

# Assistant Superintendent Board Report

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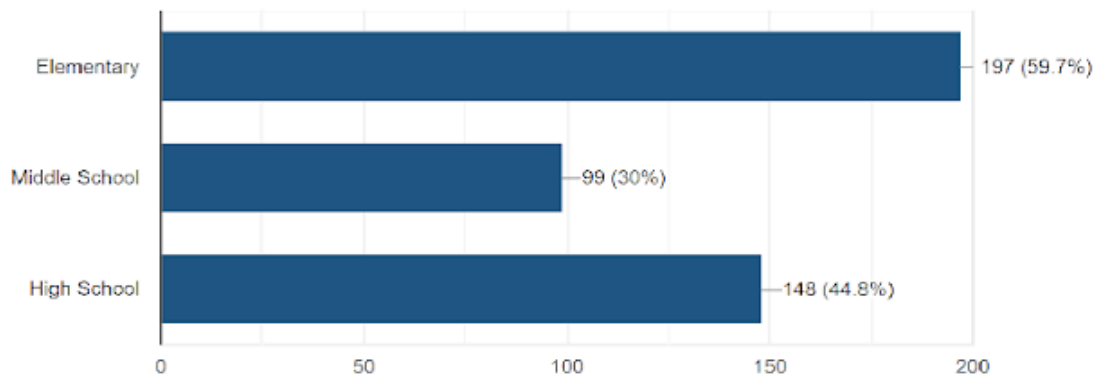
## I. Mid-Year Survey to Parents and Staff Regarding 4-Day School Week

- a. Parent Survey: 331 Responses
- b. Staff Survey: 147 Responses

### PARENT RESPONSES

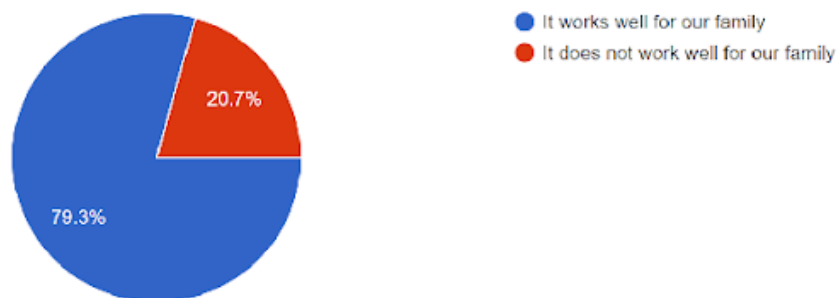
In what grades are your child(ren) currently? (check all that apply)

330 responses



How do you feel about your child(ren) being on a 4-day school week?

329 responses



Please Explain:

It allows for a catch up day from a week filled with activities for school. The four day week with after school activities allows my son to stay busy all day at school until I get off work which helps out immensely.

4 day week works best for our family!

It gives an opportunity to spend more time together as well as schedule appointments on non school days.

It works because I am home on Fridays

Child is left alone on Fridays, child refuses to attend Friday programs.

I guess don't like it
Our child is a senior she has enjoyed having time to explore options for her future on the day off
As my child did not go in person school for about one year because of pandemic, it is better if she can attend school for five days as she need more support and interaction with peers.
Less Exposed to Germs
Enjoy having 4 day school week because it's nice for the kids to be off on Fridays.
We use the off day for appointments and supplemental homeschooling.
Would like to have the option for assistance on Fridays if necessary.
We love having the extra time together on Fridays to work on reading, music, sports, and other areas together as a family that is difficult to do during the week.
I feel like my children are happier, more excited for school and more mentally healthy on the 4 day week. It is great to see them have the ability to decompress and they are still scoring well on their testing.
I believe that all children need a break in order to be successful, I also like having a day off during the week this allows for appointments to be made on these days which helps with attendance,
They aren't doing anything on Fridays
Family time on Fridays have been wonderful for our family.
It's nice so he is able to go to any Appointments and it is not interfering with his school.
We love the 4 day schedule. Works best for our family.
Both parents work on Fridays.
I like the 4 day schedule It has not caused issue with our family.
We can get all doctor appointments and to not miss school. He has been able to maintain a job. He has developed better time management skills & stays on top of his work. This is great prep for college being that most classes are in 4 days. Life seems far better manageable and I wish this had be done years ago.
Got to spend more time with the family together. Got time to attend all Dr appointments etc.
Students not being sent home with work to do, also needing to find sitter to watch children on Friday's.
Works great for our family allows for more family time on weekends
It helps with appointments and catching up with a busy week along with mental health reset.
I feel like my child is less overwhelmed. The 3 day weekend gives my child a great mental reset and is eager to go back on Monday. I think the e day weekend is helping with their mental health.
We schedule dr and dental appointments on Fridays it also reduces the number of times our children have to travel on dangerous highways to and from school not to mention the number of days our kids are potentially exposed to Covid-19 and it's variants
It gives our family more time as a family. We have more time to bond as well. My family and I are really enjoy it.
He can work part time on weekends
Give me more quality time with my son.
I love it! It gives him a break, time to attend the "specials" Friday program offers that he would otherwise not have the opportunity for, time to get homework done, work, sports, etc.
My kids do get antsy to go back but I feel they are more rested having 3 day weekends
We will like a 5 day's
I like it my daughter likes it.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are significant coverage gaps on random Fridays, not much different from before the additional Friday programming was implemented.</li> <li>2. The program director does not appear to know much in advance when Friday programming will be cancelled. For instance, on the Friday *before* the Thanksgiving holiday, we were waiting at the bus stop when we discovered there would be no programming that day.</li> <li>3. The program director does not appear to have a good way to get in touch with parents.</li> </ol>

4. My kids don't get much of any benefit from the Friday programming, which would be OK if they were at least enjoying it, but they find it to be akin to babysitting, with few activities and a puzzling combination of strict rules and low supervision.

I think is perfect

The schedule works for my family because we have the time/flexibility to get most of what we need, done during the week. I'm still not 100% sure about academic affect (if any) but it seems to work well schedule-wise.

With work schedules and Dr appt. 4 day school week works better for appt

I believe it has helped my kids be in class more without disrupting them and the class around them for necessary tasks that can be scheduled for Fridays. It allows for better planning for things such as doctors appointments, weekend trips, sports, work, and other extra curricular activities.

We work and have to find things for our kids to do on Fridays.

Our kids love the three day weekend

I don't feel that my student is getting as much instruction time.

The four day week works for our family. This gives the students opportunities to catch up on any missed assignments and minimizes the loss of instruction lost due to sports.

Both parents work on Friday. The district-provided Friday program seems to be just babysitting instead of educational programming, from what my kids say. I would prefer they be in the classroom 5 days per week. If we return to a 5 day week, I would also prefer that the kids be in school on Friday. Last school year, the kids were off multiple Fridays per month, which is basically a 4 day week.

The 4 day week really helps me, please don't go back to 5 days a week.

My husband and I work 5 days so this schedule have really been hard on us. That being said i feel like if we are going to stick to a 4 day school week, the curriculum needs to be structured more. My 2nd grader comes home and tells me they had 3-4 recess a day. So extending out the school day and then sending them to recess is counteractive. I also feel if it stays the bus to San Antonio needs to be addressed. they don't get picked up until 7:50 and don't get to the school until 8:20 which is 25 mins after school starts. Maybe pickup time needs to be earlier.

We like it because he plays sports and he not missing any school time on Fridays

They have been doing better in school I guess not so much pressure.

I believe with everything going on that this is appropriate. I would have hoped for a different schedule of days being in and A-Day/B-Day format so students and teachers can not only focus on subject matter for a productive amount of time, but also to help teacher-student relationship. I believe with the shorter class periods and everything going on has definitely has put unnecessary stress and pressure for our children and especially their teachers to get students back to the level that they should be academically. This then affects us parents. However, I do support the 4 day either way.

Not enough time left for extracurriculars, kids don't want to do Friday activities, kids are generally overtired.

Too much time lost for curriculum

Finding childcare on Fridays can be difficult. My younger child I'd in a 5 day pre school being that my wife and I both work 5 days a week.

It's good to gave a day to take care of appointments and not miss school days

We like the 4 day week. I just wish Charter would also go 4 days- it makes it hard as a family to have one kiddo go to school and the others are off. I do realize the district has no say in the charter calender unfortunately.

Our student likes the 4 day week as do I. It gives us more time to do projects around the hoyses.

The schedule would work better if the Athletic Director would schedule games to accommodate a 4 day schedule. Maybe reach out to Magdalena or other schools to see how they schedule games so Student Athletes attend more than 2 full days of school. When the schedule was first pitched the Superintendent and Johnson said games would be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for away games so athletes will be able to rest the next day. However this has not been the case.

I feel the kids would be better served academically with 5 days plus the extra day off is a disruption to their routine

Having a four day week allows my son to have a weekend job, helps on football trips, allows for time to get to appointments without missing school

With our days and work day we had to opt in for our kids to go to the extra Friday school
My son is an only child and both parents work M-F 8-5pm. He needs more structure and more required activities to keep the brain active.
Able to get more family time and appointments.
We love having our kids home more during the week
The HS doesn't have any extra instructional time added. The addition of Advisory can't make up for the missed time in all the other classes. I do like how they are trying to add cool classes on Friday, but I don't feel like enough of the students are taking advantage of them.
They are getting their one on one with teacher and plus they get to work on their own at home
It gives more time for extra curricular activities and time to complete homework.
Fridays off have worked with my work schedule and my child seems happy with 4 day week. Learning seems to not be a problem
This schedule allows us to make appointments out of town..and our child's attention to school tasks has increased
Student got extra time to spend time with family.
I am able to work from home and have time to help my kids with homework. Four day weeks give me an option for scheduled appointments without pulling the students from school for the appointment.
provides a time for medical, dental hair and other appointments without having to miss school Gives 3 day weekend for trips and activities
Parents have to work on Fridays so a 5-day school week will be preferred. Though attending after school program helps.
I feel they are being cheated a day of their education.
There are lots of pros and cons of 4 days school weeks. It works well for our family but the days are long for our children. There are other issues that need to be addressed also.
I feel that they are losing their education
Students are behind on state testing after online-learning losses, yet SCSD cut contact hours?!
We are able to get appointments scheduled and done on these days.
The Friday clubs and special programs have been very confusing. We've missed a few because the schedule was unclear, and since some are only once a month, missing one is a big deal. Please make it more consistent and send the information to the parents so we know how to schedule around it.
I think it is great.
My highschoolers would want to do friday activities. Also, they get bored and frustrated in regular class. Having more regular classes will not solve this.
I prefer 5 days
It requires us to take our children to work on Fridays.
Day week has worked well for our family. I changed my work schedule to help with this kids school schedule
This gives our kids more opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities. It also helps with mental health.
It's fine Less exposure the better
It allows us to travel with our teenager to high school rodeos and other events without missing educational time.
Teachers can give them the extra help they struggle with. My first grader comes home with a lot of home work for the week. I see him getting over whelmed and frustrated. It's also some school work I'm not able to help him with.
More rest and family time has been awesome for my teenager.
It allows our family to schedule doctors appointments and other activities on Fridays.
The shorter weeks are better. He catches up on homework and reading.
I think everyone work and school should be a four day work school week. Better for mental health and time to enjoy family and life.
Unsupervised children while parents work

Making the 4 days longer and skipping learning on the 5th day never works well. Kids forgetting things over the 3 day weekend and schools added a third recess for the extra time per day. So at the end it is a disservice to the students.
My children have more time with family
Longer school days are hard on young kids, and no school on a work day presents a child care problem.
I didn't like the idea at first but everything seems to be working great with the schedule the way it is.
There is a Friday program that they can go to for help or other activities.
Having no school on Friday's helps with childcare. I am also off on Friday's.
The 4 day week provides my oldest son with a day to catch up on work and other activities he enjoys. My youngest attends a program on Friday and enjoys it. Childcare has not been an issue for me. I feel like they are both still being educated.
we like it
I have no preference either way. My kids prefer the 4 day school week.
Her academics have suffered.
4 days of education and 3 days of family time is ideal for our family. It's a nice balance between the two.
It gives me a day to schedule my child's doctor's appointments as well as work on teaching him life skills he will need when he graduates.
3 day weekend
Easier for us and the kids
Currently my father is able to keep kids on fridays and it gives them a long weekend to reset
Prefer more downtime for kids and family time
I work
It works perfectly for our family and helps the kids get more rest
Appointments are able to be scheduled on Fridays
I have one child in school and one not in school on Fridays and the child not in school is in special Ed for his speech delay so I feel this is actually taking away from him the education and help he needs and makes harder for my other child to focus
It is less stressful for our child.
Kids need more school time... Rather than at home chill time.. kids aren taking advantage of the classes offered on Friday...
It give cild the time for his school work and to have down to rest...
It's better for the kids
I believe Kids are more engaged when they ha e school for 4 days a week versus 5. While allowing more opportunities for field trips without affecting core classes.
I also work 10 hour days Monday through Thursday so I have Fridays off and that's gives extra time with my child
Friday's are a day to catch up
I love it!!
My kids go to cotton wood doesn't apply to me
while i am at work my mom takes care of him so it don't effect me but for other families it might because of work so i cant speak for everyone but for me it does
Love the 4 day week
Working full time parents, we don't like to leave our children home alone and or with a sitter.
It works well right now because I am staying home from work. It's nice to have the longer weekends.
It's easier that way when my son has homework he has three days to work on it and with coronavirus going around I don't my child is safe so four days is good enough
Both parents are at work on Friday. How can lots of materials can be taught in 4 days instead of 5 days?

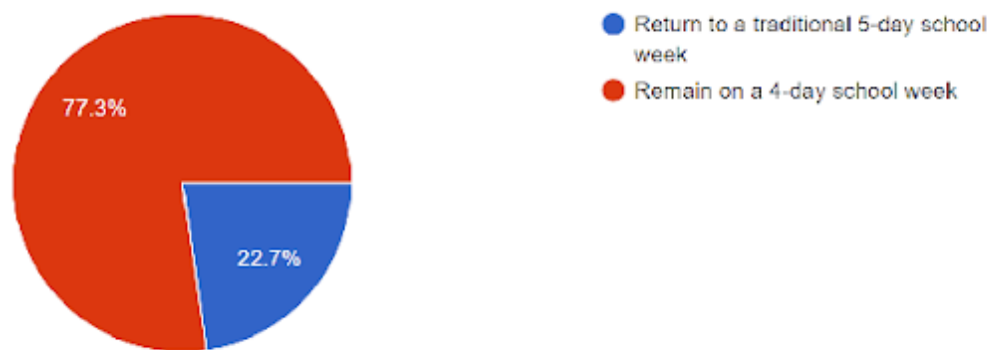
Everyone in our household is enjoying the four day weeks. My wife works at parkview and enjoys having no students when she has to work Fridays.
I like that my child gets an extended day and then has the extended weekend. This helps her to feel refreshed when going back to school.
My child is now homeschooled
I believe that the children attending school 4 times a week gives more opportunity for rest during the weekend, more time to study and more time to hone necessary life skills. It gives the teachers more time to grade paperwork and 1 less day of curriculum. I believe it was a great idea and I now believe it's doing wonders for our children. My child's grades have improved vastly, thank you again Socorro School!!
I must stay at home. And the 3-day weekends gives us time to go do something together as a family
They seem to be more attentive and well rested
Have issues with child care
It helps that we do not have to find Child care on Fridays. We also appreciate the extra time our kids get to be with their family and rest because they work so hard all day and come home exhausted. Now they seem more excited for the school week.
My kids were able to do better activities/outputs in school. They were able to get a better grade with the 4 -day school.
2020 school year put children so far behind they need more learning time!
Enjoy having three day weekend
I think the 4 day week works well for 1st graders and up but it makes the day pretty long for the kinder students.
Extra time at home
I am able to spend time with my kiddos.
Have to get off work or someone else does to take back to school when they have sports activities on Fridays
It would allow for more family time. Child care wouldn't be a problem because I'm at home with her two younger siblings.
I work on Friday and want my kids in standards based school with routine and rigor. They are behind nationally, though excelling in their cohort.
The long days left the children wiped out, and the 3-day weekend was too much time away from school, there was always a ramp up needed to get them back into the swing of things on a Monday morning.
I feel like they lose out on learning and they have to stay too late to make up for not having the 5th day and it's hard for the students that play sports as well
Even though I feel safe with my kids staying home ... for me, it's about the social aspect of it all. I want them to go through the same weekly grind as most not only to prepare them for adulthood but also because they need more social interaction with other students & people. Covid has already changed so many aspects of their lives that I believe some core habits should stay, I think they are already hurting both emotionally & mentally (maturity) with all the digital time they get as it is with all the days off they get now. Our community isn't equipped or set up for another day off every week, more kids will try to find something to do and there ain't much in Socorro. It's drug infested, sadly the balance has shifted to that here. Socorro has failed big time in creating safe & healthy outlets for our youth. Most can't afford child care either. It would just hurt families all around.
Our work allowed us to adjust work schedule, that allowed more time with our children.
Makes it easier for him and me to not have to worry about getting him to school while I work
I get to spend more time with my girl
The 4 day schedule works out perfect for our family. It helps with their appointments
easy if going out of town or making dr appointments and they don't have to miss school
Works well for our work schedule and the children aren't burnt out from the homework.
My kids like going to school and are upset when they have to stay home an extra day.
My daughter is a senior this year. She has her own vehicle so it will work for us either way.
I believe it does not help our kids, you are trying to teach 5 days of school in four days and some kids need more one on one and teachers don't have them at times because they are on the 4 day work week

It's convenient to have an additional day off with my daughter as I am a single mother who works long hours all week long, but am fortunate to have Fridays off, most of the time. I feel it also helps my daughter not to get to overwhelmed with a busy schedule, including mine with hers.
My child works better on a 4 day week. It also allows her to attend dr appointments without having to miss school.
It has been great for our family!
My child misses out on 1 extra day of learning in a structured manner. Because my child has medical needs he is not able to attend the Friday programs. He attends San Antonio school and there are no programs offered on Friday's there.
Can not find child care
Our family is fortunate to have the means to make arrangements for our children not attending Friday school. We can feed them. We can make sure they are looked after. What about the families that aren't as fortunate? This isn't an inconvenience for our family. It's an inconvenience for our children who are not going to be prepared for life after school and they aren't getting adequate in-class hours.
Are family is constantly on the go and the extra day is nice and my kids are keeping up there grades so much better with the extra day of rest
I am neutral on the 4-day week. It works fine for our family because we can afford daycare for our child on the fifth day. Our son occasionally goes to the Friday program at Parkview, but he really doesn't love it there. For young children, four days of school seems to be enough for them to handle emotionally.
I think it's better for the kids
We like the 4 day schedule because it helps us really rest for the school week. I feel like we get more family/rest time and that promotes better learning for our children
Reducing the amount of education especially after missing so much school with covid is not what we want for our children. The Friday programs are good but should not replace a school day.
My daughter has hard time learning and need the 5 school days
The 4 day week works well for our kindergartener, school is positive but overwhelming and we expect that a full 5-day week would be a little too much for her at this age. However, I do not thing we would feel the same if they were in middle or high school.
It works with both my husband and my work schedule.
I work a 4 day week also
Regular Structure and Daycare while at work
I am off on Fridays with my kids.
We are lucky to have some flexibility to our work week and for our daughter, who is in kindergarten the 4 day week seems to be a perfect balance.
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Having a 4 day school week works great because it then gives wiggle room for Dr's appointments and cause less absences. Easier schedule over all and it gives kids that day to recharge and not be as stressed or overwhelmed.
My daughter is in High School and works Friday Saturday Sunday. My son is in middle school and Friday gives him a day to catch up on work . Also as a Teacher this gives us time to grade papers or catch up on lesson plans, have meetings with parents or it just gives us a mental day to regroup from the week.
We are on the fence about school on Fridays. On one hand, we have to find childcare for our daughter and it can be kind of a pain. The Friday program is really nice, but our daughter doesn't always want to go and I don't feel like she is learning any academic skills there. (She does have fun and the coordinators seem great.) On the other hand, the extra flexibility is nice when we're able to get Fridays off of work and spend an extra "weekend" day together.
I think any time school schedules and work schedules don't align, it's really challenging for parents to find childcare. During the winter break for example, we scrambled to figure it out. Without the 4-day work week coinciding with the 4-day school week, it's very hard for working families to find the extra childcare support necessary to make Fridays a seamless experience for both students and parents.
My son's mental health is much better since we started the 4 day. I know some people didn't like it but it has made a lot of difference in how happy he is going to school. Thank you for making this a priority!

We have busy and awkward work schedules, one less day of mayhem makes life just a little more pleasant!
It's hard to continue a routine
Works well
Have more time to spend with the kids.
We enjoy the day off to schedule appointments, catch up on work and rest. My children seem much more rested as a whole with a 4 day school week.
I work 5 days a week.
My children prefer this schedule
Less time to be learning something in school, don't need another day out of school
It works well for our family because we go out of state twice a month to see my children's Father who is incarcerated at the La Tuna Federal Prison Camp in Anthony, TX. 4 day school weeks give us the time that we need to stay caught up with school, and still have the quality time they need with their Father which both are very important for my children.
More daddy/daughter time
It works very well
Hold care on fridays is an issue
I feel that my kids are more productive having a 4 day school week.

For the 2022 - 2023 school year, which do you prefer?

326 responses



Is there any other feedback you would like to give?

The 4-Day school week worked better then I thought. I would like for more of the sports games to be on Fridays so less school is missed. I still have my reservations that the students aren't getting the correct number of hours needed though.

I dont feel the kids are not learning what they need to learn

The kids need to be in school 5 days a week

Can't see how less school is better for students.

It would be nice to have Monday's off instead of Friday's, being that there are a lot of holidays that are on Monday's this would eliminate having 3 day weeks

I hope it does not change.

I think you will do whatever you want regardless. If we go back to 5 days, teachers will just put on a movie every Friday. I'm sick of Youtube teaching my kids @ school.

Especially for high school this is a far better plan.

Children will get to know more about relationships, builds good bonding.



No

My student is less stressed and happier. My family time has improved along with my student feeling ready to go to school without the fight (rejuvenated in a sense). Friday programs have made learning something students look forward to with specialized activities that are not required if you can't attend. It's nice to have the flexibility!

None

Again, we love it! Thanks

4 day week works well for appointments

We will like 5 days

The after school programming appears to be very good, and significantly better than the Friday programming. The district really seems to have delivered on this promise.

I understand the reasoning for wanting to go to a 4-day week, but while it does not appear to have been the disaster I expected academically, I'm not seeing tangible benefits to the students.

The Friday programming concept was supposed to make up the difference and we parents were expecting it to smooth over the gap between school schedules and our work schedules. The ambiguity and frequent cancellations of the Friday programming subvert this benefit in a way not all that dissimilar from before, when there were in-service days every other week and we just had to deal with it. I'm not satisfied with how this has come together.

I don't know whether the 4-day week has helped with teacher morale or recruiting enough to offset the problems. If it has—which I doubt, since I believe every district in the nation is having trouble recruiting right now—then I will accept the district's decision to continue with this. But in the absence of evidence to support that, it feels like a half-hearted apology for poor pay rather than something motivated by providing kids with better educational outcomes. I personally would rather we fight to raise the taxes enough to pay competitive wages and return to the 5-day week than continue this experiment. It would seem that Fridays would be a perfect time to really delve into any academic deficits or any concepts students would be having trouble with. I think more teacher encouragement to attend tutoring or study sessions on Fridays would be great.

No

If students are failing they should be encouraged to go on Friday to catch up.

School is about preparing kids for life. Our country revolves around a 5 day work week.

If COVID is still an issue, 4 day is fine or virtual. At least the students won't have as much risk of COVID exposure.

no

I think it's easy for the teacher. they can catch up on grading

None

Nope I love the 4 day week

A-Day/B-Day 4 day

4 days school week helps greatly to limit the infection and gives students extra time to work on their own stuff or anything they need to catch up.

Please consider doing surveys a different way since most underserved families do not do these.

The 4 day week has not been successful. The "Friday classes" are not applicable to all. We have tried to participate multiple times. It's hard to get a solid answer from administration. The kids don't seem to understand the schedules or what's offered. What I've been told is offered applies to maybe 5% of the schools population. If that Friday consisted of much more than what it has now, I could try to get behind it. The program can't even entice half of the student population to join. At least with 5 days a week our children are receiving an additional day of learning.

The 4 day schedule does have a negative impact on student athletes. Parents were told the Athletic Director would schedule games to accommodate the new schedule. The Athletic Director is not following through with scheduling of games. I do believe Johnson would have worked diligently to

change the athletic schedules to accommodate the 4 day week however this is not being done at this time. The 4 day schedule has potential but also needs some adjustments to be more inclusive.

It's nice as long as we can opt into the extra Friday class it's like a play day for my kids  
Since the Friday activities were not mandatory, I do not see how the 'day off' benefits our children at all.  
This community suffers from poor and uneducated and we need to provide more support and education for this population, not less.

No

The students have lost so much instruction with COVID. I think more time in the classroom would be beneficial.

No

This has been a good plan and I hope it has saved the district some money to be applied to much needed areas.

Want to thank staff and teachers for helping our children. Thank you!

For teacher retention this 4 day calendar is key

nothing

The rules for the afterschool care are not being communicated well.

N/A

No more required mask!

Our schools need better sanitation against covid 19, colds, and flu. If our children are sick, the teachers and administration needs to be understanding of our situation.

Not at this time

The timing of the 4-day experiment after the pandemic shutdown makes it look like the district wants to cut costs without taking responsibility for how that worsens student progress. The families this survey is not hearing from are the ones the 4-day week drove away from the district. If 4-day schedule is going to continue, shift the off day to Wed. and provide mandatory extra programming with qualified staff.

FACEBOOK POSTS ARE NOT RELIABLE WAYS TO GET INFORMATION TO PARENTS!!! It's fine if info is posted to Facebook -in addition- to other ways, but it's not good enough on it's own. The school has my email, phone number, cell phone number, and address. There is no reason that the only way I saw the Friday Schedule was by coming across it in a Facebook post 3 days after the program started.

Look forward to returning to a 4-day school week.

This hypothetical based on my children's high school years and the current calendar that would have done better for them.

4 days a week is hard for single parents who work 5 days a week

Keep the 4 Day week

There seems to be low engagement in the 5th day. I think the mental health of our students is critical. 4 or 5 days doesn't matter if they are dealing with trauma. However we can help with that is critically important for academic achievement.

Let online be an option for all grade levels

If the covid 19 is finished I want 5 days

Love the extra things offered for students on Fridays. I would love to see more of that.

Keep the 4 days.

No

Please keep 4 day school week for all.

If this was for teacher recruitment and retention why is it acceptable to have high school classes unsupervised, no, teacher, no substitute, no school staff?

I do not understand what's the point of taking a parent survey. As majority of parents will favor 5-day school but the school board will keep 4-day school for next year.

No

It is very helpful to have a day to schedule appointments and the kids not miss school

I see no reason for the four day week, and many against it.

People should realize there is something for their kids on Fridays.

consistency

Appreciate you following up to find out! Keep up the great work and dedication!

I do not understand what is offered for Friday School that supports academics.

No

Please do the 4 days week a love parents Michael santistevan and Linda santistevan Baca...

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Please keep 4 day school weeks.

I am also really concerned about the Covid my child is vaccinated but at that point the thought of your child contracting Covid crosses your mind every time I drop my child off. Especially when we as parents receive texts on daily of a student or staff member contracting Covid

I hope it stays this way!!

Education level in New Mexico is already low compared to the other states. Reducing the number of school days per week lowers the level even more

I like the new schedule and feel the district should keep it.

No

I would rather have my kids in school then at home doing nothing .

To have the 4-day school week again next school year.

No thank you

Please share with the public what you are learning from this experience.

Like I mentioned above, the city has failed to support kids with after school activities or hang out spots, I also understand teachers have been somewhat overwhelmed with the stress. It's a tough situation for all but kids also look at teachers for support and inspiration so I hope they can grind through another year if this Covid mess and I hope the city & school council work together better to create outlets for kids to spend their time.

No

No

I love the way our school works. And I believe the children are accustomed to the schedule they have now and it makes them not dread going an additional day. It gives them the right amount of time at school and off school. I would hate for it to change and I'm very hopeful that the 4 day school week remains. I don't feel an additional day would benefit our children during these times. It's a good balance where it's at, no change is needed.

When there is a holiday, a 3 day school week is not enough, when they have school on Fridays everyone's schedule is thrown off.

Our students are going through a lot in life with a pandemic. They lost a lot of in-class-time due to the schools shutting down. If there ever was a time for a 4 day week, it's is definitely not now. Our students are underperforming and are last in a state that is last in the nation for education. This isn't about what is best for adults and what adults opinion is. Adults, parents, school board members, faculty all need to understand and do what is best for our students.

Not at this time

I don't think that society in Socorro (or general) is well-suited for a 4-day school week. I work at NMT, and there are middle schoolers roaming campus and campus buildings on the off Fridays. On the other hand, for young children, the emotional break is a good thing. The Friday program at Parkview could have and should have been much better than it was. The communication was poor, and many parents lost confidence in it as an option before the program even started. Our child would go grudgingly, and we really wanted him to like it and for it to be successful. I applaud the Board for taking the plunge and choosing the 4-day as an option when it was needed. If they want it to continue a 4-day, the District needs to figure out how to engage students on Fridays, and prove to the working parents of Socorro that it is advantageous in the long run to keep this. Finally, any and all data showing that student success is not deteriorating due to the 4-day week needs to be presented. Virtual learning is not happening like they explained. Friday class they do and say nothing to each other or the teacher to students.

None

The teachers deserve an extra day of rest!

Generally we have been pleased with the 4-day week for our kindergartener. If we had a vote, we would like to continue the 4-day week for elementary school (or at least kinder), and return to a 5-day week for middle and high school.

While we appreciate the opportunity for Friday enrichment, and our child seems to enjoy it when they go, we have received almost no communication from the program coordinators. Especially at the start of the school year, when information would have been most useful... We have sort of figured it out "by feel", but we still have no idea what our child does on Fridays and we receive no feedback or communication of any kind from the Friday program. As a result, it is known to several of us as the "sketchy Friday program".

Have dealt with middle school kids with nothing to do and no supervision on Fridays damaging public property repeatedly

No

I think that the 4 day week probably works well for younger children as they make the adjustment to school. I am concerned that as she gets older, the 4 day week may actually not be rigorous enough academically. It definitely allows some more flexibility to family time and taking short adventures but I worry that it could impact her academically as she gets older.

I also have been underwhelmed by the Friday programing. There is basically no communication and so I am not sure if it is enriching or not. Our daughter seems to enjoy it but we have literally no idea whether it is worth the risk of COVID to send her at this point. Improved communication would help us to better judge whether the Friday programming is worth the risk.

If the 4 day week does allow for better teacher retention and prevention of burn-out then I think it is probably worth the risk academically for our kids. I would like if we had more feedback from the Rio Grande Educational Collaborative to better understand whether this program is actually adding enrichment, especially for the older grades where a 5 day week may be more necessary academically.

No

Not at this time

I know that there are some people who do not like the 4 day week. I would hope the district would take all opinions into consideration when decided what to do for next year. As long as you provide something for students who need to attend on Fridays then the 4 day can remain in place. We shouldn't decided what's best for everyone based on a few loud parents who are never happy with anything that the schools decide anyway.

No

SCSD should return to a traditional 5 day school week.

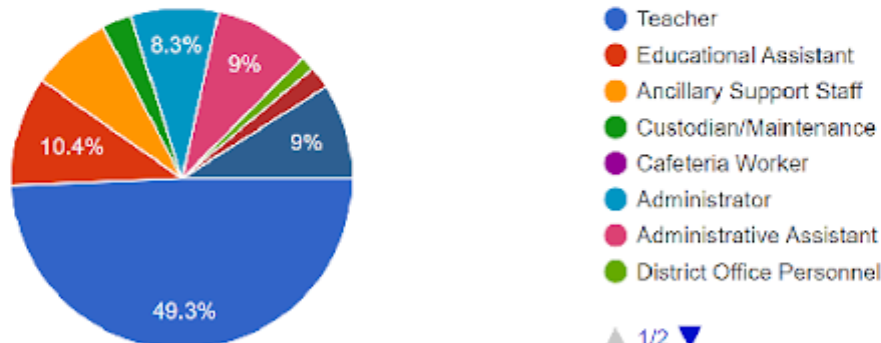
Thank you for all you do!

Terrible teachers

## **STAFF RESPONSES**

## What is your position?

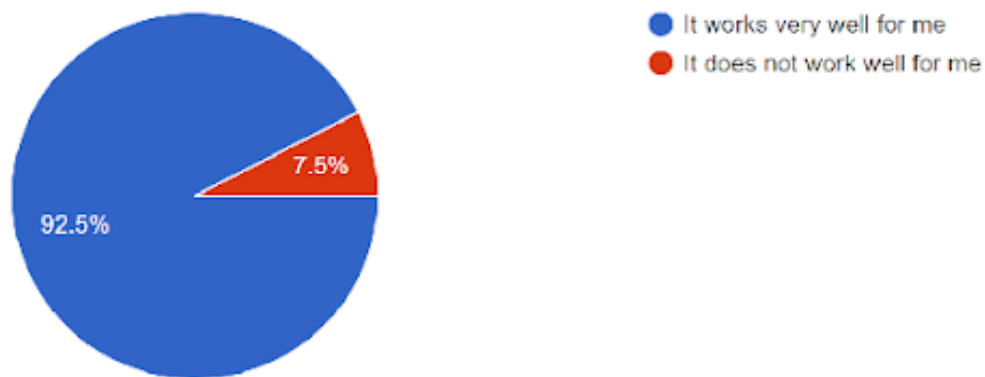
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## Based on your experience with the 4-day week thus far, how do you feel about the schedule?

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### Please explain:

Its not too bad for me, but I have a hard time getting through the material with so little class time.

Students are overtired by the end of the day, and the reduction in instructional time (literally almost a full fifth) is noticeable. Participation on Fridays is minimal.

It is impossible to teach all the things I need to in a week in just four days.

The four day week has made me feel like I don't care as much about teaching as I used to. Like the students, I am focusing on other things and school doesn't seem like the most important thing anymore. Also, the longer day makes me tired and less productive after school, so even though I'm often here until 4:30 or 5:00, I still fall behind with my tasks. So then I work on those Fridays off, for which I am grateful. It's true that I work less on weekends now.

It is very exhausting with no benefit for the students

We still had to work.

Though I appreciate the 4-day work week, it has been challenging to schedule students as Ancillary staff. Caseloads remain similar to last year, but we have a day less to schedule, complete paperwork, and assessments. It is doable, just a new challenge.
By 7th period the kids were burnt out, also this didn't allow the golf team to practice for several months.
Although the 4 day work week is nice as far as days off, it is very disruptive for people like myself that like to work a typical work week. I personally think that he has made staff and students somewhat lazy in their approach to everyday lifestyle. This is my personal opinion.
4 Days a week at the current bell schedule isn't letting enough be completed in class. Every day feels rushed through with not enough time for focused learning in my classes. Students come get set up and it seems I get to teach for only 30 mins and they'll have to start wrapping up.
I like having Fridays off to get things together for the next week.
I have time for appointments on the days that we are off, and I get to spend extra time with my son
It gives me extra time to grade and do lesson plans
Fridays for staff PD and extracurricular / tutoring for students has been highly beneficial.
It forces us to focus more deeply on instruction, making every minute count. It also gives time for students to digest what they have learned by having an additional day off during the week.
It gives our family the opportunity to spend more time together and plan appointments with out having to miss school and work.
The longer days were hard to adjust to, but we are used to it now. It would be very hard to revert to a 5 day week.
it works for me but my main concern is the students, so far I haven't seen that is has had a negative effect on them(as far as my kids are concerned)
I feel that I am getting a lot more done this year. I am missing a whole lot less for appointments. It is also very nice to have that extra day for training or work.
By having Fridays to work on professional training and school matters, I am better able to focus on these quite well and still have time to keep up with other personal needs.
Great!
It has helped my work and home life balance. I am always ready to come back to work on Mondays. I am rested and ready to preform my duties.
It gives teachers time to do grading and lesson plans .
I am able to come in on Friday's as needed to catch up, however I've been making as many doctor's appointments as possible for Fridays.
n/a
The schedule allows me the flexibility to come in on Fridays if needed and work without interruptions or distractions. It also gives me more time with my kids.
I am given ample time to prepare for my lessons and I am able to sponsor clubs too and meet with my students every Friday except when there's PD.
Very useful with my schedule and allows me to be more mindful and alert at work
It keeps me at work more . I can schedule things on those days. With the lack of subs this is the best calendar . More isn't always better .
I have time on Fridays to go over the lesson (which part needs reteaching, reinforcement and enrichment. Fridays are also useful to grade students work. I also use Fridays to prepare lesson for the following week.
With family obligations and aging parents it gives me time to juggle both.
The four days really allows me to be productive with my work. The rest from the extra day helps significantly in accomplishing our jobs. I look forward more to work as well compared to a five day week.
Students and staff seem more rested and prepared to work, appointments can be scheduled on days off to decrease time missed
Student attention spans are usually exhausted by Friday. The four day week allows teachers to use Fridays as planning days and have a regular weekend instead of spending it all preparing for the upcoming week.

I like having days with noone around to catch up as needed. I can work as much as needed and from where I want; I'm not tied to the office.
It is great to be able to do things on those days so that you are not absent from classes.
I get the time needed to rest, plan, and still have time for famiy.
The Fridays are wonderful for spending with my family. I feel so recharged after a 3-day weekend!
Having a four day week helped me be able to stay on top of lesson planning, grades, and other requirements and needs for my classroom. It also helped in scheduling various appointments. Fridays off really helped to get to games for my son.
I commute from Albuquerque and this works better for me.
I was able to prepare a better lesson/ materials , I have more time to do a better materials for all my classes. Students in my assessment have a better activity outputs, they turned in their activities before Friday, that way, teachers are able to have an ample time to check their works too and give some feedbacks.
It is nice to schedual appointments for Fridays instead of taking a day off in the week for appointments. Expecially with the lack of subs.
The schedule seems to lend itself to everything that needs to get done during the week.
Personally it works fine for me even though I have less planning time throughout the week. I still see all my classes and I prefer the 4-day week.
The four-day work gives me opportunities to have a good preparation for my lessons for my students.
I love the flexibility especially for Dr appointments
It is nice to have a day off that is a work day to get things done at home.
I believe that parents had time at home with their children. At some point parents need to be accountable to help their children learn. It give parents time for appointments so they don't have to miss school. The length of the day was nice because I got a lot done with my students. The one problem I have is that our school is always shut down. In all the years of teaching, I have been able to go into work on weekends and holidays. I'm glad we have Fridays to go in only because of Friday school. I don't believe that covid has shut the school down. If the school is sprayed it's fine. I go to my room and work because I need more time. After the longer day I want to go home.
I feel the students and staff come to work more relaxed and rested and things run more smoothly...at least that's what I see in my classroom. I like the fact that students that need extra support get it on Friday, as well.
I prefer working four tens because I have another job .
It's easier to make appointments on the fridays we're off.
The days are long, but I am able to catch up on grading etc. on Fridays, which is a great relief.
I felt the 4 day worked for me, it gave me the break I needed. It gave me time to get ready for the next week.
Why the 4-day week has worked so well for me is because I like the extra day we get on our weekends, it is a great rest period and when it's time to come back to work I feel refreshed and ready to work my full best.
I am able to use Fridays for extra planning.
This has been great for me as far as being not so burnt out during the school week. That extra day helps me to balance my kids and work. I have been able to schedule appointments on those days. My attendance was so much better until we got Covid and I had no choice, but to quarantine. The 4 day week just seems like it has been good for everyone and kids really enjoy the Friday programs.
We have had to make many adjustments and we have had to prioritize curriculum mapping, but in the end, having a day to schedule doctors' appointments and other personal matters lets me focus on school and not have to take as many days of leave.
N/A
The four day work week works well for me. It give me an extra day to plan and prep if needed. It also allows me to make doctor's appointments for myself and my children on the Fridays that we are off, thus not using my work days.
I think it works well, for students too, because they come to school with more energy to learn, and participate in all activities that are assigned to them.

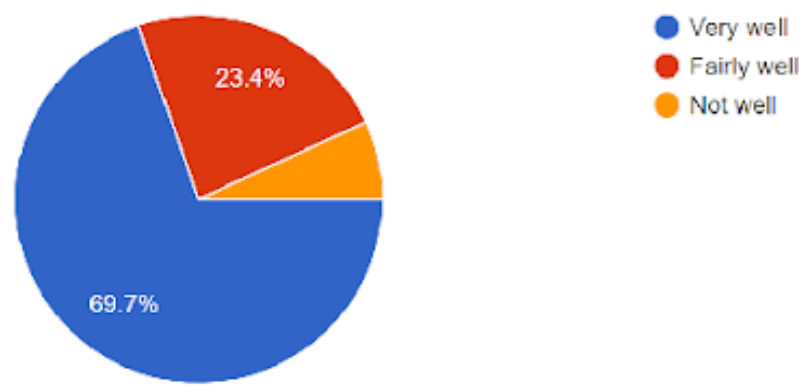
I can schedule appointments on Friday or Mon without having to miss work, use sick leave and it helps save personal days.
I am able to schedule my appts. on these days. I have missed less work days.
This schedule has been great! It is nice to have the extra time.
It helps me rest up and be better prepared for teaching. The students also seem to be more prepared to learn when they have a three day break.
I can schedule most of my appointments on Fridays.
It gives me a day to schedule appointments without missing work and also gives me time to prep at home since I use so many manipulatives that are made with my cricket at home to keep my students engaged in learning.
It is convenient for me because I can schedule appointments on those days which is helpful since we are short on subs.
Friday's have been perfect for scheduling appointments
I have more time to prepare.
I feel that I am able to use Fridays for planning and prep, and I feel more prepared for the week.
I get the time to complete my IEPs and re evaluations, lesson plans.
Occasionally I get a three day weekend to recover from the stresses of teaching 4 subjects a day with only 3 preps. It is nice to actually have a day where I can actually get away from school work and stress.
Farming
Personally, it is great. Having most Fridays off is great, but as far as the classroom learning is concerned, it is not working well. There is a noticeable shortage of learning hours and I feel rushed to get in all the content.
I've enjoyed the 4-days and feel I come in with a clear head on Monday's!!
I feel refreshed each week with the longer day and shorter week
I feel rushed but it also helps to keep the kids on track and working all week long without getting burnt out.
I feel refreshed Monday morning after a 3 day break and works well for my kid's schedules as well
Gives some time to complete personal tasks as well as responsibilities for the job. Online training opportunities are taken advantage of when not having to be in person on certain days.
I love it, I'm from Magdalena so I have been used to a 4 day schol week for years. I am so grateful that Socorro School has gone this route as well. Love love love it!
I hope next year it can be a true 4 day week.
It helps withe time management.
It's nice having most Fridays off.
It gave me enough time to plan the lesson, activities and stay on the schedule. So I was on the routine.
3 day weekend day to schedule appointments without missing work
I am able to cover the material I need to cover in a 4 day week.
At first I thought it would be hard but it has been a great change.
The schedule is great, because it helps to get work graded, plan lessons, have more to time to look for extra resources for my classes. Since we close at 4 pm, it really hard to get anything done after school, so the Fridays really helps with planning for classes.
Farmer
Gives me time to rest mentally and physically but also gives me time to go to appointments instead of missing work .
I have not taken any days off for doctor's appointments this year due to the 4 day week. There are some offices that are not open on Friday, but thankfully I haven't had to take any regular days off yet.
I did some research and found that nationally, studies show there is no significant difference in academic gains by children on a four and five-day schedule. The research also shows that the work-life balance is improved for teachers on a four-day week which contributes to improved motivation. Attendance is also improved. Teachers do not have to take school days for appointments, health visits, etc. Because there is no research that says that a shorter school week hurts students academically and because my work-life balance has improved, I support a four day work week.



Allows for better organization of time and tasks and also supports balance of home and work. Days do feel longer but Fridays off are very needed especially at this time as people are going through a great deal of emotional healing.
I'm able to complete job duties and expectation while maintaining access to my children and their schedules.
I have more time to work on my studies and spend time with my family.
The 4 days are way more efficient since the Friday is not necessarily an option.
AS a coach and teacher we do not have to have subs for many of our games.
Having Fridays available for personal time helps me to no longer have to take a day off for necessary appointments.
It helps me to set appointments like medical and dental without being absent from the class and more time to prepare paper works.
I can use Fridays for appointments and do lesson plans in the comfort of my home.
It gives me emotional and physical strength to handle all the extra responsibility placed on us for the minimal pay we receive.
I really enjoy having a day to work on preparing lessons and what not that does not take away from time with my family on the weekend. I feel that losing a day and having to keep all the pullouts within the week does take a lot of learning time away.
I think that with the 4 day school week, the student come to school with more energy, and ready to participate on any class activity.
I spend more time with the baby and we can have more quality time as a family..
I am able to see students and complete my documentation within the 4 days.
I've completed this survey once but I have more to say. COVID has been heartbreaking and lifechanging in many ways for many people. But it has also given us time to reassess our lives. We have found out that many jobs can completed in fewer days, not fewer hours but fewer days. Historically, teachers have always worked many more hours than those which they are contracted. And we will continue to do that even with a four-day week. But having a better work-life balance is something I welcome. It has improved my motivation. I fear that if we return to a five-day work week, we will lose many of the qualified, dedicated, quality personnel we gained when we went to a four-day work week. Employees everywhere have reevaluated their priorities and are rearranging their lives to address their priorities. This is not going to change and ignoring the impact of going back to a five-day work day, in my opinion, will likely result in a step backwards for education in Socorro.
It took an adjustment. I had to adjust my time management with my work load to fit it into a 4 day week.
Time to Prep effectively
I get home exhausted and am unable to do the routine things needed to keep the house and farm going well. Fridays I drag myself around and am grumpy.

Based on your experience with the 4-day week thus far, how do you feel the schedule works for students?

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Please explain:

The students who also have classes at the end of the day have a hard time focusing on doing the work.
It isnt providing the diversification we were hoping for, and its adversely affecting outcomes during regular instruction. While I personally enjoy it, I do not feel it is best for students.
It does not seem developmentally appropriate especially for the younger grades. This schedule seems to be made for staff with no thought for the students.
There is not enough time for the students to learn, especially with the recent gaps. 156 days of school makes no sense when our students are already last in the nation. Surely there must be a better way to make school work. Maybe more total school days. Curriculum resources are generally based on a five day week. Attendance this year has been poor.
The students lost a whole day of instruction of the subjects they learn in spite of having longer day because each subject still 50 minutes daily
most students are falling behind
I believe most students appreciate the schedule. However, some of them benefit and look forward to getting away from home and their situations. Many of our students have challenges they face at home and look forward to coming to school where it is a safe space for them.
Any kid would like an extra day off from school.
I think kiddos should go to school 5 days a week, especially all of the academic in class learning lost over the past 2 years due to the pandemic.
Struggling students don't have enough time to get aid in their classes from the teacher on a 1 on 1 structure. High achieving students don't have time for additional practice for personal growth
Attendance is still an issue but most parents have been very respectful of my time during the day to work with their student.
It is too soon to judge, we have had a chaotic year. I think that we need to give it at least 2 more years
they are more motivated to come to school if we have a longer day off
Students have bell to bell teaching while at school and have a day to process and catch up.
When student return to school each week, they are more refreshed and ready to learn.
they excited for the long weekend and are ready to go back to school on Monday, their attendance has improved academics have not suffered.
The extra pull-outs can be a bit rough. The students that are here and engaged I think are doing well. It's the students that miss a lot of school or don't engage during class that aren't progressing. I don't think that an extra day alone would help

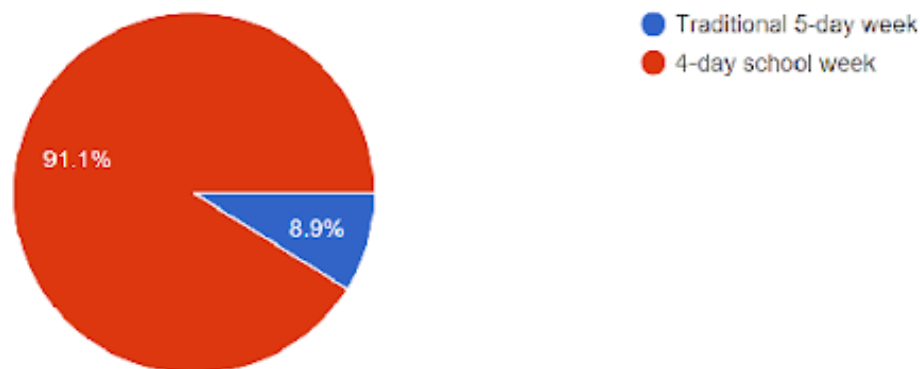
with the engaging. A lot of the students missing school (excluding the ones gone because of Covid) are the ones that have always missed a lot; I don't know if the three-day weekend makes it feel more permissible to the parents to miss more days.
Some students have used their Fridays for personal activities but have also utilized these days for athletic schedules, tutoring and organizing their course school work.
When I ask students if they like it, they always have good things to say.
I have also seen that students are more alert and active on Monday's they they were when they have a five day week. I also hope to use Friday's next year to help student athletes that are struggling with their academics have a time and place to come in and get help.
Students aren't overwhelmed with a five day week . And refreshed to start a new week on Mondays
Students who were willing to get extra help did so. Those that didn't need to nor want to did not attend. It made the time with the tutors more productive. We didn't have any student interruptions.
I think some students could use the 5th day, however, there is the option for the Friday and after school supports that are offered. Only if they can be mandatory for some
As a parent I love the schedule for my elementary students. I think they have less stress and don't seem as burnt out.
Students are given the chance to join clubs and other related activities liek field trips, etc.
Allows them to break and be more excited for school
I can only go by what I hear . I not in the classroom. I do know that on Fridays before the student population was very low.
Students get tired easily. As far I noticed, students work better in school with the 4-day school a week especially middle schoolers. One day break within a weekday will help their regain their energy.
My daughter gets a day to unwind and catch up on assignments. Good for Mental Health!
It allows the students to be at their best while also allowing them the time needed to recuperate from the week's work. Rested students are better than burned out ones.
Students and staff seem more rested and prepared to work, appointments can be scheduled on days off to decrease time missed
Students avoid work and having Friday as a "fun day" or as a day to have to "catch up" allows students to greater control their schooling. If they do not want to be stuck on friday, then they need to take care of business during the regular school days
Giving them the extra day to take the classes that are not available is great.
I have seen an increase in early check-in and outs and absences that are not due to covid.
I feel that my students like the four days, they seem to be more refreshed and ready to learn. It really helped for sports in high school, my son likes being able to have the fridays to do work, get ready for his sports and to be able to work on these days.
Not sure. It seems to work?
Students in my assessment have a better activity outputs, they turned in their activities before Friday, that way, teachers are able to have an ample time to check their works too and give some feedbacks
They like having the 3 day weekend.
I still worry about what students are doing on Fridays if they are not doing any extra friday activities at school
For students it doesn't seem like enough time in school and I worry about them on a longer weekend since so many of them do not take advantage of the Friday school program.
They still miss many days of instruction.
The 4 day week helps to create a better more structured learning environment and keeps the students fresher.
I am not in a classroom setting to know.
Students are more rested and ready to learn.
I think it's good for the kids.
Most students miss Fridays anyway.

The student's seem more rested and ready to learn after a 3 day weekend.
I think the students do well with the 4-day week because I think the three day weekends that are provided for them helps them reset mentally and be prepared to come back on Monday. Having these three day weekends you can see how rested the children are and how ready they are to come back to school to learn the new activities for the week.
Students are able to have dr appts on Fridays, they like having more time to finish work in class during the longer days.
I think that kids are not as overwhelmed by such a busy week. They get to have that extra day to rest and get ready for the next week.
The poor attendance rate has everything to do with COVID and not the 4 day week. I wouldn't mind a little bit longer day for Elementary to have a little more time for learning however.
N/A
Very good indeed. thanks
Most of our students are older so there is not the concern about what a working parent will do for child care as there are with the younger kids. Since there are already Friday special classes at the High School might look at having an activity for younger aged kids at their school or at the high school to cut down on heating and lighting other costs for a building being open. it would allow teachers at the other schools to pick up another day/extra pay
I does not work for all students. I have a student that need the consistent routine.
The schedule has worked well for the students. They are eager to learn and excited to be in school. I have seen a lot of growth in student learning.
The students seem to be more rested and ready to learn.
In Pre-k we have always done a 4 day week but for other grade levels it is different.
With teachers missing less the students get better instruction than if Subs were there. It also gives their parents a day to schedule their appointments so they do not miss.
Students have become used to coming only 4 days a week. When we have classes on Fridays most of them won't even come. I believe that if they have to come for 5 days a lot of them will miss at least 1 day of the week.
Many parents in the community have made it a point to tell me they love it.
The student behave better and they have the chance to attend Friday program.
These kids need a traditional 5 day week in the building. There has not been enough attendance to justify the current Friday program.
I feel that students are more focused during the school week.
Focus increased in tasks.
Students say the day is a bit long, but they don't want to ose their 3 day weekends.
Farmers
I am sure the students love having the extra day off. They can't tell a difference is lost learning hours.
I've seen a huge improvement with attendance
The kids seem to really like the 4 days
They really like having a 4 day week. and I think it helps them to work everyday with out getting too tired.
I'm not very sure about this answer but seems to be working here
Student have more time to catch up on work and to recoup for the following week.
I think the schedule is working out perfect for my 5 and 6 year old who also attend Parkview
I think the Friday offerings are great opportunities for our students.
They have enough time to regroup.
They like Fridays off.
Students were on their schedule and went with the flow.
So many students are already missing a phenomenal number of days. It would be even worse with a five-day week

They really pushed the Friday programs as part of the 4 day week. No students, or hardly any are showing up for those programs on Fridays.
The schedule has worked well and at first the day seemed a bit long but we all adjusted well.
Because It offers extra curricular activities for the students to do and most students I have asked talk about how Fridays help them to catch up with missing assignments.
The teachers teach students the same
Students were missing a lot of Fridays anyway especially during COVID. This week we all had school on Friday and several students stated that they were not coming.
For the students that attend school regularly, I believe the schedule is a good one. For children that do not attend or who do not log on to distance learning or therapy, the four-day or five-day schedule does not work.
Kids are resilient. They generally appear to love no Friday school, but have voiced that the days are longer
This is a case where it does for some and not for others.
Students will miss less of school, if there is a four day schedule put in place. This makes it easier on parents to schedule appointments and or athletics on Fridays.
Students need time to be kids. Go outside, go explore, go do something that doesn't require grading.
I think it helps students attendance
Elementary students seem to enjoy staying in school for a longer period of time.
Students have more time to work with their projects at school especially in our Elective Classes.
Students like the schedule and the amount of in class learning time is working well. Even the athletic students have adjusted to the later after school practices.
Students come back rested and less frustrated.
I think that the students and the parents like having a three day weekend. Four days on and three days off leaves a lot of down time. I know many of my kids are not participating in any academic activity on those three days. ouch
The option for kids to go on Fridays or not is an advantage and can get into other activities..
Students seem rested, motivated, and less stressed.
I feel like a year in a setting will determine if it is working. How ever with all the Covid issues we have to deal with (students missing so many days due to 10 - 20 day quarantines) This year is hard to determine. So I think more time will be needed to make a good feel of it.
Increase productivity
Students get disengaged by having 3 days off

## What is your preference for the 2022 - 2023 school year?

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Any additional comments?

I really don't have much of an opinion either way, but you didn't give a neutral answer for the questions.
I tried giving extra homework for the weekends, and got pushback from parents. Also, when students are absent, one day is a greater percentage of the school year.
I think the district really needs to look at the needs of our kiddos and their progress or lack of progress during these past two years. I don't think any consideration from staff's feedback in relation to them in favor of 4 days because they like the extra day off should be considered with the committee's decision. Again, my personal opinion.
Coming to school on Friday when we have Monday off is very hard, most students do not attend.
Ease into school again after pandemic remote learning, more time to study in their own way, extracurricular activities are strengthened, etc.
Not at this time.
More PD time at the beginning of the year. People are drained and PD Friday's are not always a time people are in a good place to receive information, especially since they can't have prep time on those days as I understand it. I would love to see an extension of the beginning of the year convocation to 2-3 days.
In a dream situation, Fridays would be mandatory for the students and that is when they could do the counselling pullouts and tutoring.
It worked quite well for students and staff.
I think we haven't given it enough of a chance to change it. We really need to get our programs up and running without COVID distractions to see if it is as effective as we expect.
I think that consistency is important for employees and students alike. I feel like taking away the 4 day would hurt both employee and student morale.
None
As a new parent to a baby it's nice to be able to spend more time and watch her grow.
I think the 4 day work week also makes sense with Covid . The less they are in person the better . Some may think Covid affects learning time but if kids are together more the more Covid outbreaks we will have .
I feel that in order to see the benefit or failure you need to give it time to see results. There hasn't been enough time.
Would it be possible to go 4 weeks in December and start later in January. December 2021 there were only 3 weeks between Thanksgiving break and Winter Break and January can be a gets long for students.
If the 4 day continues we need a strict attendance policy to make sure student come and stay in school.
Thank you for asking!

I would love to stay on a four day week.
The 4- day school week for me is better to both teacher's schedule and student's schedule. I as a teacher is more productive and even in the case of the students. Students performances are a lot better compared with the 5-day week.
It is good to have the day off for appointments.
I hope the schedule stays the same as the 4 day week is very beneficial.
I hope we will give this another few years to see how things go!
My only complaint is that we (Pre-K) have lost our planning day and I would love to have access to the building on Friday to catch up on planning. 🍊
With the 4 day week, I would like to propose changing some of the extra programs to Fridays to leave the 4 days for consistent learning time. For example, I would like to see NDI, District Spelling bees, District declamation, etc. moved to Fridays so kids don't have as many classroom interruptions. The four day week should prioritize core curriculum and intervention time and all the fun extra curricular activities need to be after school or on Fridays. I also love having full days of Professional Development time for the teachers. They need to time for training, collaboration, and implementation.
No
None at this time.
I think it has worked out well for our district. It is also an incentive to attract/keep teachers that travel from out of town. It makes up for the salary difference of other districts that pay more than Socorro Schools.
With all the stress going on right now, I think that a 4-day week is better because it gives everyone a chance to de-stress. I also believe it is one reason so many teachers are here right now (teaching is very stressful at this time).
Truly it is hard to determine the impact of the 4day week accurately since COVID a sbsenses are still a problem. But it could also be said the extra day off is keeping those kids that are out from missing more instructional time.
We are living in very trying times. To have to come for 5 days would be exhausting and I believe teachers will begin taking more days off.
Deciding to keep the 4 day or go back to 5 based on the school data might not be fair this year because of the lousy attendance still. Many students have to miss days because they are in close contact. The test to stay has helped but that didn't start until late fall
The 4-day school week is very helpful to us. Please help us to have the same calendar this year. Thank you.
Nothing
The January schedule where we have Mondays off and hold classes on Friday really disrupts our Friday school schedule.
Four days
I just have to make more adjustments to my lesson planning for the 4 day week. I really appreciate the extra day to get my grading done and still have a 2 day weekend like a "normal" person. :)
I think the 5 day weeks that we have should be the finals weeks, the week before Christmas break and the week before school gets out, rather than the first two weeks of school.
Thank you for offering the room to provide feedback!
No
According to our informal student poll, they prefer the four day week.
No
The 4-day week was a great change. I think everyone has adjusted well and are enjoying it.
None
I think that at this time especially that the four day week it helps with so many students and teachers absent due to getting COVID or quarantining due to COVID that it is one less day for students to miss.
I know we are short some staff but I strongly believe that the reason we have personnel from other areas is because they want a four-day work week. It has helped us recruit personnel we otherwise would not have.

In other school districts that are in a 4 day work week they have received positive results. I feel this is a good plan for the schools, families and the community in general

This also gives teachers an extra day to plan for the upcoming weeks.

The morale has improved and the entire community is benefitting.

I hope the 4-day school week will be kept.

If we go back to the 5 day week, The salary base must be raised because teachers are taking changing careers and leaving the education business to make more money doing less work. (This includes myself)

4-day with adjustments. I would like to have one maybe two of the Fridays we have off be half days where staff can get together for PLC's, student discussions, unit building, etc. These could be half days but with NO students in the building.

I enjoy my job and I love all my kids on the bus as if they were my own.. Running the Friday route for Charter just gives me bonus kids!

My students are tired by 7th period. Many check out or just go missing regularly.

## II. Friday Programming Attendance

Date	SMS	SH S	PV	Total
Aug. 27	14	21	33	68
Sept. 10	25	56	38	119
Sept. 17	19	53	30	102
Sept. 24	23	46	34	103
Oct. 1	23	23	33	79
Oct. 8	46	52	32	130
Oct. 15	71	46	30	147
Oct. 22	conferences		21	21
Oct. 29	16	27	25	68
Nov. 5	41	56	28	125
Nov. 12	PD Day			
Nov. 19	12	40		
Dec. 3	PD Day		22	22
Dec. 10	2	16	27	45

Homecoming (many students decorating floats)  
Balloon Fiesta (SMS)

Still waiting on sign-in sheets from RGE  
Day before Thanksgiving Break

No Friday Programming on December 17. January 14 is the next Friday programming day.

## III. COVID Numbers (as of noon 1/13/22)

COVID Positive Cases in Socorro Schools * 2021 - 2022		
Date	School	# of cases
11/15/2021	Socorro High School	1



11/15/2021	Parkview Elementary	1
11/16/2021	Parkview Elementary	1
11/17/2021	Socorro High School	2
11/17/2021	Sarracino Middle School	2
11/17/2021	District Office	1
11/17/2021	Parkview Elementary	1
11/18/2021	San Antonio Elementary	2
11/22/2021	San Antonio Elementary	2
11/29/2021	Socorro High School	1
11/29/2021	Bus Barn	1
11/29/2021	San Antonio Elementary	3
11/30/2021	San Antonio Elementary	4
11/30/2021	Midway Elementary	1
12/1/2021	Socorro High School	4
12/1/2021	Parkview Elementary	1
12/2/2021	Parkview Elementary	1
12/3/2021	Socorro High School	1
12/3/2021	Parkview Elementary	3
12/6/2021	Midway Elementary	1
12/6/2021	Parkview Elementary	6
12/6/2021	Sarracino Middle School	1
12/7/2021	Socorro High School	2
12/7/2021	Bus Barn	1
12/8/2021	Socorro High School	1
12/9/2021	Socorro High School	1

12/13/2021	Socorro High School	3
12/13/2021	Midway Elementary	1
12/14/2021	Socorro High School	2
12/15/2021	Sarracino Middle School	1
12/15/2021	Socorro High School	1
12/16/2021	Socorro High School	2
1/3/2022	Socorro High School	1
1/4/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1
1/4/2022	Socorro High School	5
1/4/2022	Midway Elementary	4
1/5/2022	Socorro High School	1
1/6/2022	Socorro High School	1
1/6/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1
1/7/2022	Socorro High School	3
1/10/2022	Socorro High School	5
1/11/2022	District Office	1
1/11/2022	Socorro High School	3
1/11/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1
1/12/2022	Socorro High School	3
1/13/2022	Bus Barn	2

#### IV. COVID Vaccinations at School

Students received their second COVID vaccination on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 69 students get their first Pfizer COVID vaccine on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We went to San Antonio Elementary, Midway Elementary, Parkview Elementary, and Cottonwood Valley Charter School. Thank you, Nurse Tasha, for administering the vaccines with love and compassion!

#### V. Nusenda

We received the Nusenda Community Rewards grant for \$4,000. The money will be split between Warrior Wellness Coalition and Staff Appreciation Week.

#### VI. English Language Arts Adoption (K-8)

Update: Our middle school committee has selected 2 publishers to have staff and community review and score: My Perspectives (Savvas) and Amplify ELA (Amplify). Our elementary committee selected three programs for staff and community to review: Into Reading (HMH), myView (Savvas),

and CKLA (Amplify). We sent the sample materials to SMS and Parkview for staff to preview and score. We will keep the materials there through the end of January, to give staff enough time to score. Elementary schools will use some of the PD day on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to score. The committee will review the comments and scores and decide on a recommendation that will be brought before the board for their approval.