

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- **What are the first and last days of school for students next year?**

The first day is **Wednesday, August 22, 2012**. The last day is **Thursday, June 13, 2013**.

- **What is a “student furlough day” (October 8, 2012)?**

These are days in which students are not in school and result in the reduction of instructional time for them. Teachers are also not in school and their pay is reduced by their daily rate. By June of this year we will know if we have sufficient funds to restore this student day. We will revise calendar when confirmed.

- **What is “student furlough day/bought back” (March 20, 2013)?**

This is a day where the District received funding from Parent Clubs (APCP) so that teachers will be paid and school will be in session. **Students should come to school.**

- **What are “professional development furlough days” (November 1 and 2, 2012)?**

Professional development days are paid teacher work days in which teachers would typically participate in professional development. As designated furlough days, teachers will not have scheduled professional development, and their pay will be reduced by their daily rate.

- **What is “professional development furlough day/bought back” (August 20, 2012)?**

This is a day where the District received funding from Parent Clubs (APCP) so that teachers will be paid and professional development will take place. School is not in session. **No students that day.**

- **How much instructional time is my student losing?**

Although the teacher salary schedule will be reduced by three (3) days while students are in school, there will only be approximately one day cut of instructional minutes over the entire year from the 2009-10 Instructional minutes level. If October 8, 2012 is reinstated as a student day, there will be no loss of instructional time for students.

- **Why do teacher get to vote on the instructional calendar and not parents?**

The Instructional Calendar is part of the collective bargaining process and is part of an agreement between the teachers and the District. The calendar development committee considers the instructional delivery needs for all students K-12, parent feedback, and other association's (CSEA) concerns.

- **Is parent input considered?**

Yes, parents are provided opportunities to respond to a survey that is conducted by the Associated Parents Clubs of Piedmont (APCP). The most recent survey was in Spring, 2011 and the feedback was considered by the calendar committee. Information about the survey is on the District's website at http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/aboutpusd/agenda.minutes/2011_calendar_survey.pdf

- **Does it hurt the District financially if I take my student out of school on a regular school day?**

The District loses approximately \$35 per day of State funding when a student misses school. It could have an effect on future funding because State funding is based on current year's attendance or previous year's attendance, whichever is greater.

- **What if you have additional questions?**

If you have any additional questions, you may wish to contact your principal, or email Sandy Spiker at sspiker@piedmont.k12.ca.us in the Superintendent's office.