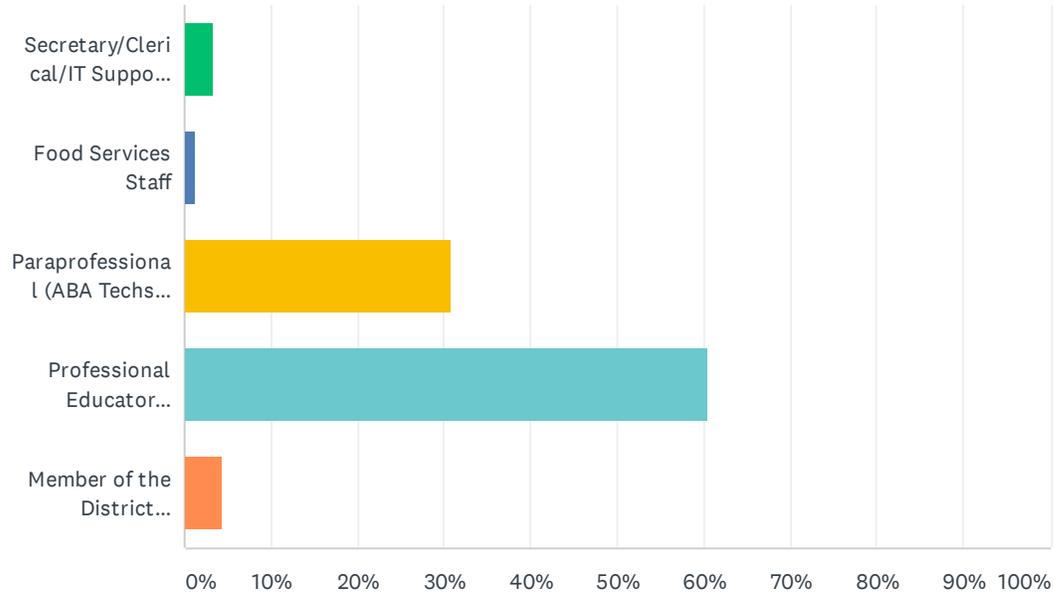


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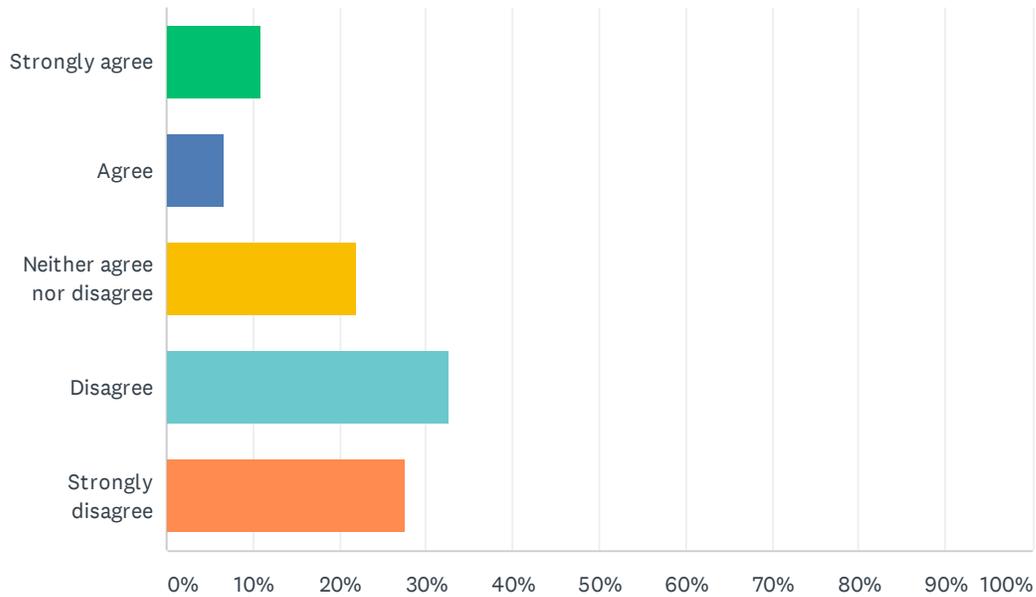
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Secretary/Clerical/IT Support Staff	3.24%	24
Food Services Staff	1.22%	9
Paraprofessional (ABA Techs, Aides, Tutors – member of the SPA)	30.68%	227
Professional Educator (Teachers, Specialists, Counselors, Pyschologists, Nurses – SEA Unit A)	60.41%	447
Member of the District Leadership Team	4.46%	33
TOTAL		740

Q2 The school district should keep April Vacation as scheduled for the week of April 20-24.

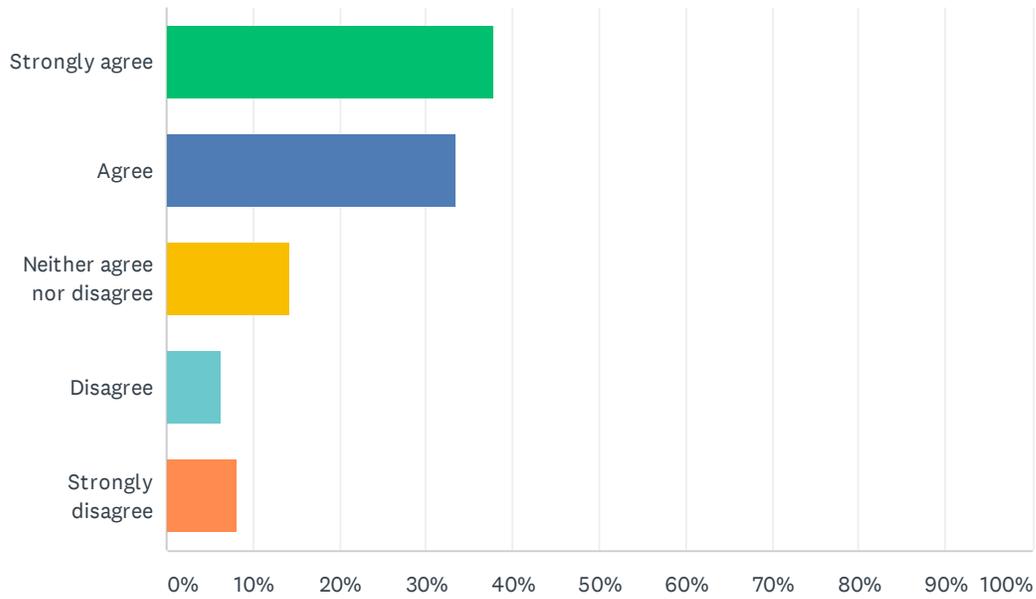
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	10.96%	80
Agree	6.71%	49
Neither agree nor disagree	22.05%	161
Disagree	32.74%	239
Strongly disagree	27.53%	201
TOTAL		730

Q3 The school district should change April Vacation and convert some of the days to learning days for students/work days for staff.

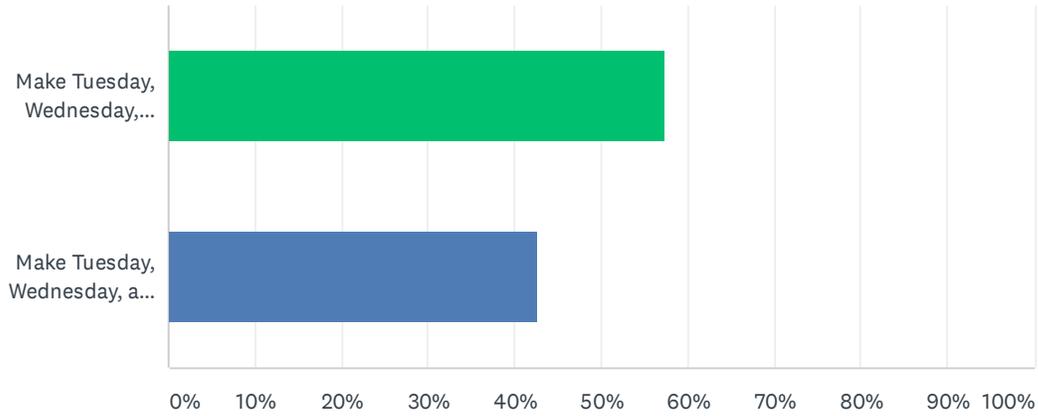
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	37.82%	278
Agree	33.47%	246
Neither agree nor disagree	14.29%	105
Disagree	6.26%	46
Strongly disagree	8.16%	60
TOTAL		735

Q4 If the school district changes some April Vacation days to learning/work days, I prefer the following schedule:

Answered: 713 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Make Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday learning/work days (4 days – last day of school would become Monday, June 15)	57.36% 409
Make Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday learning/work days (3 days – last day of school would become Tuesday, June 16)	42.64% 304
TOTAL	713

Q5 If you wish to add a comment or a question please do so here. Please note that comments/questions entered here may be included as part of a public document.

Answered: 156 Skipped: 584

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I definitely like the idea of pushing through April break, continuing the rhythm with classes that we have started to establish. My one reservation centers on seniors having an extra week of work.	4/8/2020 2:23 PM
2	Being a secretary, I don't have a strong personal opinion. I think its more appropriate for the teachers to decide.	4/8/2020 2:19 PM
3	Thank you for asking our opinion :)	4/8/2020 1:59 PM
4	Whatever is best for the students works for me.	4/8/2020 1:34 PM
5	I defer to Shrewsbury families. Whatever option is best for our students and community.	4/8/2020 1:13 PM
6	I'm really so torn and what I want the most is to be able to go back and see my kids before the year ends and they move on. I think it would be devastating to not see them again this year. So, if it meant taking April break, and getting more of a chance to see the kids, I would do that, but I'm worried that's selfish. I also feel like ripping them from a routine, by starting April break, as soon as they're getting used to it, could be detrimental.	4/8/2020 1:00 PM
7	I think holding "school" during April Vacation is best for our students to keep keep them connected and engaged	4/8/2020 12:08 PM
8	I'm all for summer vacation starting early, but I feel like the students have already missed so much! I'm surprised we aren't foregoing April vacation AND keeping the end date of June 19.	4/8/2020 11:30 AM
9	It's hard to go back for a half day on a Monday. I think Tuesday makes more sense and that more students will attend if we have Monday and Tuesday the last week of school.	4/8/2020 11:28 AM
10	This is a hard question to answer without knowing what learning will look like in June. If they are actual school days, I want them with my students. If we are still doing remote learning, then yes, let's end early. I realize we don't know yet and we won't know for a while, but I just wanted to explain my ambiguous response.	4/8/2020 11:23 AM
11	I know it is hard to predict, but if you think there is any chance we could be back at school with students in June, I'd rather leave vacation in place to maximize the days spent physically in person with students. If the chances are slim we'll get to go back, I'd prefer to keep working through April vacation. Thanks!	4/8/2020 11:17 AM
12	Since all students should be in their homes, I think having school work will help the parents.	4/8/2020 10:56 AM
13	My kid's school has canceled their break, so we might as well all be doing work/school at the same time.	4/8/2020 10:48 AM
14	Not a strong preference. But if we do work, let's do 4 days and get it done!	4/8/2020 10:34 AM
15	I am a full year secretary so it will not effect me either way, therefore I will let the teachers have their opinions heard.	4/8/2020 10:28 AM
16	In this tumultuous time, flexibility and adaptability is the key! Whatever you need us to do!	4/8/2020 10:27 AM
17	Thank you for making this an option!	4/8/2020 9:29 AM
18	I would really like a break. The transition to online teaching has been stressful. BUT... I'm not sure what I would actually do if I had a day off! So any solution works for me.	4/8/2020 9:20 AM
19	I don't know what I would do with myself for a whole week with this going on! No one can do anywhere anyway. It would be better to get out early in June.	4/8/2020 9:19 AM
20	Thank you for your continued support and flexibility! I am lucky to work in such a district.	4/8/2020 9:12 AM
21	I have been observing the staff's adaptations to the new distance learning, and the challenges that are being met. Having done my graduate work in Curriculum and Instructional Technology, I can imagine the time saturated with preparing, teaching , communicating, linking, assessing, and posting this way. I can imagine the frustration and stress that some families and students may be experiencing. The situation came upon us suddenly, and at first was overwhelming. On one hand, I sympathize and wish you all could take a break; on the other hand, I'm cheering you on, "Don't break your stride!" In the matter of 4 days, the teachers would still be working, so if the little vacation were to be given, maybe it would be a reprieve of some of the tasks, and	4/8/2020 9:07 AM

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they could catch up on others. I don't think it would affect me, either way: I work in the kitchen and café at Sherwood.—MaryAnn Smith

22	If we are going to return to school in May or June, I would rather take the time off now in order to be with my students for more days in June. I also feel like we have all been working so very hard to make remote learning work. I for one am emotionally, physically, and mentally drained and could use some time to relax, get off my computer, and recharge.	4/8/2020 9:04 AM
23	The new phase of remote learning has just gotten underway. Let's build and maintain momentum now.	4/8/2020 8:55 AM
24	I believe the children and staff are on a fluid roll. Oddly enough becoming comfortable with the on line schedule.	4/8/2020 8:40 AM
25	This has been tough on all of us, families and teachers. I think we could all use some time to revitalize. Family preferences should take precedence. The perception that we don't want to teach would not be good and could carry over to budget.	4/8/2020 8:32 AM
26	If we convert April break to work days, how would that affect my pay?	4/8/2020 8:32 AM
27	Teachers and service providers are working so hard to establish routines and learning expectations, stopping for a week would disrupt routine and for some students we would need to start all over (establishing routines, getting them to complete work/chek-in).	4/8/2020 8:31 AM
28	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	4/8/2020 8:16 AM
29	As an educator, I am emotionally spent. This is the hardest thing I have had to do. I have to balance taking care of, and helping/teaching my own school age children while I am simultaneously teaching my students. I have been counting on this spring break for the sheer fact that I can take a step back from my own work and can recharge. Administration always thinks about the students, but please think about the teachers who are teaching the students. I am planning lessons, emailing students (sometimes several times in an effort to contact them), attending many Zoom meetings, grading papers. And, as I am an AP teacher, I am attending AP Livestream review sessions, grading timed review writings and still spending my weekends planning lessons because I am unable to get it all completed during the week. So, I understand the incentive, but for once, please think of the teachers' mental health, and let us keep our spring break. *I did submit a survey, but accidentally clicked submit before writing the comments.	4/8/2020 7:58 AM
30	Thank you so much for reaching out to all of us to hear and consider our thoughts. You are doing an amazing job!	4/8/2020 7:48 AM
31	I'm a .8 employee working every day right now. I was looking forward to a break. But I'm stuck at home anyway - better to get some time off in June!	4/8/2020 7:39 AM
32	Thank you for considering this!	4/8/2020 7:36 AM
33	I support this move because I need to be paid instead of having the time off during this difficult time.	4/8/2020 7:17 AM
34	Thank you for asking our input.	4/8/2020 7:13 AM
35	My thought process is that the students/teachers have just begun the move to online learning and to continue the momentum would be a good idea.	4/8/2020 7:11 AM
36	As a parent to small children I would appreciate the week as I could devote it to my own children. As it stands my wife and I are trying to work our schedules around them and getting work done. I would like to have the week to give them the time they deserve without having to run off to my laptop everyday. This pandemic has been very disruptive to young children, I feel a week with just them, no work, would be extremely beneficial.	4/8/2020 6:38 AM
37	I lean toward just putting our heads down and finishing the year (teaching through April break); however, just like everyone else, I have worked harder than at almost any other time in my career, I can understand why people would like to keep the break.	4/8/2020 6:04 AM
38	I know the teachers and students could use the break to catch up on things, but I also think the remote learning helps families manage the time for their children. The June days are problematic for student focus in the best of times, so the trade off would be in my opinion worthwhile.	4/8/2020 4:04 AM

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39	I feel that we have missed so much school as is. We have a good momentum going with the students and their learning online. Another reason is that everyone's trips have been canceled and people shouldn't be traveling. Thanks for listening, David	4/8/2020 12:18 AM
40	I'm disappointed that April vacation is even a question. By having this up for discussion, it makes me feel like someone is saying, "you've already been on a pseudo-vacation so why do you need another?" This whole mess that we are in feels like ANYTHING BUT a vacation. I have worked for days straight without weekends, I have worked 12 hour days, I have called, emailed, zoomed, created new materials, learned new technology, made plans and then change them and made new ones with little-to-no turn around time, I've been forced to ignore my own children/family, then zoom some more, all while reading pages and pages of ever change guidelines and protocols. And I believe I am in the norm right now. I have heard the district say things like, "take care of yourself", "your well-being is important", "take care of your family", but then I get an email asking about an already scheduled vacation. Being asked whether or not I WANT a break, seeming like the the leadership doesn't think I NEED or even DESERVE a break, seems like a punch to the gut. Maybe a different question we should be asking ourselves is, "if we don't have the scheduled break, how will the mental health and well being of all stakeholders withstand the remainder of the year?", especially given the very real possibility that distance-learning will be our norm beyond May 4th. In addition, for many SPS employees vacations are a time to get "caught up". Many of us use our vacation time to further plan, grade, grade some more and professionally develop amidst "taking a break". I believe April vacation is still needed for these things too, maybe more than ever. I understand that this questionnaire might seem harmless and is probably just meant to be a way to gather insight. I also understand that I may be in the minority with my feelings. However, that does not change my very deep disappointment in being asked the question in the first place. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts. Best of luck in your decision-making. I do not envy your job and I do appreciate the very hard work you all have been doing. YOU deserve a break.	4/8/2020 12:09 AM
41	Thank you for your support of the paraprofessionals during this unprecedented time. We greatly appreciate it!	4/7/2020 11:40 PM
42	Missing our students ☹️ Be Well warm & safe	4/7/2020 11:13 PM
43	I would rather have days with the students in June. Does this mean you are thinking we won't be back?	4/7/2020 10:31 PM
44	The children I believe need structure of school. Even if online it's still important to keep children engaged since we already at home. Maybe we could have lower expectations or no homework but definitely good to keep them active/engaged in some way.	4/7/2020 10:09 PM
45	Students are just getting into the routine of at-home work. Continuing that schedule would be best for the students.	4/7/2020 9:58 PM
46	Those of us with young children are already pushed to the brink in caring for them, plus the duties of the job. A break from the duties is welcome-for students and families in the district who are struggling now. You will never please everyone, but I am respectfully asking that the vacation remain a vacation for the mental health of all .	4/7/2020 9:36 PM
47	I think that it sends a negative message to the community if we have a vacation. I think it also is a disservice to the students who are just beginning to have a rhythm and schedule to their lives. And I do not think we will be going back on May 4th.	4/7/2020 9:35 PM
48	Thank you for considering this and for all the work you are doing for us and our students!	4/7/2020 9:34 PM
49	I feel we should use the vacation days as teaching, learning days for the schools . We have finally reached a good point of accountability for the students and teaching and learning curriculum for the paras and students. I feel we should continue with the momentum as it stands now. As we all know the last few weeks of school (in June) the kids aren't interested in working, studying or testing (exams) because the schools are hot and uncomfortable. If we can get out earlier than the already set June 19 th it would be beneficial I think ...	4/7/2020 9:17 PM
50	As a teacher, I am currently not only creating multiple assignments to be pushed out to my students, but then reviewing and giving feedback on these submitted assignments, as well as responding to multiple emails, participating in multiple weekly ZOOM meetings, AND currently doing Report Cards! It's a LOT OF WORK. I failed to mention I am also playing teacher to two of my elementary-aged kids every morning. I believe we need a mental break during the week of April vacation. I need time to shut down & tune out work, although I absolutely know I'll be using some of those "vacation" days to catch up on the work I've asked students to submit.	4/7/2020 9:14 PM

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Aside from that, to be completely honest, I would much rather have a week at Oak in mid-June than have another week of this unfortunate situation called remote learning.

51	I appreciate being asked, thank you! Whatever you choose, we will soldier on :-)	4/7/2020 8:58 PM
52	I feel as though these work days will keep some kind of normalcy for both students and teachers.	4/7/2020 8:57 PM
53	In my opinion, the students already had some downtime while the district was developing an academic plan. In addition, we just started getting the students on a somewhat consistent schedule. To impose a vacation, I feel, would not be beneficial.	4/7/2020 8:53 PM
54	We are already in a shelter in place and it would help students to some continuity with the online learning format.	4/7/2020 8:53 PM
55	I personally believe that with students missing so much classroom time already.. It would be best to continue to be there for our students the best that we can until the pandemic is over with!	4/7/2020 8:49 PM
56	I think the students have had a lot of disrupted disrupted learning. With remote learning just getting up and running I believe they would benefit from the forward trajectory.	4/7/2020 8:48 PM
57	I will support whatever works best for teachers and families. However, I see a benefit of using 3 days of April for learning and making 3 more days available for summer enjoyment. Hopefully that will be a time when we can all return to our normal routines.	4/7/2020 8:47 PM
58	In my opinion, we are just starting to get the students on a somewhat consistent schedule. I feel it would be a step backward if we implement a full April vacation.	4/7/2020 8:44 PM
59	If we are on stay home orders anyway it would be fine to work	4/7/2020 8:39 PM
60	I am concerned that the seniors will not complete work during April vacation. We are trying to keep them engaged and I feel that many students will be frustrated with this decision.	4/7/2020 8:39 PM
61	For the high school, the arrangement of the current weekly remote learning schedule would create some inequity between classes meeting if we opted for the Tuesday-Friday learning/work days. Therefore, the proposed Tuesday-Thursday week would mean that each class would meet for 30 mins that week, which would allow for more consistency between classes.	4/7/2020 8:35 PM
62	What would this mean for seniors?	4/7/2020 8:35 PM
63	I'd like to keep the momentum of learning routines going. Many students expressed boredom before remote learning, and I'm sure they, like me, would rather be working on school while the social distancing is still ongoing and have more time off when chances are better for us to be out of the house. Additionally, the time would be better for my AP classes than extra days in June.	4/7/2020 8:27 PM
64	The past few weeks have been extremely stressful- a steep climb- unhealthy. April break is much needed for the sanity and mental health of teachers.	4/7/2020 8:19 PM
65	I feel we are gaining momentum with remote learning. Why pause that. I also don't feel we will be returning to school so if it is all going to be remote learning, we mine as well get it done now.	4/7/2020 8:17 PM
66	I find this working from home with a child very stressful. I'd like April vacation because it would be a break from the "grind." If we're going back to school I'd like to work over April break so I get that time back with my students in June. But I don't think we're going back (although I'd like to!). In that case keep break. It's a tough call and dependent on so many things. I'll support the school system no matter their decision.	4/7/2020 8:13 PM
67	I am fine with whatever is decided.	4/7/2020 8:09 PM
68	This has been a schedule adjustment for everyone. Eliminating April vacation would allow for continuity with our new schedule and routines, especially for our students.	4/7/2020 8:08 PM
69	I would work all of April break and have last day Friday instead of coming back on Monday. I think the students have just started to get into remote learning groove so let them continue.	4/7/2020 8:04 PM
70	Don't end with a half day on a Monday. Attendance would be poor.	4/7/2020 7:58 PM
71	If these were work days would that change our last of school?	4/7/2020 7:56 PM

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72	As the students become more and more accustomed to the required assignments put forth recently with due dates. I feel the interruption or break in assignments will further hinder the learning process. As seen year after year, the later school adjourns for the year, productivity and attentiveness decrease.	4/7/2020 7:49 PM
73	It makes sense. We are getting on a roll with distance learning. Why stop it for the week when we can keep going and just be done earlier in June	4/7/2020 7:49 PM
74	1. No one can travel/vacation during this scheduled vacation so working would be ok as we have been off. 2. On the opposite side of the coin, maybe a break is needed however I hope to have some closure with students and don't want to end the year too soon.	4/7/2020 7:48 PM
75	I do not want to trade days now that will definitely be remote learning days just in case we can go back and have those last days be in person learning days.	4/7/2020 7:47 PM
76	Remote teaching is very time consuming and I am having a difficult time keeping up with family and personal well-being. I'm working on the weekends on schoolwork as well...	4/7/2020 7:47 PM
77	Why not do school over April vacation. We are stuck at home anyways. If we do return to school getting out sooner when the building gets hot sounds good. Though in the flip side if we do go back staying in school til the 19th means more face time with students. So I am okay with that too.	4/7/2020 7:44 PM
78	I would like the time during April break to teach AP content. I think the kids are now getting into a routine of working and this is good for them.	4/7/2020 7:44 PM
79	As teachers try to navigate this challenging situation and support students & Shrewsbury families the best we can, it would be really nice to be able to take a week away from all of the emails, planning, and virtual meetings to spend time with our own immediate families who are ultimately neglected during all of this. Regardless of the decision made, thank you for considering employee/staff preferences and sending out this survey!	4/7/2020 7:37 PM
80	Either option in #4 would be fine with me.	4/7/2020 7:36 PM
81	Thank you for asking for our feedback and for all that you are doing.	4/7/2020 7:31 PM
82	I work for longer hours at home than usual school days. I really need a real break in order to have a few real relaxing days. Thank you!	4/7/2020 7:30 PM
83	I think a pause would be counter productive. By that time students and teachers will have momentum and another interruption will slow things down.	4/7/2020 7:29 PM
84	Great idea!! All for it!!	4/7/2020 7:26 PM
85	Thank You for all you are doing for the well being of our district. I'm so proud to be a member of the SPS!	4/7/2020 7:26 PM
86	Our students are getting into the routine of working, checking for assignments each day, turning in the required work. We are just getting into the swing of things, with new schedule to get used to next week. It makes sense to keep the momentum going especially since no one is vacationing at the moment and parents are likely still working at home during that week. Students would have assignments that would continue to keep them busy and learning.	4/7/2020 7:25 PM
87	I think we should keep the end of the school year later for the sake of the students because they would have an opportunity for more in person learning in June rather than depriving them of that by doing more remote learning.	4/7/2020 7:24 PM
88	At this time, I feel that April vacation would be a good thing to have. Staff and families were just thrown into this unique situation and it would be nice for our mental health for us to take a breather. As a staff member my weekends have been preparing school material because our curriculum meetings have been at the end of the week when we decide what to do next.	4/7/2020 7:24 PM
89	If we continue remote learning until the end of the school year for any reason, that's a long time without a break. Remote learning has been stressful for educators and overwhelming for families. A Spring Break would allow everyone a time to step back and mentally refresh and absorb this tremendous amount of new learning. For work at home parents, (including many of our staff) it would allow them a brief time to go back to just 2 jobs: being a parent and working at their profession. Thanks for checking in!	4/7/2020 7:23 PM
90	We are stuck at home anyway. We should just keep with routine of online learning.	4/7/2020 7:23 PM

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91	I think teachers can provide optional work for the vacation, but feel the staff really needs a break. Most teachers I know have been working until late at night and over weekends. I know we were told not to over-do it, but preparing and following through on remote lessons is taking many times longer than traditional teaching. And those with families are having a very hard time juggling home and school lives.	4/7/2020 7:18 PM
92	I am working more hours now then I have ever worked during the regular school year. On Sunday night I worked straight through the night until the morning in a desperate attempt to get ahead of the workload. Two days later I feel like I'm falling behind again. I know that I am not alone in this. I am counting on April vacation happening for my own sanity.	4/7/2020 7:14 PM
93	Would paraprofessionals get paid during this time?	4/7/2020 7:11 PM
94	This is a wonderful idea. I am grateful that the leadership of our school district are considering this and hope that the information collected through this survey indicate that others feel similarly.	4/7/2020 7:11 PM
95	Most families cant or wont be able to travel that week. I feel like it would be a good faith gesture for remote learning to continue in support of parents during this very challenging time. Im also afraid if remote learning is not continued in some form, students will lose what little momentum they may have built. Students will also be able to access meals. These work days will be given back to us by pushing our end of school date ahead, so it seems fair.	4/7/2020 7:11 PM
96	The 3 day model makes a lot more sense for the High School schedule, otherwise Tuesday/Friday classes will meet twice that week and Monday/Thursday only once.	4/7/2020 7:06 PM
97	I think this is a no brainer if we knew that we would be out the remainder of the year. Otherwise I can see arguments for both keeping the vacation or using them as learning/work days.	4/7/2020 7:05 PM
98	I dont mind working until june 19th. But if family and children are given activities for that week like every week, it will provide them with a consistent schedule.	4/7/2020 7:05 PM
99	Thank you for taking the time to make this survey and consider everyones opinion on the matter :)	4/7/2020 7:03 PM
100	Why do we need to subtract the days from the end of the school year? Students are behind in material and we already missed a few weeks from the beginning of the school closure.	4/7/2020 7:02 PM
101	Can we work Monday as well in April vacation?	4/7/2020 7:01 PM
102	I would more strongly agree if we were definitely not going to return to school before the end of the year. I think that we are building continuity in our distance learning and if we were not going back to face to face, I would prefer to keep the continuity going.	4/7/2020 6:58 PM
103	My only hesitation with classes during April vacation would be that, if we are lucky enough to return to school this year, I'd want as many days as possible with my students...even if it means an extra few days in June. I do, however, recognize that possibility is unlikely given the current situation, and so I will support whatever decision the district leadership makes.	4/7/2020 6:58 PM
104	Not to sound unmotivated at all, but I think we all could use a break to decompress and focus on family and health for a week without the pull of anything work or academic related.	4/7/2020 6:57 PM
105	I feel like we are just getting kids into a routine for this new "normal" and taking an April break would disrupt that flow.	4/7/2020 6:53 PM
106	If it is decided that April vacation be forfeited and replaced with learning days, what (if anything) will happen if we are unable to return to our buildings on 5/4/20 thru the end of the school calendar year? So basically what I'm trying to say is this change in continuity is only affecting the "start" of summer vacation (6/16 or 6/20)	4/7/2020 6:51 PM
107	How would this affect seniors and graduation? We would have a difficult time getting them to work if it doesn't affect their graduation/end of the year expectations.	4/7/2020 6:51 PM
108	If I was certain that we are going back on May 4th then I would prefer to have April vacation so I could have more face to face time with my students in June. I miss them and it would give us more opportunities for learning.	4/7/2020 6:51 PM
109	Thanks for considering!	4/7/2020 6:50 PM
110	I support whatever works best for all of the teachers.	4/7/2020 6:48 PM

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111	It has been a nice opportunity for para professionals to take part in PD and gain more knowledge in our profession. If the opportunity presents itself I would thoroughly enjoy continuing PD throughout April vacation. As well, I strongly rely on working April vacation week to teach enrichment courses as a source of income. With enrichment courses canceled that weighs heavily on supporting my family.	4/7/2020 6:48 PM
112	I chose that I would like the days to be work days because as an hourly employee I really cannot afford to have a week unpaid right now.	4/7/2020 6:44 PM
113	This has been stressful for everyone involved, a break might be nice. That being said, I fear that having time off would jeopardize the new routine students are learning, and coming back after a break might be challenging for students and families.	4/7/2020 6:44 PM
114	I would like to keep as many "in person" school days as possible in the hopes that we return on May 4th.	4/7/2020 6:43 PM
115	I defer to the teachers.	4/7/2020 6:43 PM
116	I think that families may need a bit of a break from schooling their children at home. I know it has been stressful for a number of families that I've spoken to and I think they would relish the time to take a step back. As a teacher and a parent myself, it's been hard to juggle both online teaching and my own children's learning. For me it would be nice to have the chance to step away from my "classroom" for a bit and help meet the needs of my own children, which have been falling by the wayside. I think taking this time would be beneficial for the mental health of many.	4/7/2020 6:43 PM
117	THANK YOU for your incredible leadership during this crisis!!	4/7/2020 6:41 PM
118	We are just getting into a flow with online learning. I would not like to stop for a week. If we felt certain we were going back on 5/4 then I'd say keep it, but it feels unlikely.	4/7/2020 6:38 PM
119	I personally think I either solution would have pros. Having April vacation would give parents, students and educators time to recuperate during this stressful time. Parents (including parents who are educators) are struggling to maintain a balance, a time of respite would be beneficial for everyone's mental health. Also it gives educators time to plan for up upcoming lessons and routines. On the other hand, we have just started to get a system down for remote learning. By the time April vacation occurs, hopefully, there will be more routines and we will have a smooth(er) system in place. I would be afraid that momentum would be lost if there was an entire week off. I'd fear that students would have a hard time recouping skills upon return.	4/7/2020 6:38 PM
120	Although I would really LOVE to take a break right now, when I asked my 2 elementary aged children, they strongly advocated for going to school during "April break" and being done with school sooner. If we took April break off, I anticipate a lot of challenges to ending this new school routine, then starting up again after a 9-day break. Every time I get in a groove as a parent and teacher, there are big changes to our schedules and expectations, although I recognize they are for improvements as we're learning along the way. Taking April break just makes for more changes in routines.	4/7/2020 6:37 PM
121	I honestly feel like we're just gaining momentum and normalcy for these kids to get into this new routine. If we stop in a week and a half, give them a week off, then we may be back to building up that momentum. Especially for my population of students, who already show signs of regression from long breaks away from school and their routine.	4/7/2020 6:37 PM
122	As a teacher I am so unbelievably tired from trying to figure this all out everyday but I'm not convinced that vacation will help with that. As a parent I think that it is probably better to keep the kids on a schedule that they will have just adjusted to by April vacation. I do not think we will be back in school this year and I just want all of this to be over so I am leaning toward skipping April vacation.	4/7/2020 6:37 PM
123	The amount of stress mandatory remote learning has on ALL families is huge. All stakeholders-students, families and educators would embrace a week is rest after what we've been through (particularly educators who have school aged children- whether in Shrewsbury or other districts). Having a break coincide with what many are feeling is the height of this virus will only help families from a social-emotional standpoint.	4/7/2020 6:37 PM
124	If it is likely that we will continue online learning for the rest of the year, I prefer to work three days during April vacation so we can end early. If we're going to be back in the building, I think	4/7/2020 6:36 PM

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it's better to keep vacation as is so we can have more time to teach the students in our classrooms.

125	I feel strongly in ending earlier in June, this keeps students on a schedule but takes those days off at the end of the year.	4/7/2020 6:35 PM
126	Could we do a 2 day work week: Tues/ Weds?	4/7/2020 6:34 PM
127	I believe our administrators and educators deserve the April break. However, we're just now implementing a more robust on line learning schedule and I don't think it makes sense to break from it completely for a full week so soon. I would actually advocate for a full week off in May if school doesn't resume on May 4.	4/7/2020 6:34 PM
128	My question would be how this impacts something like a maternity leave. How would this impact a leave?	4/7/2020 6:34 PM
129	My preference as indicated on this survey is to keep April break, not because of a desire to take time off right now, but rather because if there is any chance at all of getting back into our classrooms this year, I want as many days as I can with my students in person in June.	4/7/2020 6:34 PM
130	I feel like we are finally getting into the swing of things and maintaining consistency and momentum while we know students are home will be beneficial to all during this time. (As long as we continue to make sure we do not overload students with work.)	4/7/2020 6:33 PM
131	Currently the paraprofessionals are not paid for this vacation. If these days are converted to work days, would we be paid for them?	4/7/2020 6:33 PM
132	Although I would like to get out earlier, if it means that some of the staff such as aides, secretaries, cafeteria help, and custodians would get paid for more days, I would rather go later. If they are getting paid anyways, I'd like earliest possible date in June to finish up.	4/7/2020 6:32 PM
133	I'm happy to do whatever would work best for the majority. It's not as though we can go anywhere...	4/7/2020 6:31 PM
134	Only if the May 4 return date is not possible. Face to face beats remote any day.	4/7/2020 6:31 PM
135	I think teachers and families of the district could use a week off to relax with their families and not have the stress of managing the home and also trying to manage school during this time.	4/7/2020 6:31 PM
136	If we definitely were to go back this school year, my answers would change and I would vote to keep April vacation so we had more time with students once we go back.	4/7/2020 6:30 PM
137	Due to the fact that we just figured out a good system for remote learning, (i.e. a schedule. etc.) I feel that it would be slightly detrimental to interrupt that routine. We also we may go backwards on some of the work we just put in to corral some of our students:	4/7/2020 6:29 PM
138	I think after getting students into a routine with remote learning, taking a week off might feel like starting over again when school is back in session. Alternatively, those who are experiencing high levels of stress might need a break.	4/7/2020 6:29 PM
139	I don't want to weigh in either way on April Break, but I want to express that I trust whichever decision you make, and I appreciate that you are making the best of a difficult situation and trying to do what's best for our students. Thank you for your work and leadership.	4/7/2020 6:29 PM
140	It's been difficult to build any momentum with some of my students - I would hate to lose whatever momentum I can gather in a couple of weeks. And with AP exams coming up quick, I'd like to be able to assign some review work to my AP students. Thanks for asking.	4/7/2020 6:29 PM
141	I hope that by that time, there is a more involved role for Paraprofessionals, since we have been supporting the students all year, and I believe there should be a path for us to do that, even in these trying times.	4/7/2020 6:29 PM
142	It seems to make sense to me to use some of the days as we cannot really make use of the vacation in the intended purpose of April break.	4/7/2020 6:28 PM
143	I feel like we are just going to be getting into the groove of online learning next week. It would be a shame to halt that and make it more difficult for students to tune in to remote learning after a week off.	4/7/2020 6:28 PM
144	I personally think a bit of a mental break is good, as this has all been very hard... And I wonder if the change would be jarring to the students. That being said, what about some communal	4/7/2020 6:28 PM

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activities during that week? Things that kids and families could sign into, like the trivia night that we ran on 8 gold via Zoom and Kahoot. Perhaps having staff come up with social interaction events for students would be a way to step away from the academics for a week and build community.

145	It's been pretty intense for teachers to make all of these shifts, and I think we could all use a breather in April. It's a long time until June 15 or 16. (And I don't think that ending a little later in that same week of June is a very significant difference.)	4/7/2020 6:28 PM
146	For the sake of and students and their families, please convert the April vacation into work days . It allows more time in June to actually enjoy their vacation. Also, structure at a time like this is crucial for kids, maintains those few hours a day for school helps break up their leisure time throughout the days trapped at home.	4/7/2020 6:28 PM
147	I believe with the current economic status, it would be very helpful for staff who are not salary to have the opportunity to continue to work and be paid during that week we would normally have off and not be paid.	4/7/2020 6:27 PM
148	I doubt many families will be going on vacation so why not have a partial week of school. I feel the students have already lost so much time.	4/7/2020 6:26 PM
149	I think you should survey the town more than the teachers	4/7/2020 6:26 PM
150	It is hard- a lot of people save their doctors appointments for this time. As long as things are flexible and you can do your work later in the day, I think it's a great idea.	4/7/2020 6:25 PM
151	Thank you for seeking input!	4/7/2020 6:25 PM
152	Families and staff have been very stressed over these past several weeks.	4/7/2020 6:25 PM
153	With the momentum of remote learning just taking off I believe it makes sense to continue for continuity (and since nobody is sure of if the actual return date will happen).	4/7/2020 6:25 PM
154	Students are just adjusting to this new "schedule" and we should avoid disruptions if possible. I hope to be back to school after May 4, but the last 4 days of school are not the most productive learning time even if we have them in front of us.	4/7/2020 6:24 PM
155	Thank you for sending this survey.	4/7/2020 6:24 PM
156	No one is going anywhere :) might as well start summer earlier in the hopes we'll be out in the glorious warm weather!	4/7/2020 6:24 PM