



Washington Teachers' Union

Unanswered Questions from WTU Members about DCPS Extended Year School Proposal

1. Since we no longer will have much of a summer (2 weeks), can WTU staff earn annual leave?
2. The summer was used to earn Social Security Quarters for teachers and staff who do not pay into Social Security. Will there an option to do so now?
3. Summers were used to earn either graduate credits or Professional Learning Units. Will our Professional Development throughout the year (namely our Wednesday PDs) go towards earning such credits?
4. How will our Professional Development on Wednesdays be structured? Will it be offered to our specials teachers and related service providers?
5. There are some concerns regarding the verbiage “no more than 228 days” of working days. Will we be required to work both intercessions?
6. Is the calendar for next year set in stone yet? Are there other calendar options besides the one presented to staff and families?
7. Are there early retirement options? How will it be taxed? How will that affect pensions?
8. Why is it that we have to sign an offer letter before transfer window?
9. How will going from WTU 15-10 to WTU 15-12 affect the retroactive pay once a new WTU contract is signed with DCPS?
10. Will we get our Summer Pay Credit once we return to two weeks early?
11. What about previously scheduled vacations at the beginning of this next school year? Will there be flexibility due to the significant changes in the school calendar?
12. We were not aware of any community meetings the Chancellor had with faculty/staff, families, and community stakeholders regarding the drastic change in school programming at the ten impacted schools. Were there any? If so, when, where, and how were people notified?
13. Why is extended year happening in predominantly minority and economically disadvantaged schools? Is there a way to change this decision?
14. DCPS is a data-driven district, where is the data for extended year? Specifically, for extending the school year to 200 days, not necessary just Year Around School. Please site you studies.
15. When are we going to have the budget meeting in regards to next year's budget/positions? Will there be more money allocated for enrichment, facilities, and toilet paper for the extended school year schedule?
16. What measures will be taken to prevent teacher/staff burnout? Because we know that burned out teachers are not good teachers and, in fact, can have adverse impact on student learning.