

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: 2026-27 School Calendar

Date: February 24, 2026

Dept: School Committee

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: **yes**

Recommendation:

Discussion Action B – 2026-27 School Calendar Vote

I recommend adoption of the 2026-27 School Calendar as discussed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

Vote Tabulator

R. Hansen: Y / N S. Karunakaran: Y / N

D. Callaghan: Y / N R. O’Sullivan: Y / N

Al Charles: Y / N N. Mausolf: Y / N

P. Griffith: Y / N Action: _____



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Survey Input Summary: 2026-27 School Calendar

Overview

This summary provides an analysis of stakeholder feedback on the proposed 2026-27 school calendar. The data synthesized serves as a foundation for decision-making.

- A total of 1,495 stakeholders participated in this survey, including;
 - 1,183 community members
 - 312 educators.
- The grade level ranges of respondents were:
 - 75% of community respondents and 55.8% of educators were at the primary level, grades K-5.
 - 31-34% of respondents were at the secondary level, grades 6-12.

Question Analysis

Question 1: Which Labor Day weekend do you prefer?

Option	Community Preference	Educator Preference
Option A: Full day of school Friday, Sept 4 (Last day June 21)	51.2%	42.9%
Option B: No school Friday, Sept 4 (Last day June 22)	48.8%	57.1%

The Community data reflect statistical parity, with a 2.4% margin between Option A and Option B. In contrast, educators prefer Option B, with a 14.2% preference for the extended Labor Day weekend.

Question 2: Which conference dates do you prefer?

Option	Community Preference	Educator Preference
Option A: Thursday, November 19 (Late Conference Day) and Friday, November 20	62.2%	63.1%
Option B: Monday, November 23 (Late Conference Day) and Tuesday, November 24	37.8%	36.9%

There is high alignment for scheduling of Fall Conferences on Thursday, November 19, and Friday, November 20.

Question 3: Which schedule option for half days do you prefer?

Scheduling Model	Community Preference	Educator Preference
Option A: Consistent Day Each Week (e.g., all Fridays)	65.2%	46.9%
Option B: Mostly Consistent (mostly same day, some variation)	15.7%	22.7%
Option C: Flexible / Varying Schedule (different days of week)	19.1%	29.1%

While the "Consistent Day" model is the majority across both groups, over half of educators (51.8%) preferred models that include some flexibility ("Mostly Consistent" or "Flexible"). This suggests that while a consistent day (e.g., Fridays) is the most common, it may not fully align with the professional development needs or preferences of most staff.

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Franklin Public Schools Calendar for 2026-2027

August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
1st day - Staff				
31				

September

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		First Day - 1-12 Students	First Day - K Students	
	1	2	3	4
Labor Day	First Day - PK Oak St Students	First Day - PK Round St Students		
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
Yom Kippur				
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
	5	6	7	8
Indigenous People's Day				9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
		Veteran's Day		
9	10	11	12	13
			PK-12 Conferences	
16	17	18	19	20
			Thanksgiving	
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
				Christmas
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				New Year's Day
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
MLKing, Jr. Day				
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
Presidents Day				
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	PK-8 Conferences	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
			Good Friday	
29	30	31		

April

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
				2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
Patriot's Day				
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

May

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
Memorial Day				
31				

June

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
	180th Day			
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

July

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
				2
Independence Day Observed				
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

KEY:

Early Release times:
Middle School: 10:45 AM
FHS: 10:55 AM
Elementary Schools: 11:45 AM

Holiday - No School

No School

Professional Dev. Day

Parent/Guardian Conferences
Early Release Day - Students

Early Release Day - Students
Professional Development - Teachers