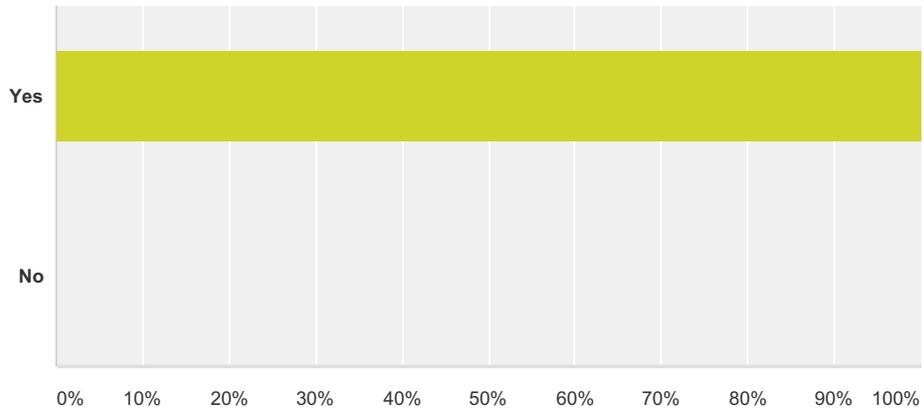


**Q1 I am a parent/guardian of a BSY student(s):**

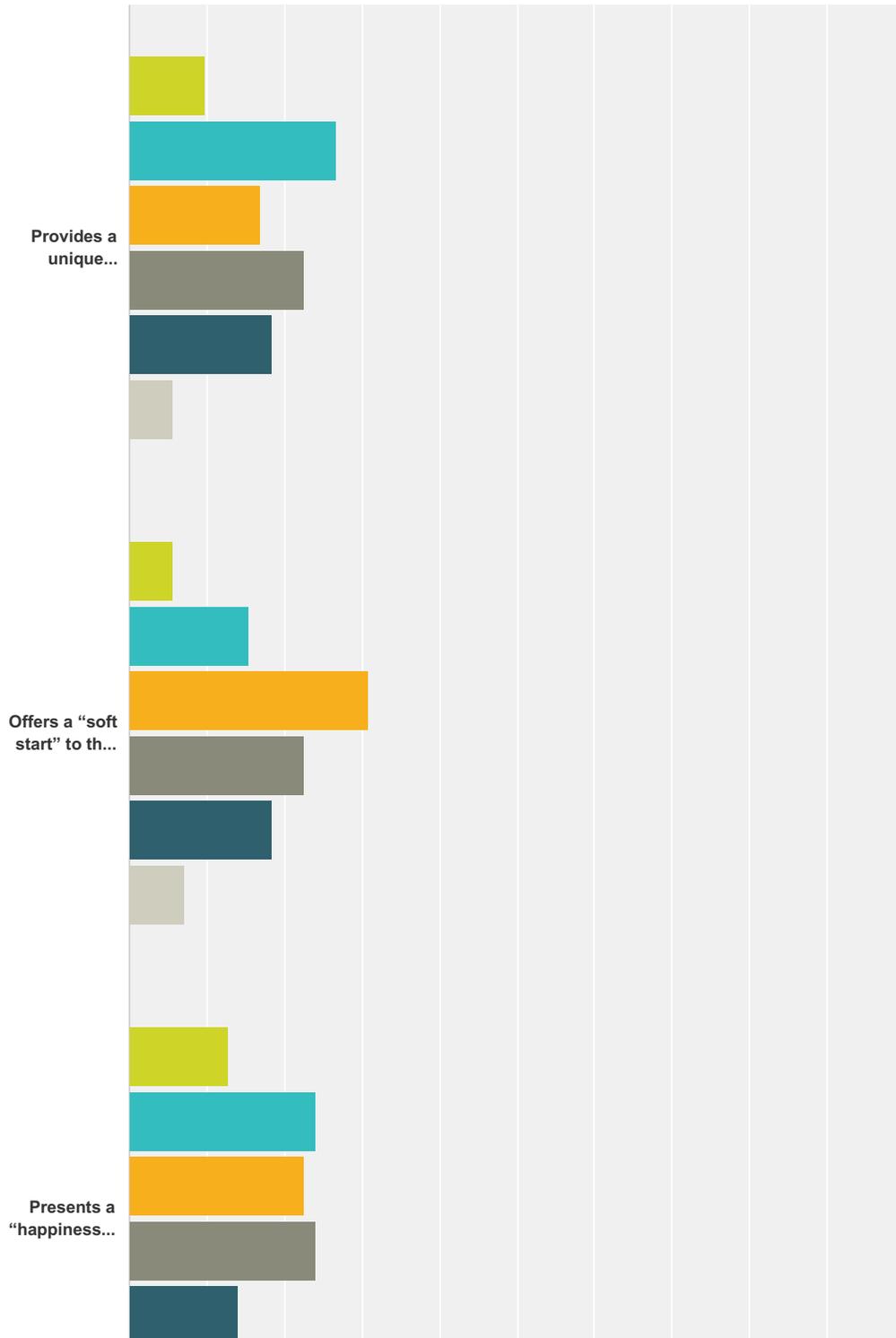
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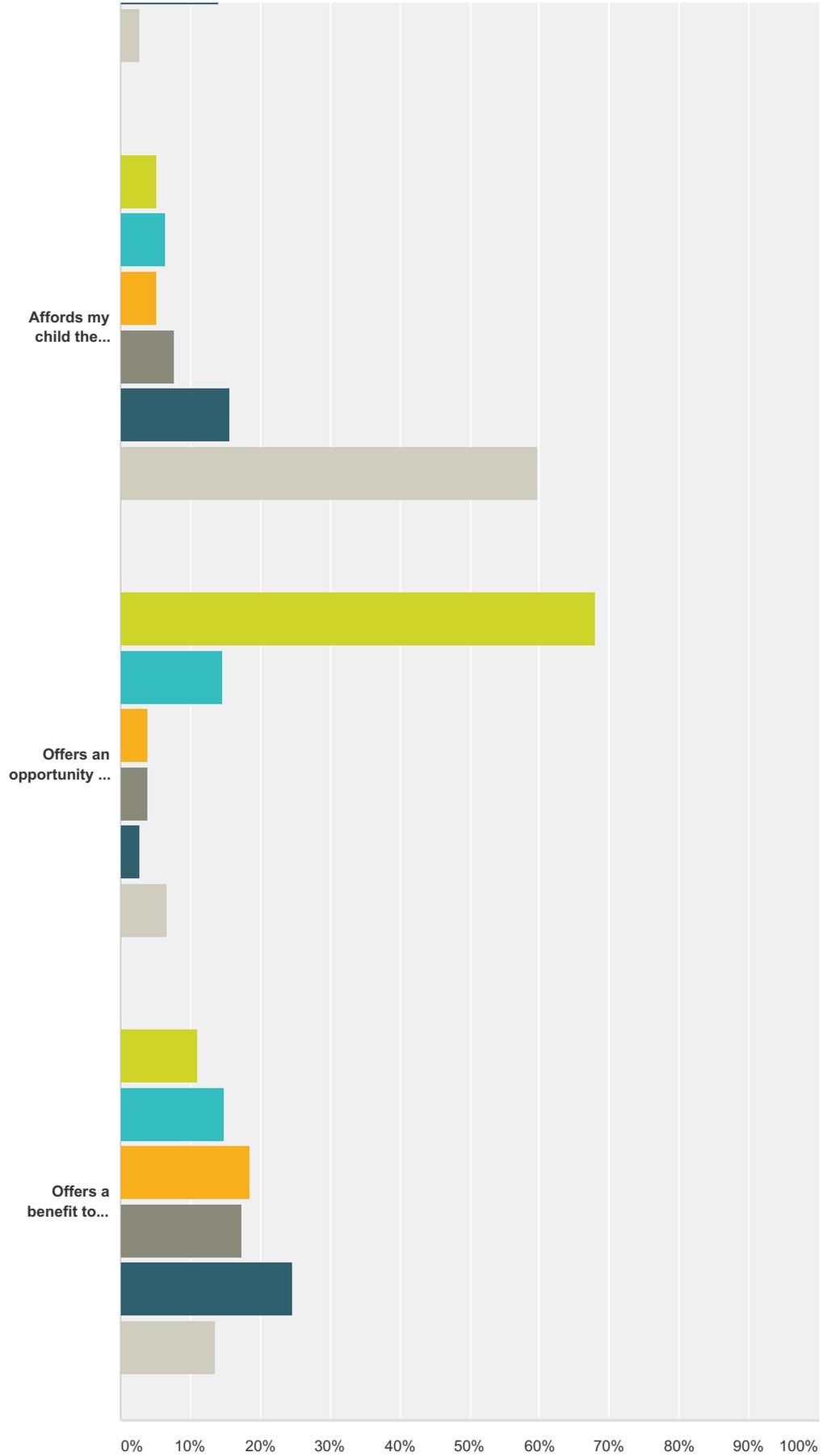
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Yes	100.00% 86
No	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

**Q2 Please rank the following perceived advantages (1-6) in order of importance (1 being the most important advantage and 6 being the least important) as each relates to your child(ren)'s enrollment with the BSY program:**

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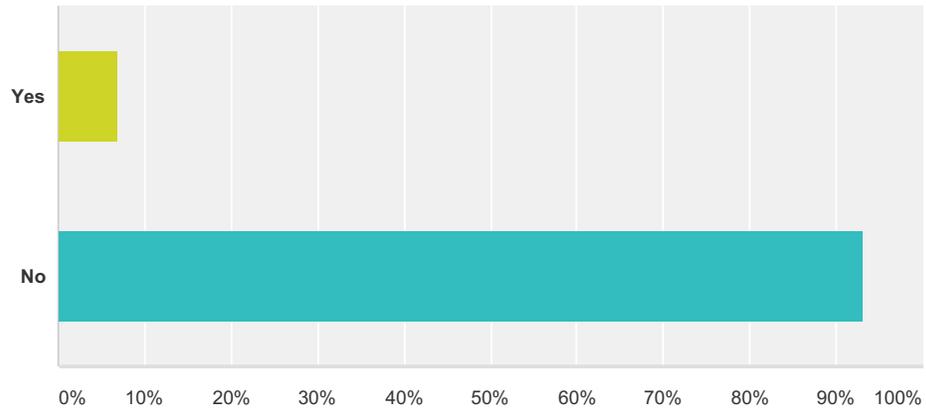
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Provides a unique educational option for my student attending Madison School District	<b>9.86%</b> 7	<b>26.76%</b> 19	<b>16.90%</b> 12	<b>22.54%</b> 16	<b>18.31%</b> 13	<b>5.63%</b> 4	71
Offers a "soft start" to the school year as one-third of the population begins with the BSY calendar in July or August and two-thirds begin following Labor Day when the BSY students are on an inter-session.	<b>5.63%</b> 4	<b>15.49%</b> 11	<b>30.99%</b> 22	<b>22.54%</b> 16	<b>18.31%</b> 13	<b>7.04%</b> 5	71
Presents a "happiness factor" for the student and family due to periodic, strategically-placed breaks (inter-sessions) throughout the school year.	<b>12.68%</b> 9	<b>23.94%</b> 17	<b>22.54%</b> 16	<b>23.94%</b> 17	<b>14.08%</b> 10	<b>2.82%</b> 2	71
Affords my child the opportunity to experience Academic Enrichment Opportunities (AEOs) - tuition-based events/activities offered to BSY students during four scheduled inter-sessions	<b>5.19%</b> 4	<b>6.49%</b> 5	<b>5.19%</b> 4	<b>7.79%</b> 6	<b>15.58%</b> 12	<b>59.74%</b> 46	77
Offers an opportunity to engage in academic opportunities earlier in the summer thus potentially reducing summer learning loss.	<b>68.00%</b> 51	<b>14.67%</b> 11	<b>4.00%</b> 3	<b>4.00%</b> 3	<b>2.67%</b> 2	<b>6.67%</b> 5	75
Offers a benefit to social, emotional, behavioral aspects for my child.	<b>11.11%</b> 9	<b>14.81%</b> 12	<b>18.52%</b> 15	<b>17.28%</b> 14	<b>24.69%</b> 20	<b>13.58%</b> 11	81

**Q3 I choose to enroll my child based on an individual teacher, regardless of BSY or TSY. In other words, the teacher is more important than the particular schedule, either BSY or TSY.**

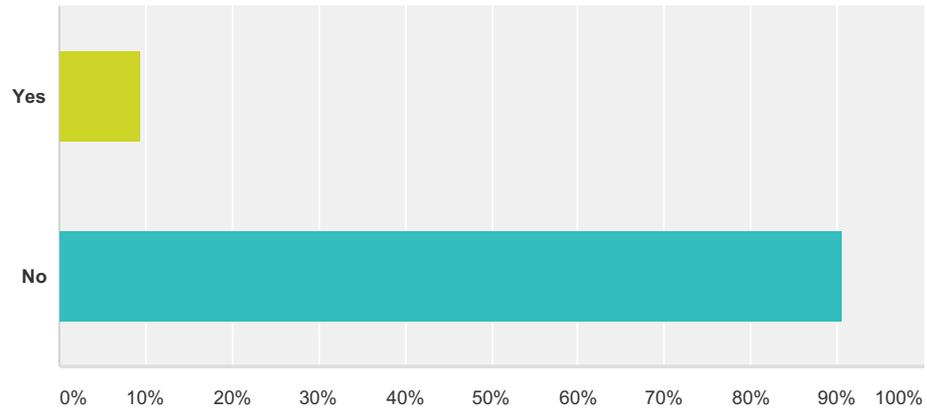
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	6.98%	6
No	93.02%	80
<b>Total</b>		<b>86</b>

**Q4 The Academic Enrichment Opportunities (AEOs) are critical to enrollment of my child(ren) in the BSY program. In other words, if AEOs were not offered, my child would not continue in the BSY program.**

Answered: 86 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	9.30% 8
No	90.70% 78
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

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### Q5 Is there any other information you wish to provide to help guide the decision-making process?

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#	Responses	Date
1	I believe bsy is a great program, I am so happy we enrolled our son into it. As much as we push academics during a regular school summer break it didn't stick this way he goes back early and has smaller break within the year. I think all schools should be like this. We moved our son from Adrian public school for this program. Madison is a great school.	10/20/2016 1:06 PM
2	My son and I enjoy it. I have seen an improvement in his learning.	10/20/2016 12:40 PM
3	I believe this program is amazing and my boys think it's even more. It's sounds crazy to others when I tell them my boys are really excited to start the school year early, but it's the truth. They get bored so fast and they will actually tell me they are glad that they don't have a long summer. The only thing I'm bummed about is that I wished it was offered in middle school. Even my oldest said that next year he is going to miss starting to school earlier.	10/20/2016 4:08 AM
4	I don't know what we would do on a tradition schedule anymore! We love balanced so much and it offers the perfect schedule for my children! They do not miss the long summer break and love the breaks in middle of the year. I wish it was implemented all the way through the school k-12.	10/20/2016 12:08 AM
5	We live in Tecumseh School District, but knew we would not be sending our child to school there. The balanced school year was a huge factor in choosing Madison over Adrian schools. Although our son is only in the young fives we have seen tremendous growth since the beginning of August. We chose to send our son to Madison after talking with a lot of friends or family one of which is a teacher in your middle school who told us if she was able to she would send her son to the balanced school year but due to the conflicting schedules it just was too difficult for him to be enrolled in BSY. When we decided to send our son to the bsy program we did not know that it was possible for the program to not continue. We have a younger daughter who we were hoping to also have follow in her brother's footsteps with the bsy program. I do not know what the research shows but I think that the bsy program needs more time to show if it will improve test scores. Why not take the children who started in kindergarten and continued through fifth grade and compare them with traditional students to reevaluate if it is still beneficial to students or not.	10/19/2016 11:14 PM
6	BSY allows for a more "real-life" experience preparing students for life as adults. Very few adults have 12 weeks free of responsibilities. Having frequent breaks keeps energy levels high so that students can stay focused without experiencing "burn-out" fatigue. I wish BSY continued through middle school.	10/19/2016 10:15 PM
7	The Academic Enrichment Opportunities (AEOs) are amazing and are certainly a large aspect of what we enjoy about BSY. The staff also seem extremely dedicated and friendly.	10/19/2016 9:16 PM
8	Especially for younger students, I believe it's important that they get an introduction to the school year without a full campus. They have time to associate or re-associate themselves. I also believe it's important that the curriculum is spread out more throughout the year and the loss of of this information is reduced by a shorter summer vacation. Another factor in that is that by giving the student more timely breaks throughout the year, they aren't overloaded at any given time and families do get more valuable time together.	10/19/2016 9:02 PM
9	No	10/19/2016 8:38 PM
10	Please please please continue bsy	10/19/2016 6:08 PM
11	The balanced school year option gives madison a competitive advantage over the other schools in the area. I believe that having my child in school sooner helps them retain more over the summer. This is one of the primary reasons we chose madison. We have loved it and the teachers have been very good but we might reevaluate our choice if there is a change in direction. Thank you for putting this survey out.	10/19/2016 5:58 PM
12	I feel my child retains more over the summer break, and requires less of a review from the previous school year. I also think my son has less anxiety starting the new school year. The breaks also give him something to look forward to.	10/19/2016 5:48 PM
13	BSY is an excellent choice that Madison did, I hope it continues	10/19/2016 5:45 PM
14	My child was falling behind her 1st couple of years in school. It wasn't until winter that she was at the same academic place as the other kids in her class, with BSY we don't have that problem anymore. She has more confidence in herself academically and is excelling in the subjects she was once failing.	10/19/2016 11:15 AM

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15	We have seen a great increase in our sons learning and the breaks he receives greatly benefits his emotionally and educational growth	10/18/2016 8:22 PM
16	love it	10/18/2016 4:55 PM
17	I believe that the program should continue. It has been successful so far. Would be very disappointed if it does not continue. Three months is to long for any child to go without a formal education. The question should be why to continue traditional!	10/18/2016 3:31 PM
18	This opportunity has allowed both of my children to grow so much more. They are learning better, and retaining more information over the summer then ever before.	10/18/2016 10:15 AM
19	I would love to see the BSY school option continue. I feel it provides a wonderful opportunity for childrenow. The AEO trips are a great way to encourage further learning in a fun and exciting way.	10/17/2016 9:26 PM
20	If Madison were to get rid of the BSY, I would consider taking my family to another school district.	10/17/2016 7:47 PM
21	My daughter would fall behind on her reading level when enrolled in the Traditional year. Since enrolling in the BSY she has been able to keep over the last 2 years, with this year being her best year yet!	10/17/2016 7:11 PM
22	I think this has been an awesome opportunity for the children. The breaks through out the year also help not to get "burned out".	10/17/2016 6:52 PM
23	It has made a big difference in my child's academic achievement.	10/17/2016 1:35 PM
24	The reason why i enrolled my child /children in BSY is for the academic benefits! My youngest has the most noticeable test scores! ! When we sit down at conferences and look at the dipping in the beginning, then it disappeared and the teacher asks "what happened? " the answer is!! "THATS WHEN BSY STARTED! !!" PLEASE MAKE IT DISTRICT WIDE!! My older children would benefit from this schedule too!!	10/17/2016 11:49 AM
25	As a family, we have enjoyed being able to travel at different times throughout the school year, and my students really look forward to those extended breaks. We also feel that they are thriving academically due to the BSY schedule, and will continue to choose this option as long as it is available.	10/17/2016 11:07 AM
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27	I get asked about Madison's BSY at least weekly, sometimes more, by friends who have kids enrolled in other districts in Lenawee County. This is a positive thing for Madison! People are talking about the school in a positive light and looking at Madison as trend-setters. I'm praying that the benefits afforded to our kids remains the driving force in the decision to keep BSY!!	10/17/2016 10:47 AM
28	We are a school of choice family with multiple children and we made the switch so we could do Balanced School Year. Not having the long regression/recoupment period in September is very important- having a shorter summer break is essential so the kids don't forget so much. And a child who is at a breakthrough stage of learning in May, the gap until September is enormous. Six or eight weeks of summer vacation is PLENTY. Shorter, more frequent breaks are more appreciated by the children than having the whole month of August off when they are bored out of their gourds. I wish the entire Madison district would move to a balanced calendar. I do have a Middle School student too, and wish he was on balanced. I can see how it is a struggle for many parents to have children on a balanced calendar in the elementary and a traditional schedule in the middle and high schools.	10/17/2016 10:40 AM
29	BSY is an amazing educational option for my children. My kids are looking forward to returning back to school after the 6 week break. We love the year round option! Last year my daughter came back to school after the summer break and tested higher at the beginning of the school year than the end of the previous year. Which meant she retained what she learned, she used it and picked up some new info along the way. My son has autism and the BSY has allowed for a consistent schedule that supports him throughout the year. We supplement with outside therapies which allows for more overlap for the generalizing of his skills. In talking with people throughout the County and other Counties, I hear the same thing, "I wish my kid's school offered that." We have had positive gains with the BSY schedule and hope to see it continued for many years to come. I would love to share more about our experiences with the BSY, please contact me if you desire more information (517)366-9175 Stephanie	10/17/2016 9:14 AM
30	BSY has been wonderful for us. If it were offered to all schools (elementary, middle and high school) it would be easier to maintain; next year we would only have 1 child in elementary school and 2 in middle school; this can be challenging to juggle different schedules. My kids are ready to go back to school when BSY starts; more summer vacation than that is not necessary and does not challenge them mentally or physically. I would suggest if BSY cannot be offered for schools next year, to offer some sort of optional summer school or online courses that kids can take to educate them over the summer months.	10/17/2016 8:01 AM

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31	I believe the BSY is a great program for my child / other children in the Madison School District. I hope Madison continues the BSY as it was a big deciding factor when enrolling our child into Madison Schools.	10/17/2016 7:10 AM
32	This is the best schedule for my child. I did School of choice because of the BSY program being offered.	10/16/2016 10:43 PM
33	My child asks to do the bsy schedule. He is ready to start in summer and is ready for the breaks when they are scheduled and I feel he seems to be more excited about learning because of it. I understand the increased burden on school and its leadership but do appreciate the opportunity to provide a positive learning environment for kids of elementary age by offering the bsy program.	10/16/2016 3:49 PM
34	Great program for my daughter that receives special education services and struggles with retention.	10/15/2016 9:14 PM
35	As a parent of a special education student during my daughter's 3rd grade year, her teacher saw a 1.5 yr calendar growth in her reading and math levels. She mentioned to me that that was the highest gain she had ever seen in a special ed student. It made my decision for her to do it a 2nd year very easy. (We didn't partake in the first yr of it.) If it's decided to continue it, I will be re-enrolling her as well as her brother. I also have a little one still at home that will go into the program as well if it's still present.	10/15/2016 6:17 PM
36	I believe BSY is amazing! My children love BSY schedules in hopes this will be the best way for all students and all grades. I want to see BSY improve and work harder across the state and nation as it allows for more development in learning more as my children grow. It's sad that BSY is only offered for grades Y5-5th and then have to go back to TSY.	10/15/2016 2:32 PM
37	I would like to expand on question 4. If AEOs were no longer offered, I still would keep my child in BSY however it would greatly reduce the significant benefits of BSY as a whole, in my opinion.	10/15/2016 12:36 PM
38	Is it possible to create one more "balanced" schedule for the entire district? The more frequent breaks (w/ shorter summer) seems to be a happier option for students and teachers - giving families more options for travel and reprieve from school. A "meet in the middle" schedule would be preferable to TSY and logistically more efficient for the district. Thank you!	10/15/2016 8:48 AM
39	I really have liked the bsy, my daughter has did it for 3 years now. She will be a 5th grader next year and I hope the bsy will be there for her last year as a elementary student!	10/14/2016 9:29 PM
40	I love being part of the BSY, unfortunately this will be my family's last year due to my oldest entering middle school next year without the BSY option.	10/14/2016 8:56 PM
41	My child NEEDS BSY or she loses a lot of schooling we worked so hard to learn.	10/14/2016 8:55 PM
42	We love BSY and will be very sad if it does not continue. We feel as parents it is better education, meaning they retain more information. But, the breaks allow my child to regroup, which has allowed him to always want to go school. I think it is great that they have offered it and pray that it continues!	10/14/2016 8:52 PM
43	We love it!!! Just when the kids feel like they need a break they get a week off and come back to school refreshed again and ready to learn.	10/14/2016 8:48 PM
44	I have had my son enrolled for two years and have noticed he hasn't lost as much information and my nieces in traditional school. He loves the BSY, we love the breaks and we are now using the AEO's this year and are very pleased with it. Please don't take this away.	10/14/2016 7:05 PM
45	One of my favorite sayings is "nothing in life that is worth while is easy". I read the schools report with 17 disadvantages and 5 advantages. I feel like the school has already made a decision trying to avoid doing Balance School Year again. It seemed very biased and opposed to it. So, is this survey just a formality so you can tell us after a lot of thought and consideration and reviewing surveys we have decided against it? No where on the report does it reflect under advantages bsy attendance up because they can travel and don't get as burned out or nothing about test scores. I know the test scores are higher for bsy. Also, it talks about how much more money it takes. You new this going into it and Mr. Hartley said at the time you were not going to do this because it was easier or about the money but trying to do what is best for the kids. I hope Mr. Rowe will continue with the same thinking. It's not about the money but during what is best for the kids. Beside Madison got money in the grant to help with these costs. Personally we love balanced school year. It has helped our son with his ADD. His test scores are higher and he hasn't lost as much information over the summer. I hope they continue it like originally planned!	10/14/2016 6:53 PM
46	Wonderful that Madison offers something other schools don't. My kids seem to enjoy the more frequent breaks.	10/14/2016 6:46 PM
47	I love the program and I wish it was offered for middle school as well.	10/14/2016 6:29 PM

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49	I love bys.	10/14/2016 6:21 PM
50	<p>Our children, themselves, love the bsy program. We, as parents, see a difference in their educational development. They do not suffer from learning exhaustion, what I mean is that I believe our children get to really be "kids" with the breaks from school. These breaks are wonderful for their bodies and minds to rest and that has been hugely beneficial to our family. Our girls are thriving in BSY and it's been a wonderful journey to watch our girls learn and love school because they are not tired or worn out. I hope BSY continues, it's a wonderful way for kids to learn and still be kids!</p>	10/14/2016 6:04 PM
51	I believe the regular breaks are beneficial to keeping kids happy and motivated.	10/14/2016 6:02 PM
52	BSY has been outstanding. I have seen amazing academic growth in both of my children that are enrolled. I hope we are able to continue this option in the future, even into middle and high school.	10/14/2016 5:51 PM
53	Have loved the past three years! Hope the BSY will be offered for middle and high school. My daughter's grades and self esteem has increased because of the program	10/14/2016 5:41 PM
54	<p>Not having that long recoupment period reviewing last year's material has been great for the kids to jump into new material quicker and for the kids to be excited about and more engaged with new material quicker. While enrichment opportunities are not essential, it's a great opportunity and saves me from trying to find a daycare to accept them for that short time period. Madison staff are excellent and we couldn't be happier with staff, from superintendent all the way down. BSY is amazing! Get AC in the middle school and offer BSY district wide!</p>	10/14/2016 5:22 PM
55	<p>Many children vary in learning. I have one child that is very advanced and bsy keeps him challenged with shorter summer and another child who school is more a struggle and the less down time allows for less learning loss. the only concern I have is the expense of the enrichment opportunities.</p>	10/14/2016 5:12 PM
56	I would consider moving my child to my home district if the BSY was not offered.	10/14/2016 5:10 PM
57	<p>Our child has grown exponentially academically and we feel the shorter summer is great for helping the kids have less learning loss. We also enjoy the breaks throughout the year where kids can get recharged and stay excited about learning.</p>	10/14/2016 5:08 PM