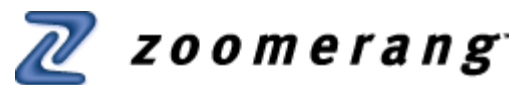


# Lenox Public Schools Calendar Survey

## Results Overview



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Welcome to the Lenox Public Schools Calendar Survey. This survey will remain active for two weeks starting February 7, 2011. We are asking Parents and Staff to respond to the following questions pertaining to our existing school calendar this year, as well as some general questions about future school calendars. Thank you in advance for your interest and time. We always want your input as we make decisions about our schools. Finally, please know that you will only be able to respond to this survey one time. After you respond to the survey, you will be locked out from responding again. This is done to ensure validity of responses. Your responses are completely anonymous. We have a subscription to Zoomerang, a third party survey service. Thank you. Dr. Edward W. Costa, Superintendent



1. This survey is for School Staff and Parents (adults only please.) Please indicate which group you are from in the choice box below:

Lenox School Parents		159	58%
Lenox Faculty & Staff		117	42%
Total		276	100%

THIS SCHOOL YEAR (2010-2011):

2. This current school year, we have experienced several snow days already. The state of Massachusetts requires all public schools to have 180 student attendance days of school. In Lenox, we build 5 snow days into our calendar. In other words, we make a school calendar with the required 180 days, and then we build 5 additional snow days (make-up days) on to the end of our calendar. This year, the last day of school (180th) day is June 14, 2011. If we have 5 snow days within this year, our last day of school will be June 21, 2011. If public schools exceed the number of snow days they build into their calendar, the state requires all days to be made up. In other words, schools have to make decisions on when to make up the additional days. Therefore, we have several scenarios. If Lenox Public Schools needs to make up additional days (more than the 5 snow days currently in our calendar), when would you like the days to be made up?




Make up the days at the end of June, starting on June 22, 2011 (which is the next available school day.)		158	57%
Make up the days during the April vacation (April 19-22).		48	17%
Add one hour onto each remaining day of school until all snow days are made up.		60	22%

Attend school on Saturdays in April until all snow days are made up.		7	3%
Attend school on Saturdays in May until all snow days are made up.		3	1%
Total		276	100%



FUTURE SCHOOL YEARS: These are thought-provoking questions. If any question receives large support- we will pursue discussion.

Lenox is like all other communities when it comes to our school calendar. We use a school calendar that has been used through the generations- that has its origins from an agrarian age when students used to help their parents on the family farm during the summer to gather and harvest the crops. This is how summer vacation in the school calendar got started. Times have changed over the decades. Very few of our students and families harvest crops in the summertime. Therefore, we have several questions about traditional school calendar breaks. These are general questions that will only give us information to consider. These question are NOT for immediate implementation. But, let's get the discussion started:



### 3. When would you like the school year to begin for students?

The week before Labor Day (August)		98	36%
The day after Labor Day (September)		163	59%
The week after Labor Day (September)		15	5%
Total		276	100%

### 4. Would you be interested in having our school calendar go longer than the required 180 days? This would eliminate the long summer without school for our children.



Yes		73	26%
No		203	74%
Total		276	100%
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### 5. Would you be interested in eliminating the annual week-long February Break (usually the 3rd week of February) during the school year?

Yes		116	42%
No		160	58%
Total		276	100%



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6. Would you be interested in eliminating the annual week-long April break (usually the third week in April) during the school year?

Yes		82	30%
No		194	70%
Total		276	100%

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7. Would you be interested in eliminating both the February week-long vacation week AND the April week-long vacation week and then create one week-long vacation in March?

Yes		133	48%
No		143	52%
Total		276	100%

77 Responses

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