having Friday's off could benefit teachers and students by allowing them to catch up on school work or have time to pursue other interests outside of school. I think this more flexible schedule could help retain or recapture students who are currently or considering going online.

Tons of benefits for students, staff and the district in general

it would be more better for my learning

Predicable schedule

It is easier to remember and less confusing and less stressful

becuase we get more weekends and less stress on kids

It would be more Freetome and save the school district mondays

Creates less confusion for students and allows local childcare centers to staff the same every week and not need more staff justf every other week to meet local needs. It also saves more money.

More time with teachers and not more weeks in the school year.

Consistency for my family that thrives on routine.

More consistent schedule and more cost savings.

More family time

Consistency

shorter

Less childcare concerns the more students in school

I think it would be harder to change back and forth and more difficult for scheduling long term to remember which week is 4 days and which is 5.

More time with family

Consistency - all the weeks will be the same. Easier to manage Dual Enrollment schedules and work schedules if students choose to work on the additional day without school.

because there would be more school days

We will have more free time

Less confusion.

It makes the most sense

Alternating 5-day/4-day weekly schedule gives the students a refreshing feel on the 3 day weekends and the end time is more reasonable and the school year is reasonable too

Consistency

I chose 4 day week for more time off.

More class time for students

We've done it at Genesis and loved it

I think the consistency of 4 day school weeks would be much easier for EVERYONE to follow. Going back and forth between 4 and 5 day school weeks will be much harder for everyone to keep up with

Seems easier to schedule

Consistency, and the opportunity to bring CHS and LCHS onto the same daily schedule.

Because I don't want to have to change and get used to each week changing

I like having 5 days, i wouldn't mind having a day off sometimes

Better to keep a 4 day routine rather than back and forth schedules

Better for mental health, and gives more time to do homework and relax after the long school day

I think alternating would cause confusion and frustration to parents who need child care. Consistency is key.

Consistency with Post Falls. Consistency in parents and students schedules. Also, if the savings of a 4/5 alternating schedule is only \$500k a year, that isn't even close to being justified to make a switch. If the schools make the switch to a 4 day school week I'm in support, but the district absolutely needs to be transparent and show how it will save money in doing so.

Better mental health for students and teachers. More time to spend with family. Only concern is for the kiddos that are 'safer' at school than at home.

Neither choice will solve the projected 6 million shortfall, so I would go with the choice most like what we know have. However, I can see lots of benefits to the 4 day week schedule also, so I really don't have a big preference.

Just makes sense

Because ca does this, but they choose odd days which was horrible. My high school student at the time was thursdays. My middle school was tuesdays.

because it saves twice as much money per/y and it helps kids not have that much stress put on them

The same reasons I listed previously.

Because it would be more convenient for employees who are paid hourly and it also is helpful to keep up with the curriculum. It also allows for more time to get things done in class rather than having to take it home. It's also more convenient for sports and other extracurricular activities and practices.

More structure

I think its a good balance of education time and other interest time.

Proven to be beneficial for both staff and students

Because there will be less school and it will be a good fit for our school

Consistency

Same as previously mentioned. More time with my kids as well.

Better

Better consistency for families.

I think it would help the classified employees who need the hours.

The reason I chose the 4 day over the 5/4 is because it provides consistency week-to-week instead of understanding whether students and families are planning for 5 days or 4 days in any given week throughout the year. In addition, given the budget condition of the school, the additional \$500k savings over the 5/4 is substantive enough that it shouldn't be ignored.

The alternating schedule is too hard to schedule appointments and other activities.

more time for work

Might help with kids and teachers teaching and learning

I like the consistency of having a 4 day school week. This eases planning and is an easier routine to follow.

We are currently doing it with both of our boys and it has proven very successful. They do not have matching days off, so I also get special time with each of them.

Would rather only have to find childcare and not get paid for 2 week days out of the month, rather than 4.

Help with stress, sleeping schedule, school work/grade, and pursuing hobbies or dreams

It gives space for our things, like interests and it is flexible with families who would have problems with childcare. On the other hand it also still gives us enough time to cover everything we need to learn in school.

its shorter

My preference is 5 days per week. If 5 days per week is no longer an option, I prefer 4 days per week over alternating 4/5 per week because consistency and predictability is important. My family operates on a schedule by necessity due to the need to be a two income family. Alternating 4/5 days per week would create a significant childcare challenge for my family.

I think it's more convenient because you would know what day you would have off every week and wouldn't have to plan different every week.

more self care time

Gives kids more time in school to learn and be with friends and to make sure they learn everything they need to.

Because it's confirmed and not alternate.

Answers listed elsewhere on survey

Like the consistent schedule each week

Better fit for students

Easier to know that its always going to stay 4 days instead of not being sure if you have school on the day off.

that one extra day can help us countiue in what job we want

A four day week would be more consistent for families and the time would benefit families and staff.

It provides a cost savings without too much compromise.

I think having consistency is helpful.

More cosistent

Cost saving difference

Due to the state of Idaho's lack of support for education, teacher salaries and mental health support for their employees; a 4 day work week would be a huge reason to stay working for this district and not seek employment elsewhere.

more time with familly

because its less school

I have given my reasons in my previous comment

Less days to miss.

The 4/5 day school week option provides an excess of stress and keeping track of the weeks. Seems easier for childcare and work situations to have a set schedule every week. On the other hand, only having to potentially pay for that extra day of childcare twice a month rather than 4 days of the month would likely be helpful. The back and forth just seems difficult

It's better for the community and my children.

It would be too messy and confusing to alternate. For teachers and families alike. We need consistency. I believe that families would appreciate a consistent schedule for daycare. I know teachers prefer consistency as well. I also believe it would improve the emotional and physical health of everyone involved.

School would still get out first week of June. Only 20 extra mins each day rather than 30.

Consistency.

It would have the least negative impact between the 2 choices. However that doesn't mean it's good, just the least bad.

It seems easier to keep track of and schedule around.

The 4 day schedule is consistent, it allows all who need to adjust to make accommodations that are not as confusing abd conflicting as the 4day / 5day schedule. It allows routine, which is a big component to managing life and all its responsibilities and our mental state of being. I think if we do the 4day /5day, we will be at risk of a chaotic launch, that could ripple effect into our community as a whole

A consistent schedule, more time rising our own kids. Better teacher support with less stress on them.

Alternating schedules wouldn't work for my family.

more days for homework to get my work done and will lower my stress levels

This is the best option, but I do have concerns with how these cost savings will happen. I am NOT in favor of these cost savings happening on the backs of our classified employees.

For the same reasons as my previous answer, as well as providing families with consistency as they are trying to find childcare. An alternating schedule could get confusing and challenging to find childcare.

If these are the only options given, the 4/5 alternating days provides more of a balance between time with family and time at school.

because i hate school

altering would get confusing

There are so many benefits that you can gain from this, and more money being saved.

It's going to happen anyway. Since there is no truth in anything that is released by the district, I dount a million dollars would really be saved. And I believe services such as special education will still be cut. But if there is any truth, this would be the best option to save essential programs

A 4 day school week will help with teacher retention, consistency for parents, and more support for students.

As I stated in my other answer

More time to spend with friends and family.

It would be good for mental health and family time

It's just better for everyone

Alternating would mean the end of school year is not extended. Having children in school more during the week/year would be better for a lot of people and reasons. Just, overall, seems to be a better option.

More consistent in getting that extra day of childcare per week. I worry that with a alternating 5 and 4 day week we would have to pay for the extra care weekly but only use it alternating weeks.

Savings, easy to schedule for working families, great time for family activities

I think a 4-day work week will be better for the kids

Four day school week is marketing system. Don't cause us to have to figure out back-and-forth, childcare, schedules, and the inconsistency that comes with that.

According to the information you presented this seems to be the best balance between instructional time and cost savings to the district. I don't mind my son spending more time in the classroom daily if that means the school district saved money and was able to keep up the high standards I expect from the schools. I think the kid's education shouldn't suffer because of this budget shortfall. Our kids our future and we need to support them by giving them the best tools for success. One of those tools is a high-quality education. I don't mind paying more taxes or adjusting my son's schedule to meet these needs. I was a little concerned about the irregular schedule but I have since changed if it means my son is getting more instructional time. Even adding 5 minutes to each period, 35 minutes per day is huge in education. I agree there is a tipping point where you get diminishing returns because kids get tired, but I don't see 5 to 10 minutes to be too much. I don't want the overall schedule to change. I think kids need to be out before the middle of June. They get summer fever. I also think they need to go back after labor day. Those are important to me.

4 day school makes a great deal of sense for everyone involved. For Students: Schedules stay consistent with less confusion. Nobody will be asking: "Is this week a four day week or a five day week?" Curriculum/lesson planning will flow easier as teachers adjust to teaching 4 longer days of content vs. 4 days, then 5 days, etc. resulting in a better instructional foundation for students. Routines and rituals flow easier such as stem shop every Friday instead of every other Friday. Children do best with consistency. For Families: less confusion arranging childcare/work schedules. It is easier to arrange no Fridays with work or daycare than it would be to alternate one Friday on and one Friday off, for example. Employers prefer schedule consistency. Also, routines and rituals flow easier such as weekly communication to parents (newsletters coming out every Thursday, for example, instead of some Thursdays and some Fridays.) For the District: I'd imagine the savings would be higher in a four day week, since you would be eliminating building utility, classified employee, bussing, and lunch services fees MORE days a month vs. the expense of keeping the schools open an additional day every other week. The DAILY costs associated with keeping our building open would be decreased with a 4 day a week schedule vs. an alternating one. For Certified Staff: Full day PD one Friday a month would feel more productive than spending a couple hours on late start Mondays to meet as a staff, especially when we all have the added stress of knowing we have to teach immediately after collaboration. A full day of devoted focus with my colleagues to work on PLC stuff, curriculum PD, becoming a Highly Reliable School, etc. sounds magical and productive. Lastly, I believe moving to a 4 day schedule will help increase staff retention, leveling the playing field between Post Falls and CdA. I personally would consider switching to Post Falls vs. staying in CDA with an alternating schedule.

As I stated befor2, it gives my child an extra weekday to pursue her 4-H activities

Answered already

Higher savings, stronger teacher retention incentive.

Seems simpler then doing a rotation

More consistent schedule than the proposed 5 day/4 day.

They need to be in school AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE What would you have done at their age with all this free time????? Especially nowadays where there's Internet and endless opportunities to get into trouble

Like what ive just said: more sleep, more time to do other stuff, or I could just hang out.

Supporting a 4-day school week makes sense because of the predictable routine established for students and the 3-day weekend benefit our educators will receive.

It is better for the students mental health and will decrease the students stress levels encouraging the students to learn better.

It has more benefits than the alternating 4 and 5 day weeks. This is less confusing and gives a complete schedule.

cause on the 5 day weeks would be too much, like currently with not having much time for anything

The kids become better rested and available for learning. I'm not opposed to a four day schedule.

Implementing a fixed 4-day schedule would bring greater adaptability and predictability to our work and child-care schedules and provide more significant cost savings for our school district. Furthermore, it could improve student attendance, boost teacher morale, and secure retention rates. With a fixed 4-day schedule, students are less likely to miss school due to sporting events or vacations, allowing them more time to focus on in-class instruction days without the constant stress of making up missed work.

Easier of the two options

More advantages to 4 day compared to alternating.

More time with family and extra time for teacher planning

Childcare

It would help kids catch up on missing work and would help mentally.

I feel that I would be more connected with family, peruse the things that I like and also have another day not to worry about classwork / homework to do.

More cost effective. More flexibility. More consistent.

The consistency

At least it's consistent. That way I can know when my kids will be off and able to get into trouble on a consistent schedule. Not all families do sports, travel or even normal social family things. Many children are safer at school than at home. Schools should be consistent and open.

Easier, consistency is better

Consistency for every week, instead of alternating weeks of 4 or 5 days.

It's better all around. It's steady and better prepared than trying to figure out how to get ur child daycare on certain days every other week. And try to remember which week is what.

it seems better to manage

Consistency for students and parents

This results in less time at school during the day than the 4 day week.

More consistent

Best of two bad choices.

Because kids need a day to recharge before they go back to school and it would save the school district money and kids might be more proficient in class

The consistency of schedule makes it preferable

The benefits I mentioned before by far outweigh the drawbacks. Plus it saves the district a lot more money, which is the reason we are even considering this schedule.

I oppose this schedule as it is a challenging schedule for busy families who fit in extra curricular activities and sports after school ends each day. Also, I do not want to see the teacher work days coming out of the 4 day schedule. The already shortened week would be even more challenging for families needing consistency when staff work days are happening 1-2x a month. The staff development/work days should be conducted on the 5th day of the week. Our children have attended a 4 day/week school and we much prefer our 5 day school weeks at Cda SD. The community should not be manipulated to think we are responsible for this budget shortfall by sharing how much the district could save by these schedule changes. The district is responsible for maintaining operations within budget and it is clear they cannot do this. Asking the community for change is scapegoating the responsibility the school district has to fix this at a higher level.

less total in-school time would allow for more extracurricular activities/hobbies and work training

I don't want to choose either. These are both terrible options and we will likely pull our children out if this project moves forward. Children deserve to be educated full time, not 80%.

consistent. easier to plan schedules/classes, etc.

Easier for scheduling weekly activities and appointments

I'm always going to choose the option where kids are in school for more days out of the year then less If education is the goal, then more school days are better than less

More home time and consistency. I would support either but this seems like a better fit for our family situation.

easier then moving back and forth

This particular schedule is fixed which makes it easier to work with and plan accordingly for all parties involved.

Closer to a normal school schedule. Offering more consistency and structure.

Consistency in scheduling, longer instructional time than the 4/5 alternating

Consistency for working parents. Save district money.

It is more consistent. The fluctuation of alternating weeks could be confusing and ultimately creates an unstable event. Not to mention, we would be on the same schedule as Post Falls.

Savings, staff retention, staff satisfaction, easier childcare scheduling and professional development

Less issues that 4 day across the board

We do it now and it gives us more flexibilty to have family time with our kiddo

I believe it's the best option for the school district.

I feel like the four day school week should be for the middle school and high school students. I believe elementary students need the in school class learning and also it really helps with parents not having to get child care provided an extra day considering the cost of it nowadays.

I don't want a 4-day school week, so the alternating schedule would be my preference.

See other answers

Consistency. Higher savings.

Consistency

Three day weekends with my kids

I want the ability to spend more time at home with my kids recovering from the school week.

"To avoid any unfavorable outcomes, it is imperative that we take the necessary steps. By prioritizing this matter and implementing appropriate measures, we can effectively prevent any potential side effects. Additionally, by diplomatically optimizing the process through these actions, we can ensure that everyone involved receives maximum benefits. We must take these steps to optimize the process and achieve the best possible outcome."by kamer lewis

It is easier for families and students to adjust to, as well as keeping people's schedules manageable. This also doesn't completely challenge difficult home situations.

see past answers

More family time.

Because then we would still be able to finish the curriculum but have more social time

Shorter daily school day. More days within the allotted school year that kids are in school

Consistency for kids & families. Most folks can't even keep track of if it's a recycle week or just regular trash pickup...

I would choose keeping a 5 day week-- but this survey is asking to choose and pick between the lesser of two evils.

cost savings

BECAUSE ITS GOOD LIKE OMG STOP

It's a more consistent schedule for families to find child care. More time for families to make plans.

the more time at school the better for students and staff.so this beats just 4 days only

because mental health in students would get better

because my kids would be bored at home another day.....they can't always just go play with friends, too young to work, etc. summer is long enough.

Shorter school days, off one week earlier in the summer, feels more normal

Consistency

More facetime with teachers. Less daily time spent in school. More hours for hourly employees. No school closures.

Kids are only young for a short while. Spending more time with them now will always be most important.

The alternating patterns seems challenging and would not accrue the same cost savings.

I have heard from colleagues in the Post Falls school district that they really enjoy the new schedule whether it be due to their ability to spend more time with their school children on that extra day off or being able to better prepare for instruction during the days that school is in session. I would vote for the 4 day week as opposed to the alternating option simply for having more of a stable routine that everyone can get used to, to include the students.

Maintains a set schedule that doesn't change constantly and allows for more family time together on longer weekends and students can work more and be more involved in the community rather than school.

Because it is just the BETTER option.

Private schools in the area are also on 4 day school week.

Same reasons I listed before

Same reason as before...less confusing to follow, more time, and saves more.

Honestly if the district plans to move forward with the schedule change I don't think it will matter what parents prefer. I think the choice will be made and told to everyone.

More routine and consistent schedule.

More time for learning and less to figure out on the childcare front.

the consistency of a 4 day week rather than flipping back and forth

I believe in consistency. Having a consistent routine seems to help everyone, when it is consistently changing week to week it can be hard on the kids.

Because it is more consistent and convenient for many student situations than the alternating 4 day to 5 day schedule.

i want less school

Consistent and working well in Post Falls and other districts around the country

because its always a 4 day week day and not alternating

Because the school week would fluctuate less.

because we would get more school

See previous comment

More consistent in the schedule making it easier to find coverage for child care, also more of a set routine for the children

I prefer the consistent schedule for students, teachers, and families.

The 4-day schedule would decrease student absences as well as staff. A lot of events are held Friday's going into the weekends and this schedule would adapt to those community needs. Additionally, teacher burn out would decrease and teacher preparation and collaboration would rise since we have a built in work day.

With longer weekends, students may have fewer absences due to illness or appointments scheduled during school hours. A shorter school week can lead to increased focus and concentration during the four days of instruction, potentially enhancing learning outcomes. Cutting one day from the school week can lead to cost savings for school districts in terms of transportation expenses, such as fuel and maintenance for buses. Teachers may appreciate having an extra day for planning, grading, professional development, or personal time, which can improve morale and job satisfaction. Increased Family Time: Longer weekends allow families to spend more quality time together, which can strengthen family bonds and support children's emotional well-being. Students may have more time for extracurricular activities, such as sports, clubs, or part-time jobs, without the constraints of a traditional five-day school week. Both students and teachers may experience less stress and burnout with a shorter school week, leading to improved mental health and overall well-being.

A regular cadence for the household is easier to maintain success for my student.

I think the alternating schedule would be hard on kids and families BUT I think more time in an academic setting is best for our kids. You all are in a tough situation and I personally see all sides.

This was Already explained

Consistent schedule and more savings for the district.

It's simple

I would choose a 4-day school week for the following reasons... 1. Save the district money 2. Teacher retention 3. Improved mental health for students and staff 4. Improved attendance due to parents being able to plan appointments and vacations appropriately. 5. Increased family time

Consistent schedule and improvement over the 5days a week schedule

I would rather have my children in school on the same days each week to be able to set my work schedule.

Balancing work schedules

I chose this because it is the lesser of two evils. You may be pushing more parents out of the school district and forcing them into private or religious schools, and by doing so you will be short even more money in years to come

More family time

easy schedule, good coverage of curriculum, mental health

I think the students will learn better. But if the teachers think students won't fall behind, I would support whatever the teachers want. They know better than parents! My student needs a lot of support and I'm worried he will fall behind. I'm sure for good students it won't be a problem.

More family time.

Additional class time for learning.

I would support the four day because it would give an extra day to prepare for the next week, and I can use it as an opportunity for study hall. I would be able to finish all homework distraction-free and be able to rest and spend time doing personal activities with loved ones on the weekend.

It would make more sense to give less 4 day weekends, rather than 3 day weekends. This could help with attendance, as families would have more opportunities to plan events out of town without missing days.

I work 4 days a week. 3 days off are awesome

More savings for the district which is really the point, yes? I also like the consistency and not switching back and forth between 4 or 5 days.

Because the students need to have consistency in their schedules. So many kids are living in split parenting. Households that already have very complicated custody schedules and adding a changing schedule for school will only complicate those situations further. Also, it will be easier for parents. Scheduling doctor appointments if it's always consistently the same day every week that they don't have school.

My 6yr old would love more time with his family.

It still ends school earlier, and as I would be a senior, getting out of school the earliest is primal.

Having one day a week off every week would allow for a consistent schedule for the teachers and students.