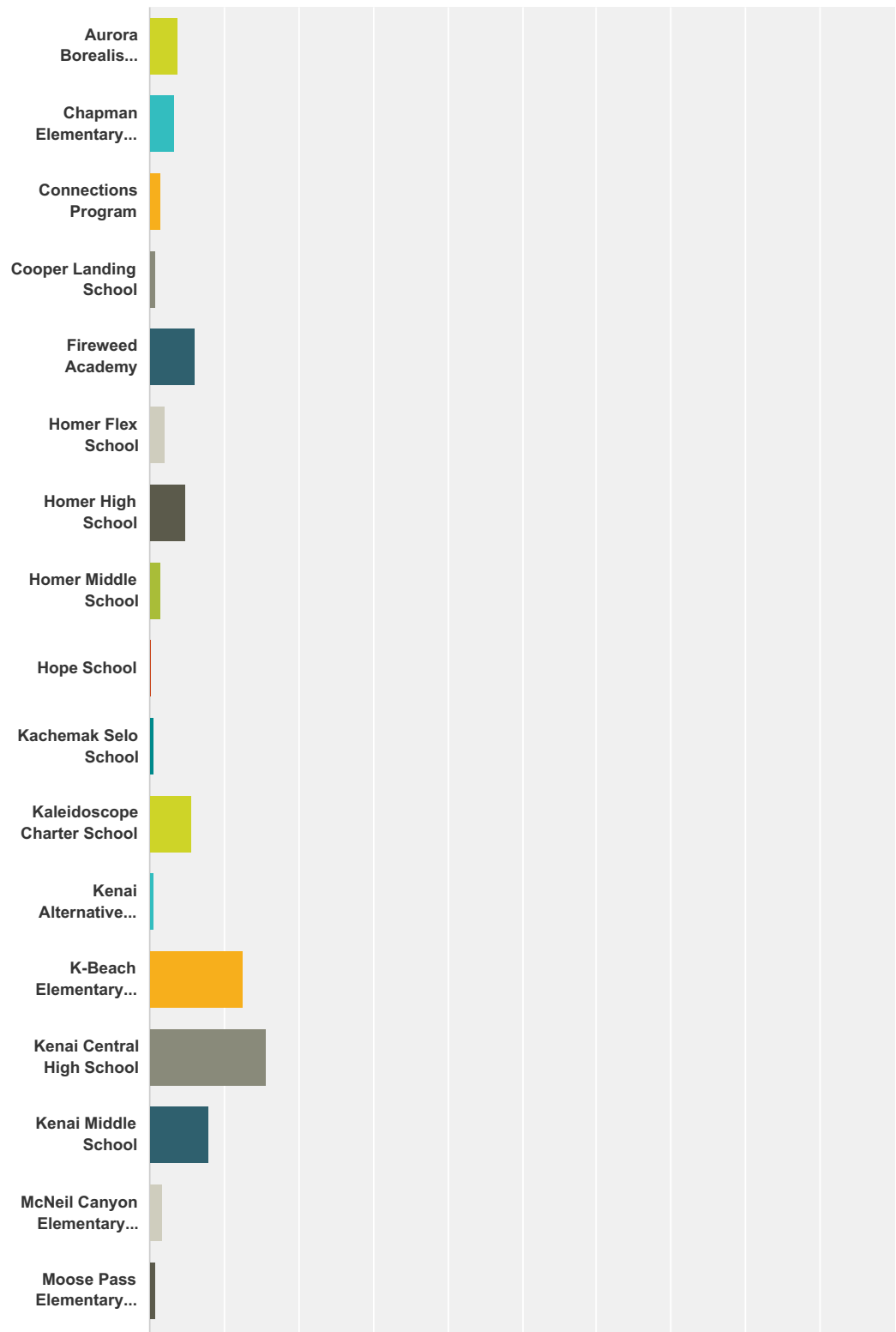
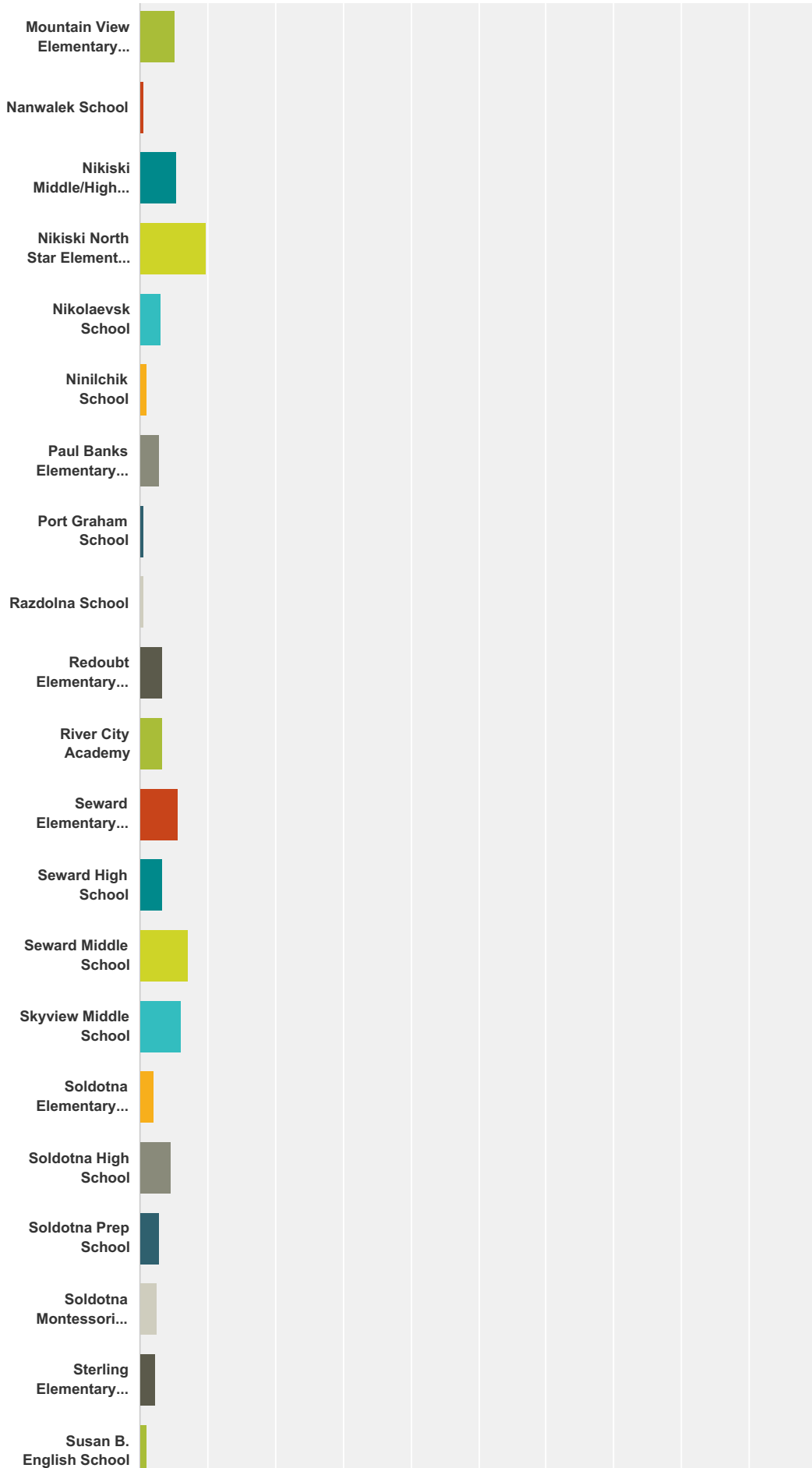


Q1 Please select the school in which your child(ren) is or are currently enrolled. *If you have more than one child in KPBSD, please select each school that your children attend.

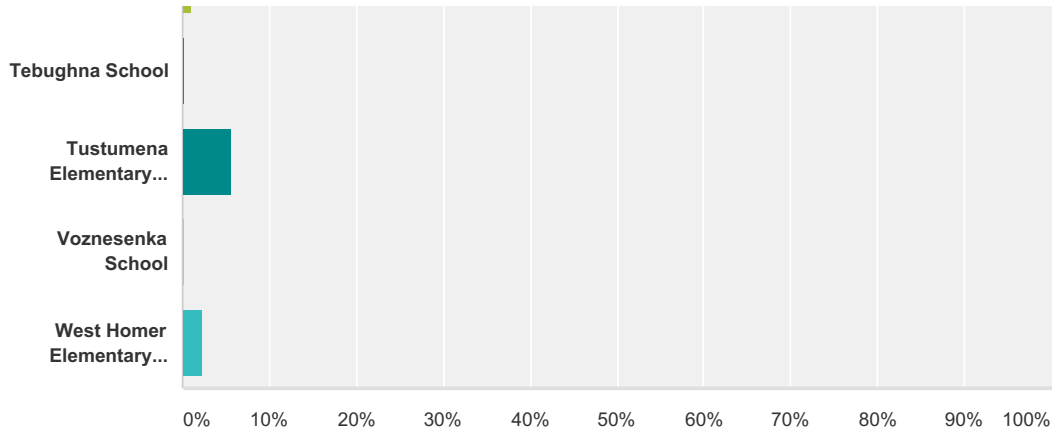
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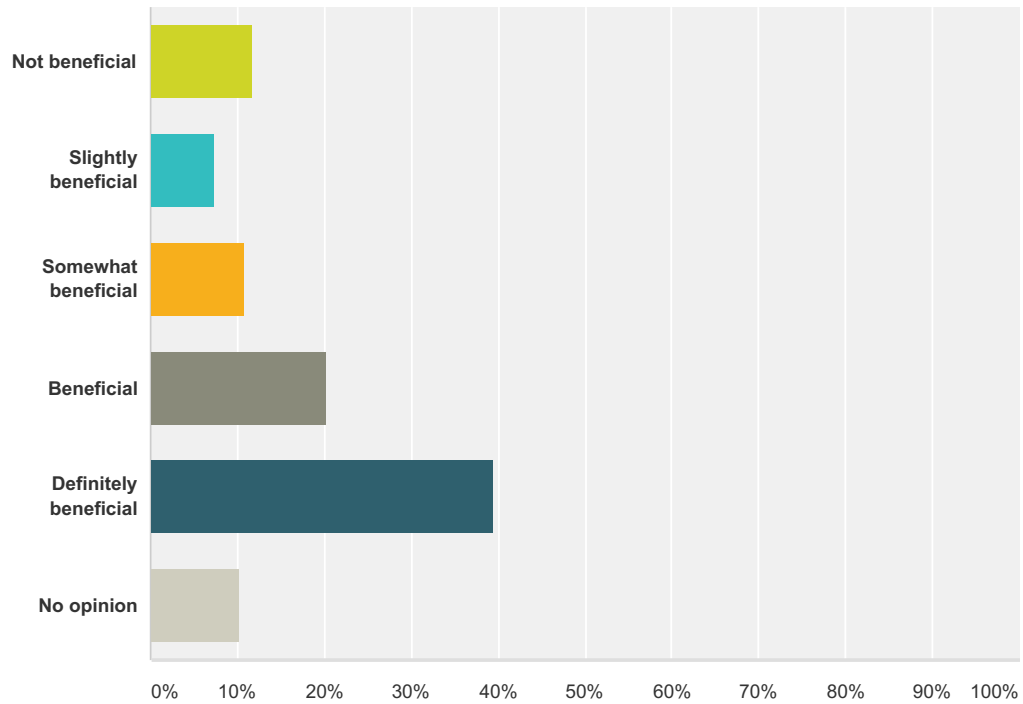
Answer Choices	Responses
Aurora Borealis Charter School	3.72% 13
Chapman Elementary School	3.44% 12
Connections Program	1.43% 5
Cooper Landing School	0.86% 3
Fireweed Academy	6.02% 21
Homer Flex School	2.01% 7
Homer High School	4.87% 17
Homer Middle School	1.43% 5
Hope School	0.29% 1
Kachemak Selo School	0.57% 2
Kaleidoscope Charter School	5.73% 20
Kenai Alternative School	0.57% 2
K-Beach Elementary School	12.61% 44
Kenai Central High School	15.76% 55
Kenai Middle School	8.02% 28
McNeil Canyon Elementary School	1.72% 6
Moose Pass Elementary School	0.86% 3
Mountain View Elementary School	5.16% 18
Nanwalek School	0.57% 2
Nikiski Middle/High School	5.44% 19
Nikiski North Star Elementary School	9.74% 34
Nikolaevsk School	3.15% 11
Ninilchik School	1.15% 4
Paul Banks Elementary School	2.87% 10

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Port Graham School	0.57%	2
Razdolna School	0.57%	2
Redoubt Elementary School	3.44%	12
River City Academy	3.44%	12
Seward Elementary School	5.73%	20
Seward High School	3.44%	12
Seward Middle School	7.16%	25
Skyview Middle School	6.02%	21
Soldotna Elementary School	2.01%	7
Soldotna High School	4.58%	16
Soldotna Prep School	2.87%	10
Soldotna Montessori Charter School	2.58%	9
Sterling Elementary School	2.29%	8
Susan B. English School	1.15%	4
Tebughna School	0.29%	1
Tustumena Elementary School	5.73%	20
Voznesenka School	0.29%	1
West Homer Elementary School	2.29%	8
Total Respondents: 349		

Q2 The school district plans to continue a minimum day for students up to six times in the 2017-2018 school year. This collaboration time gives certified teaching staff the opportunity to better meet the learning needs of our students. To what extent do you believe that the early release time for students is beneficial for teachers?

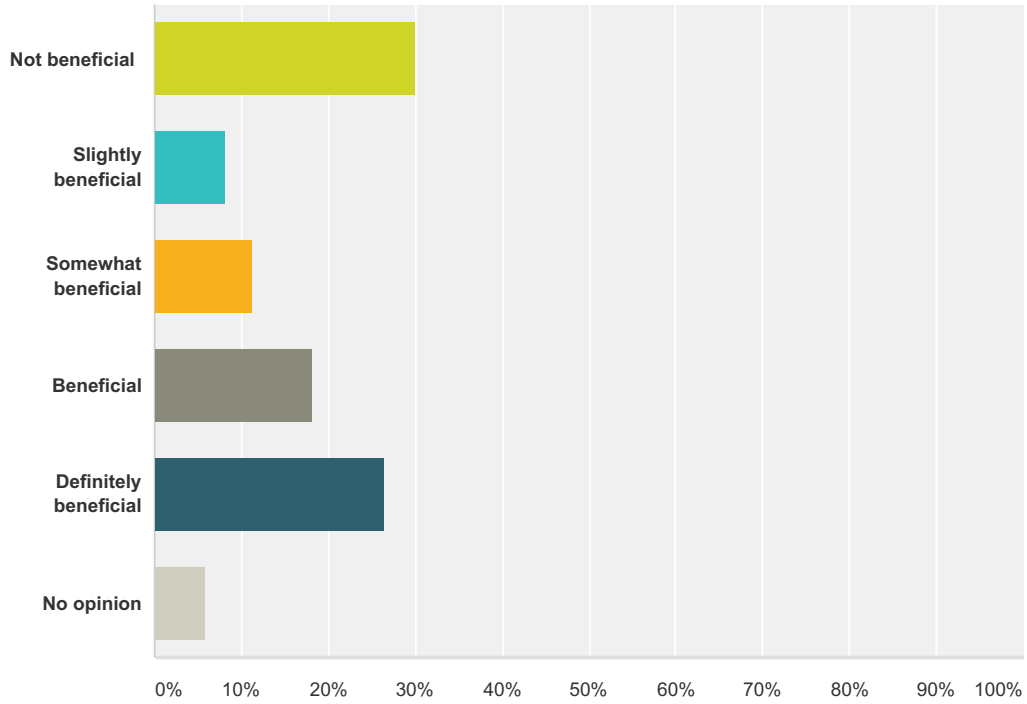
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Not beneficial	11.76%	40
Slightly beneficial	7.35%	25
Somewhat beneficial	10.88%	37
Beneficial	20.29%	69
Definitely beneficial	39.41%	134
No opinion	10.29%	35
Total		340

Q3 To what extent do you believe that the early release time for students is beneficial to your child(ren)?

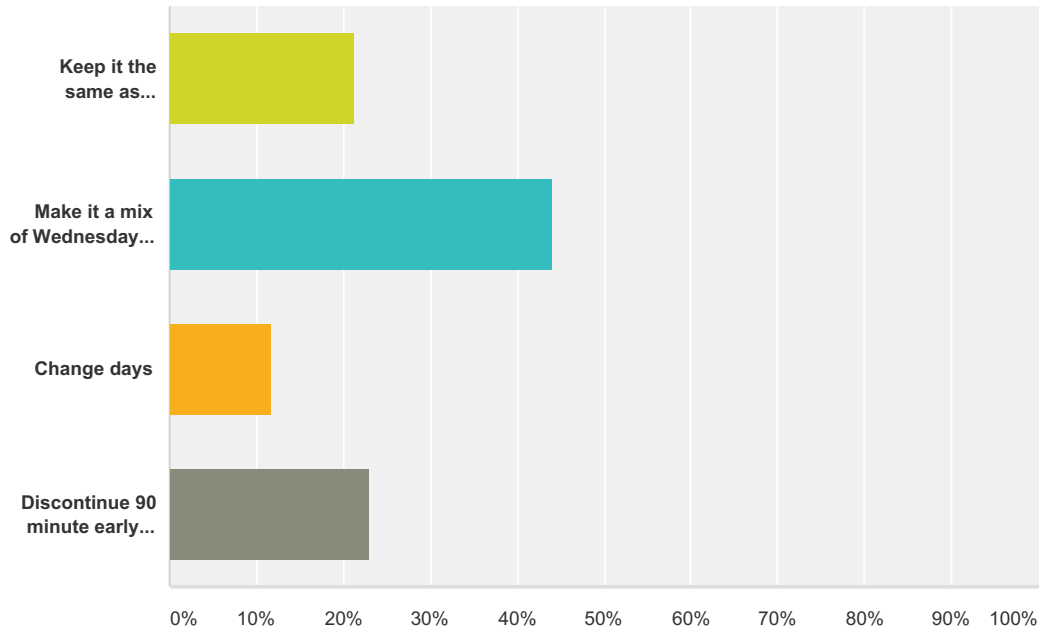
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Not beneficial	30.00%	102
Slightly beneficial	8.24%	28
Somewhat beneficial	11.18%	38
Beneficial	18.24%	62
Definitely beneficial	26.47%	90
No opinion	5.88%	20
Total		340

Q4 What is your preference for the schedules of early release days during the 2017-2018 school year? (On early release days the student day ends 90 minutes earlier than a normal school day schedule.)

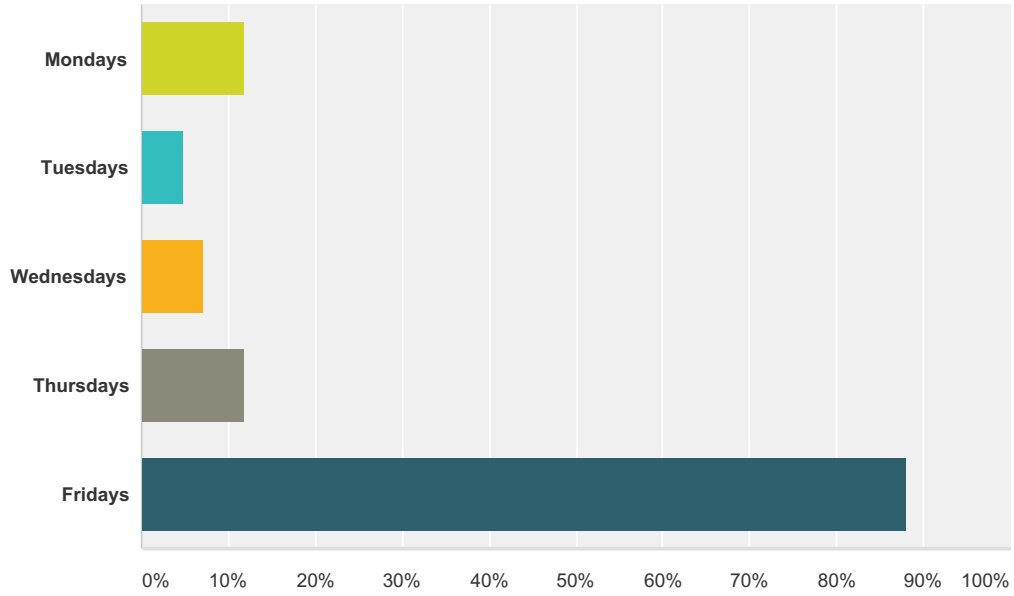
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Keep it the same as 2016-2017 school year (up to six days, all Wednesday afternoons)	21.26%	71
Make it a mix of Wednesday and Friday afternoons (similar to 2015-2016)	44.01%	147
Change days	11.68%	39
Discontinue 90 minute early release days for students	23.05%	77
Total		334

**Q5 Which weekday(s) do you generally prefer to have a student early release day?
Please select no more than two options.**

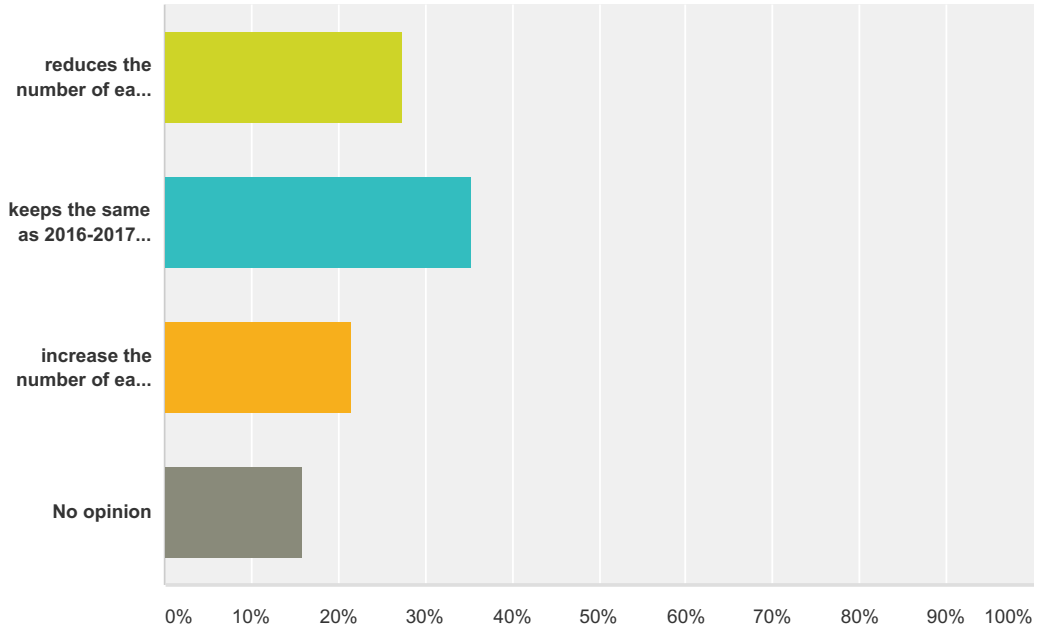
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Answer Choices	Responses
Mondays	11.90% 5
Tuesdays	4.76% 2
Wednesdays	7.14% 3
Thursdays	11.90% 5
Fridays	88.10% 37
Total Respondents: 42	

**Q6 What is your perception of the number of early release days in the 2017-2018 year?
I prefer that KPBSD...**

Answered: 334 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses
reduces the number of early release days	27.25% 91
keeps the same as 2016-2017 (i.e., up to six days)	35.33% 118
increase the number of early release days	21.56% 72
No opinion	15.87% 53
Total	334

**Q7 What could KPBSD do to make early
release days better for you and your
child(ren)?**

Answered: 189 Skipped: 160

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Answered: 189 Skipped: 160

#	Responses	Date
1	90 minutes? Why not change it to 1/2 day? That way teachers can really focus on catching up on tasks. And it would reduce the number of early release days. Given this additional time, Collaborate with local dance, cheer, gymnastics, bowling, sports teams, etc. to provide opportunities for fun and focused Clinics for the children to attend	3/10/2017 2:46 PM
2	My husband has to take time off work to pick up the kids from school. Friday is a better day to take off than other week days. I realize this will differ with each family - just putting in my two cents.	3/10/2017 8:37 AM
3	Keep them on the same days every month so they are easier to plan around. For example, make it the second Friday of every month.	3/9/2017 9:08 AM
4	alot	3/8/2017 5:54 PM
5	Nothing.	3/7/2017 1:59 PM
6	Either make them go to school or just give them the day off. As a working parent without child care due to finances it is easier to work with a whole day off than a half day. 90 minutes early is ridiculous!	3/7/2017 1:34 PM
7	Attach them to a holiday or weekend.	3/7/2017 6:05 AM
8	Have a study hall with computers.	3/6/2017 6:20 PM
9	I think the district should provide more info to parents as to what is being accomplished on these days. Many parents believe that teachers just go home early. I strongly oppose using Fridays for this purpose.	3/6/2017 3:40 PM
10	every other day	3/6/2017 11:03 AM
11	I think it is fine the way it is. My opinion is the benefits of early release days as not very evident except to the teachers, but I do believe that in this case, what benefits the teachers and their planning eventually benefits the kids.	3/5/2017 8:12 PM
12	Support a Boys and Girls Club in Homer after school by holding it in a school building.	3/5/2017 4:54 PM
13	Send out text reminders Monday that it is the week for a Wednesday early release.	3/4/2017 11:01 AM
14	A safe after school plan for children. Main concern is unsupervised kids on early release days longer period of time for kids to go on supervised and get in trouble before parents are home from work needs to be planned after school activity or after school program for younger kids	3/3/2017 2:55 PM
15	No opinion.	3/3/2017 8:24 AM
16	It was nice to have some of the early release days on Fridays. I certainly preferred that schedule.	3/3/2017 8:04 AM
17	You all are great	3/3/2017 1:59 AM
18	Eliminate early release	3/2/2017 9:09 PM
19	eliminate them. too stressful.	3/2/2017 9:27 AM
20	End them. They are inconvenient for parents who work.	3/2/2017 8:08 AM
21	Provide tutoring so that the kids could finish their school day doing school work. The kids should not suffer because administration fails to utilize inservice days appropriately.	3/2/2017 7:39 AM
22	Provide child care.	3/2/2017 7:35 AM
23	The early release days need to be held on Fridays for the weekend or they need to be on Wednesday when the students don't have school on Thursday. The students struggle on Thursday when they have gotten out early on Wednesday.	3/2/2017 6:51 AM
24	Schedule them on a regular basis. I would love an early release day every week.	3/1/2017 4:46 PM
25	I do not think there is a point in the early release days. I would rather have my children have the whole day off.	3/1/2017 11:05 AM
26	An increased length of time would be helpful.	3/1/2017 9:17 AM

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27	Make it longer times. 2 hours.	3/1/2017 8:43 AM
28	go to a 4 day 10 hour school week	3/1/2017 7:17 AM
29	Keep utilizing this time for teachers.	3/1/2017 6:58 AM
30	Allow collaboration with grade alike teachers within the building.	3/1/2017 6:38 AM
31	Continue the process...teachers need this time.	3/1/2017 4:27 AM
32	I recall taking a similar survey about 2 years ago. My responses here are the same as then. I have found very little transparency in what the mission and goals are for these events. If they do exist, how are they measured and what are the results? There isn't any data offered in this survey to help inform the survey participants. I would prefer the KPBSD reviews and reports out those aspects rather than solicit input survey data from parents in the manner offered (no goals or results). I have a son that graduated from SoHi in 2016 and a junior at SoHi today. I have not heard either one of them ever come home and say there were motivated or inspired by a SoHi teacher. Rather, they have been bored and see what SoHi for what it is, a political (Nolan Rose boldly bullying and hazing CIA kids from the basketball team despite their talent in order to groom the current crop of SoHi junior boys; football and hockey players bullying fellow students) and a drug infested environment that motivates them to leave as quickly as they can. I see little use for tax payer money to fund the continued training for "certified teachers" beyond items that go to the health and safety of the student body. Employees are responsible for their own careers; as nice as it may be to offer, employers have no duty in this regard. Let's refocus on who the KPBSD needs to be teaching. Hint, it's the students, not "certified teachers."	2/28/2017 7:46 PM
33	If you make them on Fridays we could plan 3 day mini vacations. Your school & staff are AWSOME,	2/28/2017 2:14 PM
34	Nothing.	2/28/2017 1:47 PM
35	I commented on having more release days because of the lack of professional development teachers, aides recieves throughout the year. I believe teachers use these days wisely and improve their teaching immensely when they have time to collaborate and learn new info at such meetings	2/28/2017 11:31 AM
36	very difficult for working parents	2/28/2017 10:52 AM
37	I would like to know *what* the teachers actually do during early release. There is not much communication back about what was accomplished. I would like to know that the teachers truly got to work on collaboration and it wasn't just a long staff meeting or some kind of mandated training.	2/28/2017 10:13 AM
38	I like the idea of Friday early release as it adds to their time off for the weekend.	2/28/2017 8:50 AM
39	Release earlier	2/28/2017 8:24 AM
40	Do them more often so the kids don't have to go to long boring school where they learn minimal amounts of info.	2/28/2017 6:59 AM
41	Release them earlier in the day; Fridays are nice for those wanting to leave town early.	2/27/2017 9:24 PM
42	I enjoy the early release days but am fortunate to be at home full time, so I appreciate the extra time with my kids and the extension to vacations. I know it creates a struggle for those with both parents working full time. Perhaps an alternating schedule of late start days and early release days and choosing dates that coincide with state holidays may help? I really appreciate when early release connects to a holiday or no school day.	2/27/2017 12:37 PM
43	It's difficult for parents to find childcare / take days off in the middle of the week. Fridays would be better (longer weekend) if early release needs to occur for teachers to plan together.	2/27/2017 9:24 AM
44	The early release days have been successful because it gives my son's teachers a time to meet and plan together in order to optimize learning.	2/26/2017 7:11 PM
45	Early release is disruptive to the schedules of both my family and business. My child would benefit from staying in school the entire school day and keeping a better formatted schedule. Thank you for asking.	2/26/2017 3:42 PM
46	Please discontinue. They are six more reasons why it is difficult to keep up with schools that operate without consideration to the majority of 9-5 business hours. Early start next year is another bad plan. Please try to envision what the child's day looks like with regards to transportation and after school care.	2/26/2017 1:52 PM
47	Discontinue early release days.	2/26/2017 1:19 PM
48	I hope students understand what the early release days are for, and that the whole school system stands to benefit from time well spent. I believe that students knowing that their teachers are taking this time to collaborate and work together for the betterment of their classes and the entire school community gives the students a subtle but powerful reminder that the teachers and staff really are there for them. I appreciate the time given for such collaboration and also the respect shown for the profession of teaching; I believe it in turn helps keep our local kids respectful of the profession. What could make these days even better for me and my kids is knowing that the teachers have the full support of the district to use these times effectively.	2/26/2017 12:57 PM

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49	Keep the same.	2/25/2017 9:20 PM
50	n/a	2/25/2017 9:13 PM
51	I like the notice early in the year, which lets me enter it on the calendar, , and reminders in time to make alternative after school plans.	2/25/2017 7:18 PM
52	Early release days are not beneficial to working parents.	2/25/2017 5:15 PM
53	Nothing	2/25/2017 2:24 PM
54	I appreciate the reminders both ahead of time and on the release days.	2/25/2017 12:50 PM
55	Reduce or eliminate early release days. It is very inconvenient for parents to find child care for those days and I find parents scrambling because they don't stay on top of the schedule. It might help the teachers have that 90 minutes extra for planning but it takes a lot of planning around for working parents.	2/25/2017 9:40 AM
56	Are the teachers really benefiting? Have the kids understanding of the materials increased? Maybe we could be told that info and it may influence how we respond.	2/25/2017 12:05 AM
57	Not have them	2/24/2017 10:11 PM
58	Instead of several early release days just change it to an entire day off.	2/24/2017 7:34 PM
59	Add more days to early release	2/24/2017 6:51 PM
60	After school activities or programs on those days.	2/24/2017 6:36 PM
61	I feel it would be better if early release days were on Fridays, but whatever day of the week works best for the school system.	2/24/2017 6:03 PM
62	Ensure that teachers receive updated children with disabilities information during the time, specifically how to facilitate them in their classrooms without harming the child.	2/24/2017 5:52 PM
63	Seems great to me if they mix Wednesday's and Friday's	2/24/2017 4:07 PM
64	it's fine the way it is	2/24/2017 4:06 PM
65	nothing	2/24/2017 3:27 PM
66	Nothing! We are very pleased with the positive impact it has on our school community!	2/24/2017 3:14 PM
67	Nothing... they do a great job of letting families know when the early release days are happening before hand.	2/24/2017 2:50 PM
68	n/a	2/24/2017 2:47 PM
69	Doing a great job.	2/24/2017 2:39 PM
70	I just would like to comment that early release days on Wednesday helps my daughter to have extra time for homework/projects. If taken on Friday I would feel that study time would be lost.	2/24/2017 2:27 PM
71	I do not believe early release days are necessary.	2/24/2017 1:24 PM
72	Make them on Fridays	2/24/2017 1:01 PM
73	Instead of early release, make it a full day off for students. More 3 day weekends would be tremendous!	2/24/2017 12:35 PM
74	How about "early-start" days instead? Run buses 90 minutes later in the morning. Because 90 more minutes of sleep benefits more students than a slightly longer, lazier afternoon. And if done on a Wednesday, I suspect astute teachers will notice several students in each class that are more focused and insightful from the additional 90 minutes of sleep and could then bring it to the parents' attention how much difference a little more sleep makes. I coach math at KMS and notice how even the most talented kids from the most supportive families decline in performance through the week as most of them fall behind on their sleep.	2/24/2017 11:21 AM
75	Let parents know in advance so we don't forget to pick up our children.	2/24/2017 11:19 AM
76	For staff development utilize the school time-off schedule (Christmas, spring break and summer) and incorporate staff development outside of the children school day.	2/24/2017 11:13 AM
77	Children need continuity and repetition in order to grasp subjects. Placing a shortened learning day in the middle of the week so that the teaching staff c	2/24/2017 11:03 AM
78	The problem it causes for my child is she is a afternoon pre k student. Early release days she has no school. So over the school year she is offered less school than her AM peers. I feel this should be addressed.	2/24/2017 11:01 AM
79	It's fine as is	2/24/2017 10:46 AM

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80	In-school suspension for some kids, Study Hall options with Tutors,	2/24/2017 10:40 AM
81	Maintain bus schedule to accommodate early release for students	2/24/2017 10:11 AM
82	n/a	2/24/2017 10:08 AM
83	KPBSD has done a great job with reminders, thank you.	2/24/2017 9:50 AM
84	You do a good job of reminding me on facebook. It works out fine for me.	2/24/2017 9:19 AM
85	NA	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
86	The current format works well for us, although I imagine B&G Club access for afterschool child care would be important to some.	2/24/2017 8:45 AM
87	Make sure teachers are using this time wisely to benefit them and the students.	2/24/2017 8:36 AM
88	Not have them	2/24/2017 8:04 AM
89	fridays	2/24/2017 7:50 AM
90	Put the educational time back into the students instructional Year. Teachers can still meet after school and get the same work done without losing the instructional time.	2/24/2017 7:27 AM
91	It really doesn't affect me nor my children.	2/24/2017 6:55 AM
92	What specific training that the teachers are receiving during the 90 break?	2/24/2017 6:14 AM
93	Certified staff and employees should not be taking time away from classroom activities to collaborate. I know we live in a very busy world, but 90 minutes should be set aside either before or after the standard full day. Many professions set high standards and continuing education requirements for licensure which must be met outside of normal paid hours. With the technology nowadays, mandatory online review/meeting/educational requirements and collaboration can be met through the many avenues available. Certified staff that also coach and have families can review the concepts at home, during their classroom prep, and perhaps before and after school. Please brainstorm and come up with a better way for staff to stay connected than taking the few precious minutes away from the kids who very much need structure and education. Thank you.	2/23/2017 11:05 PM
94	Make the early release on fridays. We have a lot of family in anchorage and we could leave earlier.	2/23/2017 10:51 PM
95	Personally, we are a home where both my husband and I work full time. The early release days are hard with our work schedules, I think it would be easier to go away with the early release days or just give them 1 whole day off.	2/23/2017 10:35 PM
96	It is not the response responsibility of KPBSD to "better" early release days. If the early release is truly of benefit to the teachers and staff, then we support this effort.	2/23/2017 10:25 PM
97	Activities for children during that time	2/23/2017 10:12 PM
98	Do not have them.	2/23/2017 10:10 PM
99	Explain exactly why they are necessary and how they are beneficial. What training are the teacher doing? What are they being tested in, how are the results measured, what will be done if they fail, when and how will changes take place when teachers fail. Hard to complete a survey without more information. Also, discontinue the use of pandora in classrooms that is not ad free, because my child doesn't need to hear election ads about abortion in third grade. I have no problem with music, but don't allow it unless it's ad free.	2/23/2017 10:03 PM
100	Not have them, an in-service day is easier to deal with, and teachers have time to ACTUALLY collaborate.	2/23/2017 10:01 PM
101	release at lunch time. Kids go back to school for 30 min. Seems like a hassle for everyone.	2/23/2017 9:46 PM
102	I'm sure it would help most families if it were on Fridays only. I can see that they are working very well already and I really believe that teachers need a little time at the school to collaborate with other teachers to better serve all students. I really think early release is such a great way for teachers to have that chance that isn't on the teachers own time.	2/23/2017 9:45 PM
103	As long as the teachers are working together to make the school better, I'm all for it. Like ways to really help my kids learn. If they are just grading papers or something then no, do away with them.	2/23/2017 9:38 PM
104	Move them to Friday's	2/23/2017 9:19 PM
105	I think that early release days are good so that teachers can catch-up. However I feel that a mix if Wednesdays and Fridays would be nicer because I would like a longer weekend now and then to do More things with my children without worrying so much about time constrictions.	2/23/2017 9:00 PM
106	Give teachers the time they need to better help our kids	2/23/2017 8:56 PM

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107	Fridays would be more convenient because then they have the weekend off.	2/23/2017 8:52 PM
108	earlier release sometimes	2/23/2017 8:24 PM
109	Just please keep the length of the release consistent all year. It makes it much easier to remember what time school gets out . Thanks	2/23/2017 8:00 PM
110	Make them late start days instead of early release days. Better for sports and teachers could be more focused.	2/23/2017 7:56 PM
111	Not mandate what the teachers collaborate on.	2/23/2017 7:47 PM
112	Midweek is ridiculous. End of week at least makes some sense for long weekend planning.	2/23/2017 7:32 PM
113	Change them to a later start time instead of an early out.	2/23/2017 7:24 PM
114	Help us understand the direct positive impact to students.	2/23/2017 7:19 PM
115	Have it on Friday's so that weekends can begin earlier, if the plan to continue early release days stays for 2017-2018 school year.	2/23/2017 7:07 PM
116	They should be spending that time learning	2/23/2017 6:59 PM
117	These are a waste of time. It's bad enough teachers have a lot of i service days off. They need to learn to prep on their own time also and not worry about the money aspect	2/23/2017 6:56 PM
118	It works out just fine for us, thank you	2/23/2017 6:55 PM
119	I'd prefer late start to early release.	2/23/2017 6:54 PM
120	I would like it to be Fridays if you have to have the early release days.	2/23/2017 6:53 PM
121	I don't feel there is much that can be learned in an hour and a half once a month. It seems more beneficial to not change schedules so irregularly.	2/23/2017 6:15 PM
122	First, as a parent I have never received any communication to the actual collaboration or what the teachers do with this time that is taken away from my child's education. Maybe better communication from the district on what is actually accomplished with this missed educational time might help.	2/23/2017 6:14 PM
123	I believe the school district does a good job reminding parents of these early release days. It is most difficult for parents to understand or be told what these early release days do for the children.	2/23/2017 6:11 PM
124	it was really hard when my kids were younger. Really makes no difference now.	2/23/2017 5:30 PM
125	Friday's are better than Wednesday's. My student needs as much class time as possible as they struggle to master reading.	2/23/2017 5:25 PM
126	Don't do it	2/23/2017 5:16 PM
127	Friday's would be amazing to have early release!	2/23/2017 5:13 PM
128	Get rid of them. They are a scheduling nightmare. Give the kids an extra day off and have a teacher in service.	2/23/2017 4:57 PM
129	Early release days are nothing but a distraction to students (sterling ele anyways) if the district continues to do this we will not send our kids to school on those days.	2/23/2017 4:38 PM
130	The middle of the week is a bad time Fridays arebest then the kids can have a little longer weekend and easier for us parents to make arrangements for care for their children.	2/23/2017 4:25 PM
131	Not much, early release days are necessary for teachers to take care of work that needs to be addressed.	2/23/2017 4:11 PM
132	I see no benefit to an early release for the students. Why is it that the teachers need all this extra time.	2/23/2017 3:57 PM
133	They work well now.	2/23/2017 3:24 PM
134	In my job, 1 1/2 hours once a month wouldn't make any difference. I think that extending the school year to accommodate 1/2 days (get out at noon-ish) would be better for teachers to prep or get caught up. There is no reason we need 3 months of summer vacation. Allow these teachers to prepare better lessons and teach our children with more quality and quantity.	2/23/2017 3:21 PM
135	The early release days are an especially nice break for the younger kids. Friday afternoons would be great to allow for weekend excursions. More information about what teachers do with their extra time would be helpful.	2/23/2017 3:10 PM
136	I think you do a great job of communicating the days, so its just a matter of accepting their importance to the staff and continuing forward. Not a big deal, in my opinion.	2/23/2017 2:59 PM
137	Keep it for Friday. Offer PTC M/T early in the week. It 's hard to get to and from school. esp. when buses don't run to your neighborhood.	2/23/2017 2:51 PM

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138	Pre-plan use of time with specific goals or products.	2/23/2017 2:24 PM
139	Why can we not have a late start or at least a mix of early release or late starts. By only have early release you are favoring certain families.	2/23/2017 2:24 PM
140	I believe doing the early release is not a positive thing. I believe giving the kids a full day off would be better for both teachers and children. Just not six full days off maybe just three. Children do not get a full class and the teachers are rushed. I do believe the teachers need there time to do there work on these day off.	2/23/2017 2:23 PM
141	Friday Friday Friday Or consider having a late start instead of an early release.	2/23/2017 2:14 PM
142	I think KPBSD could look into start times for after school programs (though I'm sure they're different for everyone) and if it would be possible to coordinate an earlier start time for after school programs with the early release choices, it could be helpful.	2/23/2017 2:11 PM
143	Make them an extra full day off not a partial.	2/23/2017 2:06 PM
144	Stop doing it.	2/23/2017 2:04 PM
145	Make it weekly. It takes more than 90minutes a month to have effective results coming from collaborative planning. Encourage collaboration between schools and not just within schools. We have lots to learn from each other.	2/23/2017 2:01 PM
146	I would love to see the kids get released from school 45 minutes to an hour earlier on these days. Nor only will it give us more family time, but it will allow for the teachers to have extended time together.	2/23/2017 1:39 PM
147	I understand the early release days are to improve teacher collaboration to improve teaching our students, six days sounds good it does not interfere with any of my work or home duties, thank you for your information	2/23/2017 1:30 PM
148	Keep up the good work!	2/23/2017 1:14 PM
149	They're fine how they are.	2/23/2017 1:11 PM
150	Things seem to be working fine as they are. 6 early release days seems reasonable.	2/23/2017 1:02 PM
151	If you are going to have early release make them on Friday when sports teams will be traveling anyway so students will miss less class time.	2/23/2017 12:58 PM
152	Eliminate them. Stop evaluating and training, and spend more time teaching Math and English skills	2/23/2017 12:56 PM
153	Offer a study hall or something for students to remain at school to complete missing work, or re-do assignments/tests.	2/23/2017 12:41 PM
154	It's very hard on working parents. Teachers do a lot in their non school hours during the school year to run a class room, and I thank them. But they also get a lot of paid time off. I don't get an extra 540 min to do my job, and I don't get summer, spring break and Christmas break off. Yet, as it is now, I have to find and pay for additional childcare so that they can have more time.	2/23/2017 12:38 PM
155	I think it's a waste of time. It's just get out of school early day.	2/23/2017 12:37 PM
156	Have a way to keep them at school so I don't have to miss work.	2/23/2017 12:35 PM
157	For me, as an parent, and someone who is studying to become a K- 8 teacher, I feel that I understand both parent's point of view, and the schools (teacher's) point of view. These half days are critical for teachers. They help educators to catch up with their lesson planning, grading, and allow for inter-staff collaboration, teacher development, and training to take place. However, there are some concerns that many parents have about the practice. First, Many parents work full time, and are unable to pick their children up earlier from school. It is sometimes very difficult to arrange a care taker for younger children. This can lead to either young children being left home alone, or loss of work, and thus money to support themselves, and their children. In some cases, 2 - 3 hours of work lost in a week can mean the difference between a child having a meal, or not. Secondly, I don't believe that parents in general don't understand why there are half days. In fact, I don't think the general public knows how much work these professionals put in beyond the hours they are paid for. Many parents see half days as loss of instruction time. It is therefore, my opinion that we need to do two things. First, we need to educate parents on the value of half days, meaning that we should spell out what "Teacher in-service" actually means. Secondly, we should have someone to supervise children who would otherwise be left home alone, or for who's parents can not afford to take the time away from work. If you have any questions regarding my thoughts, please email me at Sshanno2@alaska.edu	2/23/2017 12:29 PM
158	Remind parents of the EARLY RELEASE TIME on calendars, and in emails, letters, and other communications.	2/23/2017 12:25 PM
159	Early release days are inconvenient because we have to rearrange our entire schedule in order to pick up and supervise children not st normal times	2/23/2017 12:23 PM

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160	I would like to see actual numbers in some form that justify early release. It's great that teachers get (necessary?) training, or do whatever they do during those 90 minutes. But how exactly does that translate to helping the kids? Please compare to schools that don't have early release, adjusting for whatever variables. My kids have enough trouble learning all there is to learn, and as much as they (and teachers) would never complain about early release, depriving students of 9 hours of education from their teachers needs to be justified more concretely. I have never seen a benefit.	2/23/2017 12:14 PM
161	Stop having so many. It is a big disruption in the parents lives. We have to leave work hours early to be home with the kids. Maybe you could have the teachers stay after school for an hour to talk about	2/23/2017 12:09 PM
162	I there was a pattern such as the last Friday of the month. I hate the randomness of the days chosen to be early release days	2/23/2017 12:00 PM
163	cancel them	2/23/2017 11:54 AM
164	Make it friday so they get a longer weekend	2/23/2017 11:54 AM
165	Early release days are difficult for working parents. Increased childcare expenses or time off work add up. I don't see where this benefits my child. Fridays would work better, because it is at least an early start to the weekend.	2/23/2017 11:51 AM
166	I really appreciate the early release days. And I like how some of them are on Wednesdays prior to the end of quarter. I think it allows the teachers, of which I am not, the extra time to prepare for PTC. Please continue these valuable days.	2/23/2017 11:38 AM
167	Making them all Fridays	2/23/2017 11:30 AM
168	There are a hardship on single working parents or even a family with 2 working parents I would like to see them done away with. Teachers have in service days to do their "collaborating "	2/23/2017 11:30 AM
169	They mess up the parents that have to works schedule, and the children's schedule. I'd prefer there just not be scholarship t all those days.	2/23/2017 11:25 AM
170	Not have early release days.	2/23/2017 11:12 AM
171	Change them to Friday	2/23/2017 11:03 AM
172	Don't have the early release days close to other days that are off as it makes it difficult for working parents. Organize alternative activities for students to participate in on days where there are early releases, as again, it is difficult for working parents. Why not have the teachers meet up after school or before school and keep the students in school during school days?	2/23/2017 11:01 AM
173	Really up to you. They are really appreciated by my children when they happen with a long weekend. Thanks for asking, and for all your work.	2/23/2017 10:57 AM
174	Don't. Or if you HAVE to, make them Fridays or the last day before a long weekend. 2017/2018 starts staggered school starts, I'll have 1 student start 8am and 2 at 9am. My youngest, at a 90 minute early release, will be out of school at 1pm, on a Wednesday, per your current schedule. Having then out at 230 is already causing difficulties and major adjustments to working parents. How are they to adjust to a 1pm release for littles but 315 for bigs??? It's too much change at once. STOP! Besides, is there even evidence that teachers are effectively utilizing that extra hour and a half? As a parent point of view, I have seen no benefit for my students and only hardships for the parents	2/23/2017 10:53 AM
175	Make full days off for family travel. Minimum days have been combined in other districts to full staff development days which are easier on EVERYONE. Make Fridays only at the very least.	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
176	Please keep the focus on my children's teachers. Please ask THEM what you can do to make it most beneficial to them so THEY can continue to do an amazing job meeting the needs of my children.	2/23/2017 10:46 AM
177	I feel as though early release doesn't effect the kids directly, but allows teachers some much needed time to prep for their lessons and therefore the quality of their lessons increase. I wish it was moved to Fridays since a lot of children get pulled early on Fridays anyway due to sport functions.	2/23/2017 10:46 AM
178	A lot of parents work and early release is a hassle. I don't feel like when I grew up in this same district we had so many days off. I would like to see them go away or at the least be moved to Friday.	2/23/2017 10:40 AM
179	Have more of them.	2/23/2017 10:33 AM
180	Online courses/classes which students could continue progressing at their own pace while at home. A majority if not all of students have access to some technology to make this possible. Also suggest, summer school option for partial days or 2-3 days/week to increase progression of education. This could also be accomplished with online courses.	2/23/2017 10:20 AM
181	Change it to a Friday, it is more convenient to have early release at the end of the week.	2/23/2017 10:15 AM

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182	It does not have an effect on our schedules as my kids go to boys and girls club as long as they still open early and it helps the teachers in any way we are for it	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
183	Not have early release days. Or only on fridays.	2/23/2017 10:13 AM
184	Moving them to a Friday, for working parents having an early release in the middle of the week is a huge pain	2/23/2017 10:06 AM
185	I appreciate the early release days and know that it is critical time for staff wide collaboration. Personally I'd like to see early release days on Friday. I feel like mid week early release is almost like a "hiccup" in our schedule.	2/23/2017 10:05 AM
186	I like it for the most part the way it is. Friday's would be nice, perhaps once a month.	2/23/2017 10:04 AM
187	Make them of a Friday	2/23/2017 10:03 AM
188	Change days to end of the week	2/23/2017 9:59 AM
189	Middle of the week makes no sense. A Friday to give everyone a longer weekend would be best!	2/23/2017 9:54 AM