



2025 – 2026

School Calendar Update

December 2, 2025

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MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MISSION & CORE VALUES

MISSION

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CORE VALUES

- Courage
- Student Centered
- Integrity
- Accountable
- Inclusive Practices



Strategic Directions: Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

- A. Improving our professional practices so that each learner achieves at high levels in an inclusive educational model that is relevant and flexible
- B. Enhancing our student support structures to meet academic, social, behavioral, and mental health needs
- C. Recruiting, developing, and retaining staff to ensure positive learning experiences for students
- D. Strengthening our parent/caregiver partnerships and connections
- E. Ensuring safe, efficient and effective operations

2025 Calendar Committee

The committee—consisting of teachers (Mark Ulman, Kellie French, Katie Rux) and administrators (Akram Osman, Mollie Meyer, Travis Olson)—developed calendar options based on the following considerations:

- State statutes, including required student contact days and hours
- Teacher contract requirements
- Historical practices within ISD 77 and comparable districts
- Results from calendar surveys
- Impacts of past inclement weather

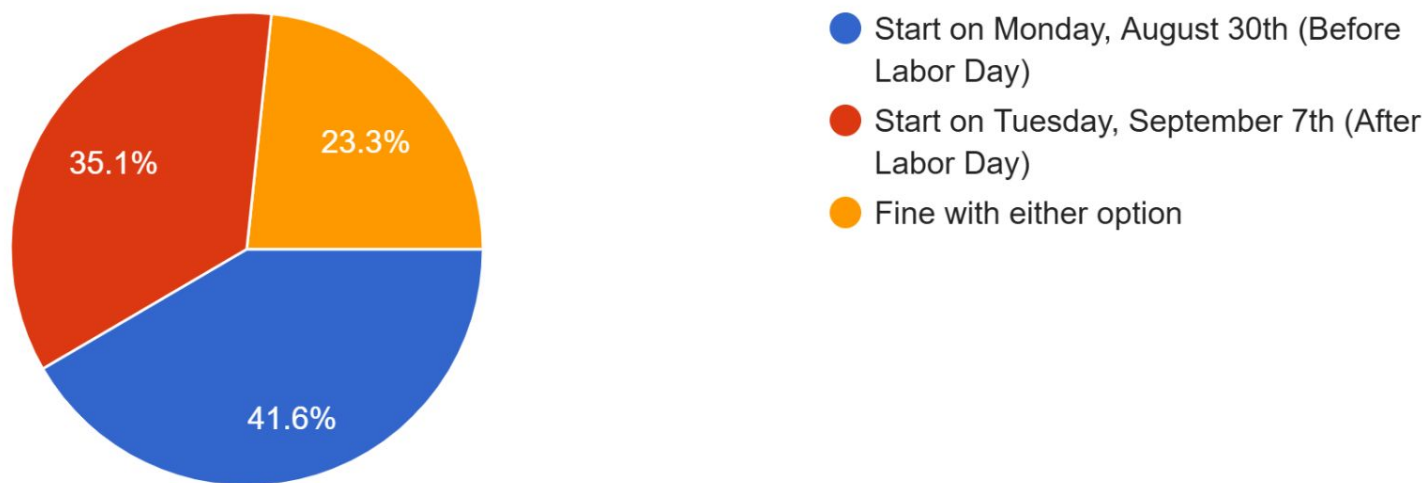
Timeline (Part I)

- September 23 Calendar Committee Meeting
- October 7th Calendar Committee Meeting
- October 20th 1st Survey sent – (2,514 total responses)
- November 12th Calendar Committee survey review/calendar drafts
- November 13th Central Office review
- November 14th Draft calendars shared with DLT
- November 19th Draft calendars shared with MTA Exec Committee
- December 2nd Present draft calendars at School Board Meeting

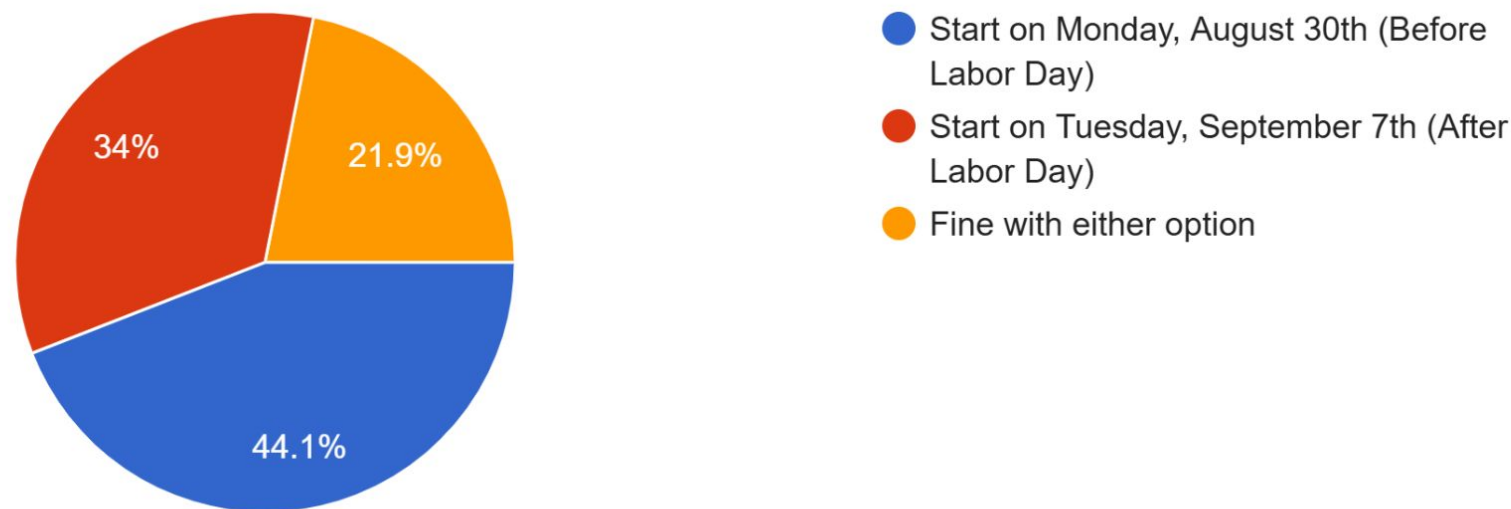
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Before vs. After Labor Day (2027-2028)

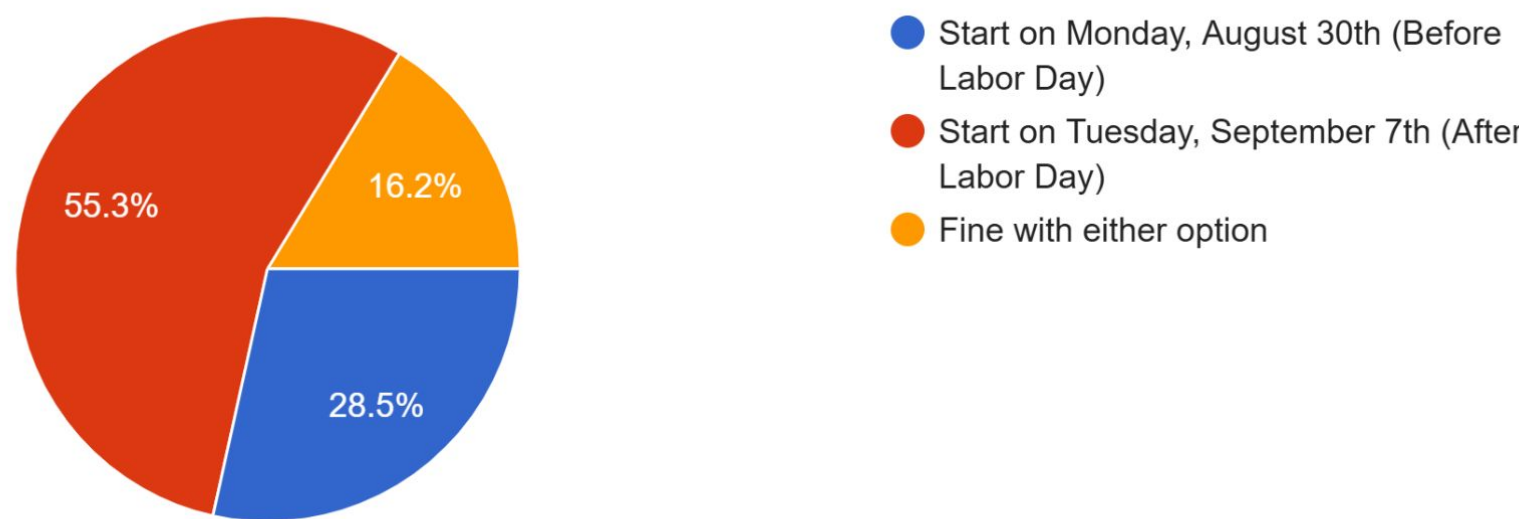
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○ **Staff** (626 responses)



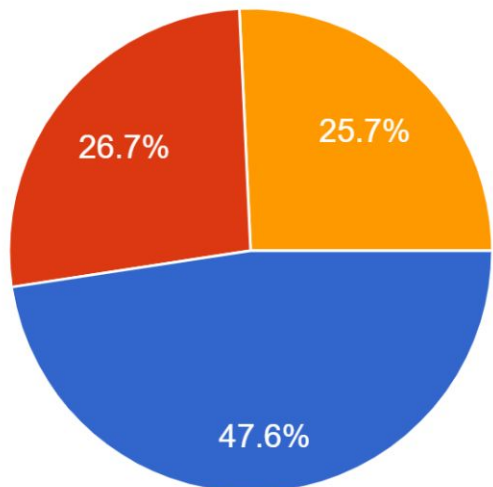
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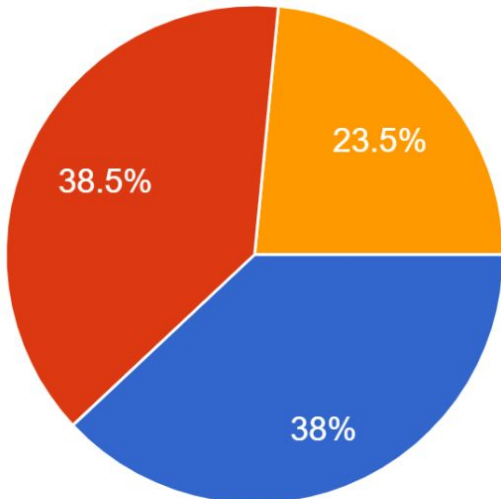
Spring Break vs. Long Weekends

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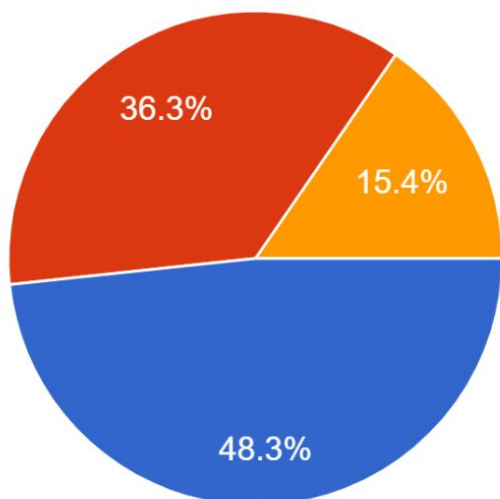
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- Multiple long weekends (3 days)
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Non-Paid, Non-Work Days for Spring Break

2026-2027 Calendar

- March 11th
- March 12th

2027-2028 Calendar

- March 29th
- March 30th
- March 31st

March 2027						
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March	
9	No School K-5 (Prep)
10	Holiday Unpaid Eid
11	Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
12	Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
17	2hr Early Out
26	Holiday Paid Good Friday

March 2028						
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3	No School K-5 (Prep)
8	2hr Early Out
27	End of Quarter 3
27	No School K-5 (Conf)
27	No School 6-8 (Prep)
28	No School K-5 (Conf)
28	No School 6-8 (Conf)
28	No School 9-12 (Prep)
29	Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
30	Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
31	Non-Paid, Non-Work Day





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July

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August

24 New Teacher Workshop
25 New Teacher Workshop
26 New Teacher Workshop
31 All Teacher Workshop/Prep

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September

1 All Teacher Workshop/Prep
2 All Teacher Workshop/Prep
3 All Teacher Workshop/Prep
4 Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
7 Holiday Paid Labor Day
8 Classes Begin 9th grade
8 No School K-8 (Conf)
9 Classes Begin 6th, 10-12
9 No School K-5, 7, 8 (Conf)
10 Classes Begin K-5, 7 & 8 (conf)
16 2hr Early Out

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October

7 2hr Early Out
12 Holiday Unpaid Indigenous Peoples' Day
15 Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
16 Non-Paid, Non-Work Day

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November

11 2hr Early Out
12 End of Quarter 1
13 All Teacher Workshop/Prep
24 No School K-5 (Conf)
25 No School K-12 (Conf)
26 Holiday Paid Thanksgiving Day
27 Holiday Paid

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December

9 2hr Early Out
23 Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
24 Non-Paid, Non-Work Day
25 Holiday Paid Christmas Day
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January

1 Holiday Paid New Year's Day
13 2hr Early Out
18 Holiday Unpaid MLK Jr. Day
28 End of Quarter 2
29 All Teacher Workshop/Prep

February

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April

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8 End of Quarter 3
9 No School 9-12 (Prep)
9 No School K-8 (Conf)
14 Early Out

May

12 2hr Early Out
24 Holiday Paid Memorial Day

June

9 Central Graduation 5pm at Lincoln Community Center
10 End of Quarter 4
10 Classes End Grades K-12
10 East/West HS Graduation
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
East HS - 5:30PM
West HS - 8PM
11 All Teacher Workshop/Prep



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Timeline (Part II)

December 3rd Draft calendars and survey sent out

- ☐ I am in support of the calendar as it is.
- ☐ I believe the calendar could be improved by:

Text box to provide suggestion(s)

December 14th Survey closes

December 16th Calendar Committee reviews survey

January 5th Request for Board approval

Questions?

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