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Ms. Megan Amster

Dear Ms. Amster,

I am writing in response to your comment at the School Board Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020, regarding the timing of the approval of the school calendar.

Historically, the district calendar is proposed in draft form to the public as part of the superintendent's report at the February School Board Agenda Study Session meeting. It is then voted on at the March School Board Regular Business meeting. During this time, it is on display on the district website, and available at all schools and the administrative offices for review. This timeline gives the opportunity for all community stakeholders to review and give input.

This timeline also allows the district to receive concrete information regarding the Pennsylvania state-mandated testing schedules, and schedules for any school construction projects. If a draft form of the calendar is proposed too early, changes may need to be made, creating confusion and the need for parents/guardians to then adjust schedules at a later date. It is always our hope that the Board-approved calendar will not need to be changed, except for the possibility of inclement weather days.

I appreciate your comment and hope this explanation helps. Administration will take your comment under consideration for the future. Thank you for taking the time to attend a School Board meeting to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,

Gene Freeman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: School Board