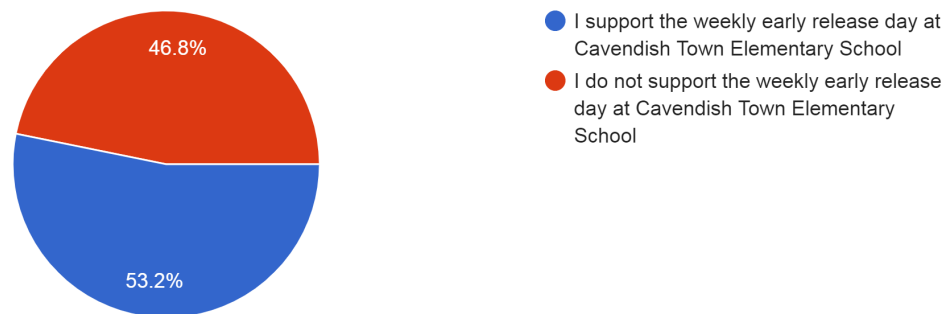


CTES Parents - Weekly Early Release Survey - June 2021

47 Responses

For many years, the schedule at CTES has included an early release day each Tuesday. Teachers use this time for valuable collaboration, professional development, or adding the early release to CAES and GMUHS.

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The reason I support / do not support the weekly early release day is

- Disruptive for working parents
- No reason for it
- The kids are bored at home & I do not have supervision for them
- Why change something that works and benefits our teachers and children?
- I support
- The reason why I support early release day is because for so many years the ski sports program has allowed students to ski on Tuesday afternoons. This program is beneficial for students and their families to get exercise, be in the outdoors, build relationships and learn a new skill.
- Both of my daughters have benefitted from this program which I hope will continue for years!
- The other reason is that early release day on Tuesdays is a way for students to break up their week and they all look forward to it!
- School is tiring and I know my children have appreciated this tradition.
- It gives the teachers and staff time to do their planning without adding extra days off, it's also a good little breather for the kids.
- Unneeded no other schools in the district do this and are able to succeed
- I believe that children should be in school five full days per week, especially after this year. I also feel that it is an equity issue, in that other kids in the area have 5 full days of school. I recognize that CTES students have the same amount of hours, but 30 minutes each day is

not the same as a full day of school. I also think the amount of PD that CTES teachers get, is an equity issue for students in the other schools. Additionally, the financial burden of childcare for an additional half day is a problem for many families.

- I support the early release day, but would like to have Tapestry or other "after school" program available during that time.
- Perfect time for doctor or dentist appointments/ Extra family time/ the teachers need the time/ there is an after school program
- I do not support it because of working parents / childcare. Also, it does not make sense. Everywhere else in the country (nevermind the district), kids go to school 5 full days / week.
- Have thought it's been ridiculous ever since my child started at CTES. No reason one school does it but not the rest. Kids need to be in school all 5 days, especially after this past year and a half.
- When both parents are full time working (and not locally) and do not have family members available, this puts a strain on families. I would prefer my child get the full 5 days of in school learning like most other school districts
- It's good for the teachers and staff to have that time for planning and meetings and great for the kids to have that time to breathe a little
- It is very difficult for working parents. If there is an ASP option, that is preferred, however, I don't feel there should be a charge for the time students would be in school.
- I believe it is beneficial for staff to have regular time to be together to form a strong team. However I also feel strongly that asp must run on Tuesdays for this to happen.
- If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
- The school would need to provide a childcare option for me to support it. If they can't then I don't support it.
- child care issues
- During the winter months I do support the early release, as this is an opportunity for young students that live in low income households to participate and create a healthy living style in an otherwise unaffordable past time. During the warmer months, I feel that it would be very beneficial for all the students to have that extra time in a learning environment.
- I support early release for reasons of allowing the kids to continue with the ski program. Also for the fact that it has become the norm for the district kids and families for the last 30+ years.
- There is no reason for just our school to be the only ones to do this for the whole year, only when ski program is going again
- I believe it should be district wide. It would give teachers more prep time. Plus hopefully it would cut down on in service days DURING the school year. Then we could get out of school

at the end of the year at the same time as all the other school districts around us. Instead of a week or more after all the other school districts

- I feel our schedule dedicated to PD is an example that should be followed. We also run an after school program that is accessible and affordable. We provide snack/ homework, recess and enrichment until 5pm.
- I feel that the early release shows that we can have a shortened week and still have high marks in testing and morale. Why change it while it is obviously working? In my experience I have found those who make the most objection are families that have not even explored their options. The most we have ever had signed up on a Tuesday was less than 30 in school that had 100 at the time.
- Teachers also should be allowed the time to use this time, if not in a training, catching up on class work, as well as personal matters. I would suggest it being moved to Wednesdays. Even utilizing the HUB format at BR. The kids loved it and the lunch bunch zoom meeting. There was even transportation.
- I feel kids miss out on learning and it's also very hard for parents to find someone to pick children up from school every Tuesday on early release
- This allows teachers to have the time they need.
- all schools should be on the same schedule and its difficult to find child care if you are not enrolled in ASP.
- Our children need all of the class time they can get.
- It's been the best practice for many years, why change to a less than best practice.
- No other school has it... not needed
- Gives the teachers extra planning time and break for the children
- A full week of 8-3 is a 35 hour "work" week for children. That is equivalent to a full time job for an adult. These are not adults. They are children. They should be treated as such. They should have time to be children and play and have "off time". Most adults don't do well with a 5 day work week and 2 days to recoup. With a half day in the week, this gives children a little more time to recharge and decompress. Not to mention it's beneficial to educators. If it is a matter of all schools needing to be on the same page, adjust the others to allow children to be children more frequently. They have their whole lives to sit in a building and follow orders, let them have this time to be little. To enjoy life outside of a classroom. To have the time to gain other life experiences.
- Previously, it was for the ski program but I love the extra time with my son.
- I think it is beneficial to our child to have that extra time off.
- No other schools have an early release day every week. No reason to have one.
- I like half days on Tuesday's so i can schedule any appointments for them so i don't have to pull them out of school early and have them miss work