

Alternative Structured Learning Day Survey Westfield Public Schools



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Parent Survey



**I support the WPS
Blizzard Bag Proposal.**

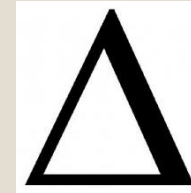
***941 Respondents**

- **Strongly Agree – 57.96%**
- **Agree – 24.63%**
- **Neither – 4.14%**
- **Disagree – 4.56%**
- **Strongly Disagree – 8.70%**

Parent Survey Comments



- It works for our daughter in gateway it's nice to see the kids get out early in summer
- I love the idea of Blizzard Bags
- Wish it could start on the first day of a snow day.
- I think its a great idea and my son really likes the idea as well!
- I'd like to pilot this program.
- Please make this happen. It will benefit everyone!!
- I think this is a wonderful idea and I do hope that it passes.
- Finally someone thought of this.
- Bring it! I love the idea.



- If I wanted to home school my child at home I would have. I don't approve of blizzard bags, it is like children are being home schooled.
- My children will not be able to complete the assignments effectively while outside of a structured school setting.
- While I understand the underlying purpose of the program, I do not support the blizzard bags as an alternative. Snow days are an unavoidable reality of life in New England.
- It's a snow day!!! Go out and play!

Staff Survey



**I support the WPS
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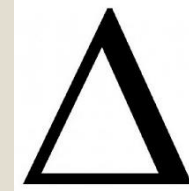
***373 Respondents**

- **Strongly Agree – 40.48%**
- **Agree – 37.53%**
- **Neither – 9.38%**
- **Disagree – 5.90%**
- **Strongly Disagree – 6.70%**

Staff Survey Comments



- Great idea! It would make more sense to start it on the first day for this project.
- I believe it's a great way to make up work lost by inclement weather days!
- Start after 3 days.
- I think it is a good way for us to begin "thinking outside of the box."
- I 100% support the concept.
- I think it needs some fine-tuning, but I like the general idea.
- Thank you for considering this option.
- Brilliant to start after the 5th snow day.



- I am all for project based learning and will do projects during that time of the year whether or not the proposal is accepted, but I would like to see other strategies considered.
- The proposal is good EXCEPT for Unit D.
- I support the use of a blizzard bag system but do not agree with the planned implementation.
- I think it will alienate students without technology at home, as well as cause students who don't understand material some confusion.
- More complicated than necessary

Summary

| | <u>Parents</u> | <u>Staff</u> | <u>Admin</u> |
|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Agree | 82.59% | 78.01% | 66% |
| Neutral | 4.14% | 9.38% | 6% |
| Disagree | 13.26% | 12.6% | 28% |

ASLD Think Tank January 5 (Parent and Staff concerns)



Blizzard Bags

