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Dear Parents/Carers

**School Term Review**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent consultation about potential changes to the school holiday calendar.

We launched this consultation following a council motion to review the school term arrangements here in North Lanarkshire.

Two options were developed; both included the same number of working days for school staff (195 days), with 190 days for teaching and 5 days set aside for professional development (In-Service Days).

- **Option A** was broadly in line with current arrangements and included the September weekend, one week in October, and a Monday and Tuesday holiday for the February mid-term break.
- **Option B** offered alternative arrangements, with one day less at the September weekend, two weeks holiday in October, and a Friday/Monday holiday for the February mid-term break. Additionally, the February in-set day was moved to January, and holidays were reduced in December, April and May.

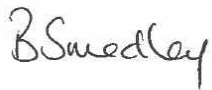
The consultation closed on **Friday 4 April 2025**, and we are pleased to report that over **22,800 responses** were received. The breakdown of those who took part is as follows:

- Parents and carers – 16,283
- Pupils – 1,343
- Teachers – 3,045
- Support staff (school or early years) – 1,063
- Early years practitioners – 398
- Parent Council representatives – 43
- Pupil Council representatives – 3
- Trade Union representatives – 25
- Other – 367

The results of the consultation indicate that the majority of stakeholders prefer **Option A** (66% of respondents who replied). Option A was also the preferred option across all individual stakeholder groups when the data was broken down further. This is the option that is broadly in line with current arrangements.

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone who took the opportunity to take part in this consultation.

Kind regards

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