



24. Not at this time but in the future it will.
25. Child will be home alone, may require me to leave work to check on child, prepare lunch, transport to school for activities if extra school work to complete or sports. Concern kids will have extra day to "run" around town without supervision
26. Even though my nephew lives with my family, it does not affect me directly. However, it may affect my mother on Fridays who basically raises my nephew.
27. Negatively
28. Daycare - would need extra
29. I would have to find a babysitter for my two children and I can't afford daycare or to take time off of work to watch them
30. Would have to find daycare for kids
31. Increased daycare costs. Increased interruptions (personal) at work
32. n/a
33. I will decrease my work hours and take Fridays off for my kids. I can afford a pay out, how many other families can afford to cut hours?
34. n/a
35. would not be a good situation
36. Yes it would. A lot of my coworkers would be gone to stay home with their kids. I would have to do all their work plus mine.
37. n/a
38. too much kid time to get into trouble!
39. I would be worried about more daycare costs. Also about what my children that don't go to daycare are doing and about my children getting too tired.
40. Son – home alone while I am at work. This is always a possible risk for any family.
41. n/a
42. Do not have any kids at this school. So do not care.
43. I feel that there would be more break-ins and I would have to double lock my house and not feel safe when I was not home
44. Increased daycare-sitter
45. When I do have kids this is no way I would support a school that has a 4 day week
46. How about the children who are in between that age, don't need a babysitter and there home all day by themselves, more time for trouble.
47. I have talked to other who are doing 4 day school and they are very happy with it.

## 2) How would it affect you and your place of employment?

1. It would not affect us at all
2. Not really
3. Zero affect
4. Would cause me to lose hours and money
5. Would not affect my employment
6. If no daycare for Friday, I would have to stay home, which affects my employment and may not be possible
7. We would have day shift people needing day care more, unable to afford it
8. It would be a pain to schedule or would have to completely miss days if daycare was unavailable
9. There may be times when I would have request extra days off
10. I would be more stressful knowing that the kids are home alone not to mention all the other kids wondering around town while parents are working

11. There aren't enough daycares as it is and all of them are pretty full. It will affect staff with kids in school
12. Shorthanded staff, when a staff person has no childcare or the children call the workplace
13. My staff will be faced with either increased daycare costs or having to reduce their hours of work to monitor kids at home.
14. It wouldn't
15. I would need to take time off from work because cannot afford extra day of child care.
16. Have to pay more for daycare. My kids shouldn't have to go to school longer than an 8 hr work day!
17. If I had younger kids would need day while work and their goes my paycheck
18. Less help
19. n/a
20. n/a
21. 3 day weekend is not an option
22. I would have to find daycare to take my children
23. I would try to not schedule any cases on the day off so I could watch my kids. It would decrease scheduling availability at work.
24. Employees would need their schedules potentially altered and we function on a 5 day work need – not 4 day. No doubt it will affect more than just a potentially small savings.
25. As a manager I feel my staff will want Fridays off on a regular basis due to no daycare or wanting family time.
26. I do not believe it would affect my employment
27. See below
28. May need to take extra time off to be home with kids
29. I would have to find someone to cover my shifts and we are tight on employees right now
30. Workers with school age kids may need more added time off to accommodate the daycare providers.
31. n/a
32. n/a
33. I would take Fridays off. So there will be **NO APPOINTMENTS** with a female doctor on Fridays. This will strain our community – not help it.
34. n/a
35. Believe we would have all the children of parents here at work for the day
36. It would hurt our employer big time. Employees would have to stay home with their kids and we would be short of help – and in an emergency wouldn't have the necessary help
37. n/a
38. Youngsters running all over the place with “nothing to do”
39. I would have to see if I could work longer on Monday – Thursday to try have Friday, Saturday and Sunday off.
40. I would expect to see more employees requesting Friday (no school day) off. To be blunt – your local business need their employees 5 days per week and our kids will one day be expected to function in a culture that operates on a 5 day week.
41. n/a
42. n/a
43. they would have too much time on their hands to get into trouble and possibly a lot more teen pregnancy
44. more calls from/to home if unable to find a sitter – to check in on kids

45. I would expect teenage pregnancies and alcohol and drug related matters would become more prevalent
46. Can't bring my child to work, have to find a babysitter for that day costing me money
47. It is not the states job to supply day care.

### 3) What affect do you feel that it would have on our children both today & in the future?

1. My son has been in a school district with a 4 day school week and did great. Very nice for family for traveling – shopping days
2. n/a
3. none
4. I think it wouldn't be good for them because by the end of the 3 day weekend they most likely will forget what they learned right before the weekend.
5. Create more stress on weeknights because of increased load Mon – Thursday
6. Kids need to be used to the 5 day week as most jobs are Mon – Fri. This will be expected of them in their future.
7. Bored kids are more likely to be bad kids. Kids in sports and activities could do well, but what about the ones with no place to go?
8. It would create a day with no supervision for many kids. This would give kids more time in front of TV, video games and time to get into trouble.
9. I think the school day is plenty long especially for the younger children. I also think that there will be a lot more problems in the community with Middle & hi school kids at loose ends on Fridays.
10. Even with the 5 day school week its hard to get all the school work done with all the extracurricular activities. Seems to me they would fall back even further.
11. Unless more daycares open there will be several workers who might have to take every Fri off which most cannot afford to lose a day a week.
12. Boredom and social ethics for running wild. Would work its way to behaviors in the work place later.
13. A lot of kids now have little parental oversight and this could increase our juvenile crime issues and endanger these underprivileged kids. Also, some of these kids at the bulk of their daily food intake at the schools.
14. No affect
15. They have attention problems now – have trouble with homework now – they don't want to do it. Day would be long for them.
16. I think they would get less time at home and no one should have to go to school longer than an 8 hr shift
17. More way for children to get in trouble and do drugs kids need structure
18. More time to get in trouble
19. n/a
20. n/a
21. it leave the kids with no real spot to be for 1 day a week and doesn't that mean you have to go later into the summer? Isn't there a min amount?
22. I think it would cause the children to become very tired and they may begin to not enjoy school. In the long run it could be bad for our children.
23. My kids would think all work weeks consist of 4 days. That is a false assumption. It would be difficult to schedule apts (dental, orthodontist) apts on Fridays 9if that is the day off) since their offices are closed.

24. Make sure that the scores for the students are above average, not just average before changing their schedules. It may also prepare them to work only 4 days a week verses
25. Concern: they will feel 4 day weeks are "normal" when reality is M-F work week or shift work.
26. I do not feel that children/teenagers have enough "drive" to go longer school days, even if they have an extra day for every weekend. They would be looking forward more to the weekend than focusing on school.
27. n/a
28. it would make the kids tired and too long to sit and focus on school
29. they will be able to have more free time, oppose to learning or getting an education
30. children would have more free time to find things to cause problems with for the community.
31. Younger kids get too tired, resulting in lowered grade points, more difficulty concentrating. Too late at night for homework and extracurricular. Increased free time to get into trouble.
32. n/a
33. The younger children may not get much out of the longer school days for 4 days a week. It is already a long day from 8am – 3 pm
34. I think the long days would be hard on them. I think their studies would suffer unless changes were made.
35. It would give them the desire to have a 4 day work week, take some of their ethics away
36. It would affect them. They would be out on their own and into more trouble as far as the older kids. Too much time on their hands. The younger one's would be at a sitter for the day and not just after school
37. I think they have enough to learn and enough home work to keep them occupied for 5 days a week.
38. Too much boring time on their hands their hands for those who don't know how to constructively use time! Also, the kids won't learn as much.
39. I believe my children would not get the same education in 4 days as they get in 5. I worry they would then be too tired to do the home work they already hardly have time to do.
40. My child needs an excellent education. I see now, with a 5 day week, specific teachers who do not have a lesson planned and then play a red box movie (not acceptable!!!)!!! If the teachers cannot lesson plan for a shorter class period (5 day week) what would make me think that the teachers could lesson plan for a longer segment of time (4 day week).
41. Teachers will push more of the teaching (homework) on to parents. There is already too much homework k-6. Kids who are already disadvantaged with poor parental support will be further disadvantaged. This defeats the purpose of public education.
42. n/a
43. They would not get enough education. So their futures would be more bleak and they won't have the drive to go onto college.
44. I feel that school teachers work ethic as well as curriculum with the exception of shift work jobs, what job in society is "just 4 days week" and still allows a livable pension.
45. The quality of education will only decrease, anyone who doesn't think so is fooling themselves.
46. The day is too long for the younger children while I work whose watching the children on the 5<sup>th</sup> day.
47. We are all afraid of change, but change can be good.

**4)Please describe any additional comments or concerns that you have**

1. N/a
2. n/a

3. n/a
4. I don't think they should go to a 4 day school week because it will extend the school year and they wouldn't have much of a summer.
5. There is already way too much homework on school nights. It would be an improvement to get more of the work done at school where all students may receive equal help from teachers rather than putting off on the parents.
6. The extra family time would be great but kids need to know what is expected from them as employees in the future and as expressed above, my concern for my employment.
7. n/a
8. n/a
9. I think that a 4 day school week would be a negative for the children – their parents – and the community!
10. I think they would need to show a substantial cost savings to the tax payer for a four day school week to even be considered.
11. 4 days would be good as far as those in sports. They are on the bus on Fridays for out of town games and wouldn't miss anymore school. It would work for juniors and senior high school but not in the elementary.
12. Children have short interest span, but have 3 days off they would lose interest in school.
13. This could overwhelm the local daycares. Potentially would expose young daycare kids to older children with behavioral issues.
14. n/a
15. You will burn the child out from wanting to learn. Plus your teachers are not that great in order to condense subjects.
16. I just don't agree with it. Kids shouldn't have to go to school longer than 8 hours.
17. Leave it the way it was when we were growing up, stop pushing changes on us.
18. n/a
19. Kids need more time off during the holidays not during the week.
20. n/a
21. n/a
22. When children are tired, the attention span decreases. Then they are not taking everything in that they are learning.
23. Young children would be too exhausted to learn past 3 pm. Would there be open gym time for all the sports teams?
24. Make sure if the high school does switch extracurricular activities are Fri and Sat not during the week.
25. As a community member, asked to go on tour of Boulder – was never contacted and visit is now completed. In Oct/Nov with long weekends, noticed child's grades dropped, less support from school staff as unavailable, "forget" about homework was more common.
26. However, I sat it is a tossup because having an extra weekend day would allow more time for studying – if they choose to do so – and it would give those who do sports that Friday for travel without having to miss a school day like they do now.
27. Those of us that have high school age employees would lose our employees d/t hours they'd be school vs hours needed to work
28. All the running of the kids
29. Four day school weeks are not necessary or helpful in any way possible. You will cause a higher unemployment rate!!!
30. Too many hours of instruction are not a good thing for young minds.

31. I think the teachers need to quit being or wanting to work with the kids less. It 's hard enough for adults to work to full potential for 10-12 hours, kids will have it a lot harder.
32. I think it would create problems for working parents with the shortage of daycares in Shelby.
33. We need more information about why you want to do this. What will the community do with the children?
34. I am not sure how it would affect the sports schedules but it would make it harder to get them to practice/games on Fridays if they can't drive and we're working.
35. It would hurt our community as it would cause a loss of jobs or cut back for minimal job workers at the school systems.
36. n/a
37. perhaps they should just have a 1 day school week (Fridays) – that's when my brother always went and he would ace every test.
38. The teachers can also stay there for 5 day weeks just like anyone else does!
39. I worry that going to 4 day school week would have a bad effect on these children. They would have more unsupervised time to get in trouble. Also they may not like school anymore because they have such long days.
40. N/a
41. There are already numerous flaws with our public education. The 4-day school week would be adding another by one.
42. n/a
43. There needs to be something for them to do like a roller-ring or skating ring that is well supervised so bullies can't control it. There would be a lot more daycare cost for your single mothers that have to work or for your couples that it takes 2 incomes to run the household.
44. Work is work, we can't opt out of it for convenience; teaching the basic 8 hour work ethic by making it to school daily for 12 years, teaches us to live and organize our life to accommodate work and fun. We already have a "lazier" society, lets not encourage it!
45. We have to understand long-term implications – the school budget may benefit from but how the community not suffer long-term financial implications. Having kids on their own for an additional 12 hours means more time to cause trouble increased delinquency, lower education a- all of which have been proven to have negative financial implications.
46. 10 hours is a long time for children to be attentive. They barely make the 7.5 hour day its too much overload they'll never retain anything they've learned at a certain point they're going to fade out. I know they are children who need structure and stability due to a handicap they may have attention problems to begin with, they'll never make it ☹ This may benefit the teachers this 10 hr day, but for most of the children they will not benefit. It's about the children, not the facility and this would be a huge mistake.
47. I understand there are may pros/cons. But in today, economy and all business we must look places to cut cost for today and the future. I feel if we as tax payers and schools can save money and the quality of education is there we should try it. Again school system is not a day care, this should not even be brought up in this dispute. School is to teach and be financially responsible to the tax payer.

