

# Stamford Public Schools Public Affairs Office

## Memo

To: Dr. Winnie Hamilton, Interim Superintendent

From: Sarah Arnold, Public Affairs Officer

Date: 1/20/12

Re: 2012-2013 Calendar Option #3

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PT Council asked me to forward the following feedback on Option #3 regarding the 2012-2013 district calendar. It is based on 30+ comments on Facebook, emails, and discussions with Executive Board members.

As reported by Co-president from Regan Allan:

Most people liked Option #2A the best.

Some highlights:

1. Almost everyone felt that a Feb. break for 5 days is not necessary and a long weekend is fine. It is too soon after the Holiday break and there is concern that we need continuity before the CMTs/CAPT's.
2. Going to school for only 2 days over Feb. break is a bad idea. Parents and teachers who usually travel will rationalize that missing only 2 days isn't a big deal. Because of so many absences, school days those days will be filled with movies. Better to give just the Friday before and Tuesday for a long weekend.
3. Conservative Jews feel strongly about keeping 2 days for Rosh Hashanah.
4. Keeping in mind contractual obligations, reduce number of half days as much as possible. Tough for working parents. Also, on half days especially before vacations, no work is done in school. It's all parties and movies.
5. Three early release days in a row for elementary school conferences seems a bit much. An evening for conferences is needed.
6. Three built in snow days is sufficient.

Parents want the Board of Ed to be cognizant in their discussion that the majority of Stamford Public School families DO NOT go away for vacations. They take off time because they have to when their kids are not in school.

# Stamford Public Schools Calendar 2012-2013 Option #3



For emergency information, visit [www.stamfordpublicschools.org](http://www.stamfordpublicschools.org). This calendar includes 3 snow days. If the number of snow days exceeds the number of snow days provided in this calendar, the additional required snow day (s) will be taken from ----- moving ----- . Unused snow days will be deducted from the end of the school year. Approved by BOE ----. 181 days students/186 days teachers

No school  
  First/last day  
  Orientation  
  Staff Only  
  Early release  
  Open School Night

July-12						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

August						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29	30	31			

23, 24: New teacher orientation  
 27, 28: Professional Development (district-based)  
 29: Grades K, 6, 9 orientation/Professional Development (district-based)  
 30: First day for all students

3: Labor Day, no school    12: ES Open School Night  
 17,18: Rosh Hashanah, no school  
 19: MS Open School Night  
 26: Yom Kippur, no school

8: Columbus Day, no school  
 9: Professional Development (school-based), no school  
 10: HS Open School Night

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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December						
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January-13						
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February						
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24	25	26	27	28		

6: Election Day/Professional Development (district-based), no school  
 12: Veteran's Day, no school  
 21: All early release for Thanksgiving  
 22, 23: Thanksgiving Recess, no school

11, 12, 13: ES early release for report card conferences  
 21: All early release for Holiday Recess  
 24-31: Holiday Recess, no school

1: New Year's Day, no school  
 16: All early release, Professional Development (school-based)  
 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school

13: All early release/MS & HS report card conferences/ES Professional Development (school-based)  
 18, 19, 20: Winter Recess, no school

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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April						
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May						
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June						
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19, 20, 21: ES early release for report card conferences  
 27: All early release, Professional Development (school-based)  
 29: Good Friday, no school

10: All early release, Professional Development (district-based)  
 15-19: Spring Recess, no school

15: All early release, Professional Development (school-based)  
 27: Memorial Day, no school

19, 20: Tentative early release for students  
 21: Tentative early release for students and staff and tentative last day for students and staff