## Supplemental Information for the School Calendar Decision for 2024-2025 <br> Post Labor Day Start: Key Considerations

* Post Labor Day start calendar is same as Pre Labor Day start EXCEPT for start and end date; both have 11 Early dismissal days and are instructionally sound.
* 2023 Survey Report used cleaned open-ended responses only, because AI/Chatbot responses were received; thus invalidating the survey preference counts.
* Survey in 2022 was valid, with respondent identification required: Results were $68 \%$ preferred Post Labor Day start
* Labor Day is early in both 2024 and 2025: Sep 2 and 1 respectively; Post Labor Day start enables consistency with 2025-2026 school year. Many comments addressed desire for consistency across years.
* Stakeholders prefer Long Labor Day weekend and family time for students
* Kids first week back is 4 days, allowing them to ease into the school year
* Starting earlier in August cuts teachers' summer short and high heat index in August. Potential for increased air conditioning costs?
* Post Labor Day start enables more time for preparation of devices and other facilities efforts before school start.
* County Executive letters received both 2022 and 2023 citing family and economic impacts.
* Other counties have a mix of Pre and Post Labor Day starts; no clear data on academic differences.



## Post Labor Day Start, 2024-25



## Post Labor Day Start Calendar showing counts of PD and half days per month



## COMPARISON OF 2 CALENDARS

| Parameter | Pre Labor Day start Aug 26, 2024 | Post Labor Day Start Sep 3, 2024 |
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| Numbers of school days | SAME: 180 total student days; | 10 PD days; 6 snow days; Rosh Hashana holiday |
| Educators start | Current: Aug 20 New: Aug 15 | Current: Aug 26 New: Aug 21 |
| Last day of school | June 5 | June 12 |
| Preferences | Committee preference <br> Stakeholder preference Indeterminable in 2023 survey <br> Report analyzed comments due to Chatbots, etc. | Stakeholder preference <br> County Executive requests in 2022 and 2023 citing health of state income base, others Majority community preference in 2022, last valid survey Give admin more school prep time, especially technology |
| Other advantages, notes | More days before spring exams (approximately 2.7\%, <br> 2025 test dates not yet released) primarily effects AP students <br> No direct pre/post data available Other LEAs have a mix of starting dates | Family friendly comments received in survey, comments: <br> - Enables consistency with 2025-2026 school <br> - year with Labor Day on Sep 1, 2025 <br> - Labor Day is early in both 2024 and 2025 <br> - Long Labor Day weekend and family time <br> - Kids first week back is 4 days <br> - High heat index in August and air conditioning needs |

