

Questions to Ask at Tuesday's Meeting

Bring this page with you — pick 1 or 2 that matter most to your family

You don't need to make a speech. You can simply ask one question. Public comment is your right as a community member. These questions come from gaps in the information the district has shared so far.

- 1 How many families in our district have two working parents or a single working parent? **Has anyone surveyed this before making a decision that affects every Friday?** Census data suggests about 72% of families here have all parents working.
- 2 What is the **funded, operational plan** for Friday childcare? There are zero licensed providers in Harrison and only 3 in all of Benewah County. "The community will figure it out" is not a plan.
- 3 The after-school program director told us the district **doesn't qualify to serve meals on non-school days**. 42% of our students are on free or reduced lunch. What is the plan for food-insecure students on Fridays?
- 4 The proposed calendars were shared for the first time on April 17. **Why is the vote only 5 days later?** Can the vote be delayed to allow families time to review and respond?
- 5 Our test scores rank in the **top 20% in Idaho**. Post Falls' chronic absenteeism went up to 18.8% after going 4-day (state average is 14.6%). What specific benchmarks will trigger a return to 5 days if things get worse?
- 6 Was the **early-release Friday model** considered? Coeur d'Alene uses it. It gives teachers their PD time without taking away a full school day from families.
- 7 The district might save \$17,000-69,000 per year. Families could pay an estimated **\$52,000-195,000 in childcare costs** (depending on available rates). Has the board calculated the cost to families, not just the savings to the district?

How public comment works:

You typically get 3 minutes. Pick 1-2 questions that matter most to your family. You can read directly from this page. You don't need to be an expert — you just need to be a parent or community member asking a reasonable question. Your voice matters.

Full details online: kjsd-4dsw.netlify.app | Questions based on district handouts (April 17, 2026), public meeting testimony, Census ACS data, RAND research, and Idaho Report Card data. | Prepared by a KSD parent. Not affiliated with the district.