



Response to Eliminating February/April Vacation Motion

TO: Jeannine Durkin, Acting Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Robin Desmond, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment *Robin Desmond*

DATE: February 1, 2019

RE: *Response to Eliminating February/April Vacation Motion*

The following report is in response to the motion by Gerard Nutter:

School Committee / Administration consider eliminating February/April Vacation beginning in the 2019/2020 School Year, creating 1 Vacation week in March.

The Lowell Public Schools administration created a Blackboard Connect Ed. survey relative to the above motion.

The survey language: *The Lowell Public Schools is considering eliminating February and April vacations and adding a one-week March vacation beginning in the 2019/2020 school year. We would like to hear from families with regard to this proposal.*

The response language: *Please press 1 (YES) if you are in favor of eliminating the February and April vacations and adding a one week vacation in March for the 2019-2020 school year. Please press 2 (NO) if you want to keep February and April vacations in future school year calendars.*

The survey was sent out to families on Tuesday evening, January 29, 2019. The survey was resent to families who did not respond to the survey on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and Thursday, January 31, 2019. At this point, 3,335 families have responded to the survey. The current results of the survey are: 40% (1347) responded in favor of eliminating February/April vacations and 60% (1988) responded not in favor of eliminating February/April vacations.