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Bruneau-Grand View School District #365



Bruneau - Grand View Joint School District

4-Day School Week

The Bruneau – Grand View Joint School District has a committee investigating a 4-day school week. The district is expected to receive approximately \$450,000 less funding for the 2010-2011 school year. The 4-day school week will help offset the loss in funding while providing several other student and community benefits. More than 67 schools in the state of Idaho had switched to the 4-day school week at the start of the 2008-2009 school year. More schools are switching to the 4-day school week this year including Horseshoe Bend, Garden Valley, and Council. The committee looked at 12 similar sized districts to compare their cost savings, impact on student learning, and other benefits or concerns. None of the Idaho schools on a 4-day school week have switched back to the traditional school week.

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District Savings

Benefits

- Reduce the amount of money spent on substitutes*
- Save on fuel costs for buses
- Save on bus wear and maintenance expenses*
- Save on electricity costs
- Save on heating fuel costs
- Reduction in staff costs

Districts that have switched to a 4-day school week have shown an average savings of 2%-3%. In our district that could equal approximately \$100,000.

*Savings will increase with costs such as bus wear, school maintenance costs, and other costs that cannot be calculated in advance.

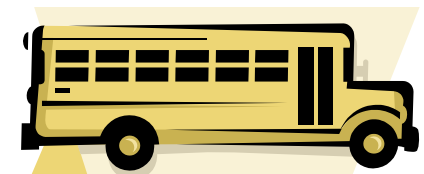
Community Impact

Benefits

- More family time
- More time for students to work
- Another day for community events
- Day for students to complete the community service project required by the state starting with the class of 2013

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- Student loitering
- Increased child care
- One less day of work for bus drivers and cooks



Student Impact

Benefits

- Students receive the same amount of instructional time on a 4-day school week as a 5-day school week
- More time with certified teachers
- Reduced time with substitutes
- Only one school showed a significant decrease in IRI and ISAT scores
- All other schools maintained or showed a significant increase in IRI and ISAT scores
- All schools that have switched to a 4-day school week have shown a reduction in the dropout rate
- Schools on the 4-day school week have reported less discipline issues
- All schools have shown a decrease in student absences
- All schools have shown a reduction in staff absences
- Students with a 4-day school week have reported feeling less stress
- Student illnesses have been reduced
- Time to schedule doctor and other appointments without missing instructional time
- Most away games will be scheduled on days with no school
- More days to complete homework
- Extra day for students working on online courses such as college and IDLA classes

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- Longer school days, especially for kindergarteners
- Sports practices will be earlier in the morning, and go later at night
- A student absence will result in more lost instruction per day



School Hours

The committee is currently investigating a Tuesday through Friday schedule. This allows more flexibility than a Monday through Thursday schedule. The below times are an example of the start and stop times. These would be adjusted to fit the communities' needs.

Rimrock Jr. /Sr. High School:		
	Current	Proposed
First Bus Pick Up:	6:50 am	6:30 am
Teacher Arrival:	8:15 am	7:45 am
School Start Time:	8:40 am	8:20 am
School Stop Time:	3:20 pm	3:35 pm
Teacher Departure:	4:00 pm	4:30 pm
Last Bus Drop Off	4:50 pm	5:05 pm

Elementary Schools:		
	Current	Proposed
First Bus Pick Up:	6:50 am	6:30 am
Teacher Arrival:	8:15 am	7:45 am
School Start Time:	8:30 am	8:10 am
School Stop Time:	3:30 pm	3:45 pm
Teacher Departure:	4:00 pm	4:30 pm
Last Bus Drop Off	4:50 pm	5:05 pm

Benefits of Monday over Friday

- Many doctors are not open on Fridays
- Many federal holidays are on Mondays
- The school is often open on Fridays for sporting events, drama productions, school dances, and other school and community events. If you take off Friday you would still have to heat the buildings. By taking Monday off you can keep the buildings completely shut down.
- Other schools in our sports conference are taking Friday off. This means they have to play away games on Friday. We will have Monday off so we can host home games on Fridays and travel on Mondays. This would complement each schools' sports schedule.

Survey Questions: Please detach and return the completed survey by April 30th to any of the schools or the district office.

Do you feel you received enough information about the 4-day school week?

Yes No

Did you attend any of the informational meetings on the 4-day school week?

Yes No

If we went to the 4-day school week would you prefer Monday or Friday?

Monday Friday

Do you support a change to a 4-day week?

Yes No

Do you have any concerns with the 4-day school week that have not been addressed?

If YES, Please state your concerns:

Yes No