

## Monday/Friday Pros and Cons

### Friday Pros:

- Most other 4-days schools in our geographical area take Friday off, thus Fridays off in Salida would be easier to coordinate with other schools for some activities.
- Many Salida activities take place on Fridays and Saturdays such as honor bands for high school and middle school, band competitions out of town, science fairs, International Towne (6<sup>th</sup> grade), thespians district and state competition, state knowledge bowl, state cheering, honor choir and several college visitation days are scheduled on Fridays; therefore, Fridays off would limit the amount of out-of- class time for these students and teachers and coaches, especially at the high school level.
- Fridays off would allow athletes returning late Thursday night time to rest rather than have to scramble to finish homework and get ready for school the next day.

### Friday Cons:

- Fridays off may cause a loss in “momentum” from the school week in terms of effecting students and community attendance at extracurricular activities that take place on Fridays and weekends at school.
- Due to a number of activities being scheduled on Fridays at school, the anticipated utilities savings may not be realized.
- Fridays off could cause school calendar scheduling to be confusing. For example, when a national holiday takes place on a Monday, school would be in session that Friday.

### Monday Pros:

- The statistics provided by the 3 building secretaries show that more student absentees take place on Monday. Monday off could help prevent these absences.
- Mondays off would maximize utility energy dollars, savings due to school being completely shut (savings estimated between \$2,000 and \$3,000).
- Mondays off could provide a more efficient cleaning and maintenance schedule for custodians; with no need for weekend overtime pay.
- Mondays off have a potential positive psychological effect on student and staff performance, per research by other schools and businesses.
- Mondays off may lead to better participation in Friday activities (dances, fund raisers, plays, sports events, etc.) specifically at the High School (45 events took place at the high school on Friday last year).
- Mondays off may provide better gate fees on Fridays for sports events, helping to off-set athletic budget reductions.
- Mondays off may provide time for job opportunities for older students - that could also participate in Friday activities.
- There are a number of national holidays on Mondays: Columbus Day, Labor Day, MLK Day, and President's Day. So, Mondays off could be less disruptive to work and vacation schedules, avoiding any confusion with switching to Fridays off on those weeks.

### Monday Cons:

- Mondays off may cause more instructional time to be missed due to activities and athletics scheduled on Fridays.
- Mondays are important “start of work” day whereas Fridays commonly used as a “third weekend day” and/or wrap-up work day.