

Dear Parents:

Attached, please find the 2016-17 academic calendar. ***Beginning in the 2016-17 academic year, all U Prep Schools will operate on a traditional school calendar.*** This decision was made after 18 months of careful consideration with feedback received across the U Prep community as well as a review of data collected including but not limited to student performance, staff preference and parent surveys.

While a balanced calendar promised some benefits, it led to mixed results. Ultimately, our decision was based on what we think is in our students' best interests and will contribute to their academic growth.

UPSM parents were surveyed in recent weeks about the balanced calendar. Thank you to the 181 of you who responded. It was the best response rate we have ever had to a survey. The vast majority said they would be amenable to a traditional calendar.

U Prep is in the process of planning various fee and non-fee activities for students during the summer months to help with their continued learning and growth. These programs will fill up quickly and will be first come, first serve. Additionally, we will provide online links to non-Uprep summer opportunities that you may want to consider. This information will be provided in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support of U Prep Schools. I am extremely glad to have you and your family as members of our community.

Educationally yours,

Mark Ornstein

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