# MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT 2024 MARCH CULTURE AND CLIMATE CALENDAR PROTECTING TEACHER TIME; <u>SURVEY SAYS...</u>

### WEEK 1

# WEEK 2

# WEEK 3

# WEEK 4

#### **Meetings & PD**

Be thoughtful about the who, what, when, and how

- Limit non-essential meetings and leverage email communication
- Reduce the frequency and duration of meetings that do not directly contribute to teaching and student learning
- Offer relevant and meaningful PD opportunities that align with teachers' needs and interests
- Leverage voice, choice, and differentiation
- Avoid unnecessary or redundant training sessions

#### **Be Strategic**

General Leadership Moves Can Have a Huge Impact

- Delegate effectively to relieve teachers of unnecessary administrative tasks and increase ability to focus on instruction
- Streamline by minimizing paperwork, administrative burdens and utilizing technology for tasks like attendance, grading, reporting, etc.
- Communicate clearly about expectations
- Respect autonomy and leverage expertise and input

#### Advocate

Advocate for the following...

- Policies like four-day work weeks and consistent modified days for more planning time
- Policies that prioritize workload and well-being, such as limits on after-hours work, flexible scheduling, and reasonable deadlines
- District-level admin respecting professional autonomy
- Hiring more support staff to reduce teachers' workload and provide more hands-on deck

#### What Now?

There are supports for aligning time, resources, and values

- Establish mechanisms for teachers to provide feedback on workload, scheduling, and other factors impacting their time and take action based on their feedback
- Assess current use of time
- <u>Be innovative in unlocking</u> <u>time</u>
- <u>Use non-teaching staff to</u> <u>free up teachers for</u> <u>collaboration</u>
- Protect planning, prep, and collaboration time

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