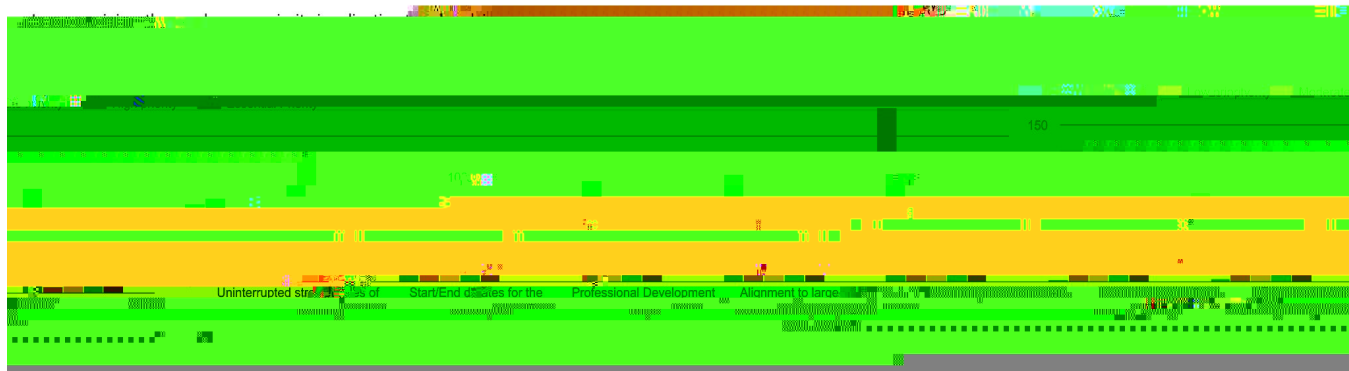# Stakeholder Engagement Overview

To create the proposed calendar, the Office of Teaching and Learning convened multiple groups for input through surveys, focus groups, and feedback sessions. These groups consisted of:

Principals
Chicago Teachers Union
Parents
Community Members

Principals indicated that the top two factors to drive the calendar should focus on uninterrupted stretches of learning and maximizing learning at the beginning of the year.

Calendar Features

Student Start Date:
  Monday, August 21, 2023
Student End Date:
  Thursday, June 6, 2024
End of First Semester:
  Prior to Winter Break on Thursday, December 21, 2023
Number and Categories of Days:
  176 days of instruction for students
  12 professional learning days for teachers and school-based staff (same as current school year)
  10 holidays
  One parent-teacher conference day for both high school (HS) and elementary school (ES)
  students in the fall of 2023 and separate parent-teacher conference days in the spring of 2024
  Two weeks of winter vacation and one week of spring vacation
Additional Notable Features
  No student instruction during the entire week of Thanksgiving
  Veterans Day will be an observed holiday for SY23-24.

Responses by Stakeholders

Out of 2575 responses, 2332 gave applicable feedback or suggestions

Stakeholder	Positive Comments	Concern of earlier start	Other (general questions)	Total
Teacher	112	27	56 (*payroll*)	195
Parent/Guardian	184	119	87 (	

Thank you