**April vs February – PRO APRIL**

* Already have two holidays and potential for bad weather in winter term. Spring would be better.
* An April date would be less likely to be cancelled due to snow. Also, it would likely result in current students missing increased overall contact hours for spring term vs. winter term (because of holidays and snow days).
* As a counselor, I could provide more support to students in April. However, state testing is often in April and could be an obstacle.
* At Canby High School, our math department is in support of this proposed change for a couple main reasons: (1) eliminates weather cancellations and (2) better equity of content coverage for the students level of testing. Thanks
* Either date works for us. April does have better weather and is more conducive for touring campus. Regardless, we look forward to continued participation in this excellent program.
* February 4th doesn't seem to help with inclement weather BUT this year, at least, April 3rd we are holding State Testing so that doesn't work for 11th gr. students.
* Holding the Skills Comptetion during Winter term takes an instructional day away from a term with holidays already. Having it during Spring term would be less disruptive to college courses.
* I support this move to spring term. There are already several holidays in winter (one on a Monday and then a floating President's Day and only one holiday (Memorial Day) during Spring term.
* I'd like to see us try April for 2 years and really spread the word. Spring is busy, but many of our partners around the state have skills contests in April (COCC is having theirs on 4/11).
* I'm a part of C-TEC Youth Services that helps to put on the Career Expo during the Skills Competition. We have thrown around the idea of combining the Career Expo with CCC's April/Spring Career Fair. If the Skills Competition does get moved to April that might be something to consider.
* It's a coin toss between February and April rain, but April would almost certainly be warmer and less chance of a snow or ice closure. Not sure how it might conflict with planning by HS's for end-of-school year events. .
* Skills Competition is a great recruiting tool for me, and it's also a good learning experience for high school students. I think it is one of the coolest things we do as a college, and I appreciate the work you put into it. I do think that having the event at a warmer time will prevent cancellations and also help us showcase our lovely campus, as it will be easier to be outside.
* Skills day is valuable and I enjoy participating every year, but I think Spring would be a better time.
* So glad to see you are looking at other date options. February is always an issue with weather concerns
* There are too many holidays in Winter term already. This would be better to move to Spring term.
* This is a great idea/suggestion. I've been involved with Skills Day for the passt 5 years and it really needs to be moved to a later date- during Spring term is ideal. I hope this change can come about.
* This is purely based on the number of Monday holidays we already have winter term and the many times the event has been canceled due to weather!

**April vs February – PRO FEBRUARY**

* Voting on February despite the weather risk because there are so many other things going on mid to late April!
* I like the idea of it being later, but we are in Senior Project time which takes for the whole population at Molalla. The later in Spring is just tough.
* Avoid April as SBAC testing occurs at schools then.
* Our parent/teacher conferences fall on the 3rd Thursday in April
* The Thursday date is the week prior to AP testing beginning, and state testing is in progress for juniors. We would have less participation in April.
* the only drawback would be Smarter Balance Testing for Juniors at that time

**Day of Week**

* As a CCC instructor, I would like to see this moved to a date that doesn’t impact our current students as much, such as a Friday or Saturday.
* Change it to a Friday when a lot of classes do not have to be cancelled, or hold it in the summer.
* I do not prefer Thursdays. I have had several CCC students complain that it is unfair that they lose class time and work on art projects to HS students who are not paying to take classes here.
* I would recommend moving it to a Friday later in the year, perhaps the 4 of April to minimize the impact on our college courses and programs.
* I'd rather see skills day on a FRIDAY so we have many fewer classes to cancel. April is better than February. Also, forcing me to select between two options above, neither of which is desirable, is not much of a choice - Maybe offer a thrid option "Other" on the next survey. Consequently, please disregard my selection for the date, because I really can't endorse either date because they are not on a Friday and thus will likely impact classes.
* In science department, we would prefer a Friday Skills day, as the thursday always negatively impacts our lab course schedules.
* Is there a reason it cannot be held on a Friday to minimize the impact on classes and labs? There are far fewer things scheduled on Fridays for CCC students to miss out on.
* Friday is a better day as that day has the fewest number of classes. I still firmly believe that the skills day events should be complete by 12PM in order to allow afternoon classes to run on campus. We should be limiting the loss of classroom time for CCC students.
* Skills Day might have less impact on our regular classes and students if it were on a Friday rather than on a Thursday.
* This event should be help on Friday so that we don't have to cancel classes for students paying for instruction.
* Thursdays don't work well for our program as all the students are in the lab while the skills competition takes place and it takes away class space for the existing students and interrupt the labtime. Another day-of-the-week would work better (Tue or Wed.).
* Why not hold the event on a Friday. The CCC Oregon City campus has far fewer classes on Friday. High Schools do not lose as much instruction time as CCC does because a Thursday is not 50% of their instruction week.

**Class Cancellation Times**

* Moving Skills Day to Spring would be an improvement. However, if you are going to conduct a survey, it should relate to the concerns brough by the FT Faculty at the beginning of the year that nearly caused a grievance to be filed. Those issues have to do with the cancelation of lab classes and changing the start time from 4 to 1pm. It is interesting and frustrating that you've chosen to conduct a survey on a topic that was not a clear concern, and have ignored the issues at hand. Lastly, if you want to disrupt the education of fewer of our current students, we should be looking at placing the Skills Day on a Friday (when fewer courses are scheduled). Doing this in Spring would make the most sense.
* Please do not cancel labs during skills day or otherwise hinder current students from completing their work. In addition, the feedback I have received from my department members is that it would be extremely difficult to finish all the tasks (judging, clean-up, etc.) involved in skills contest day and be ready to teach regular classes by 1pm. Prefer that college classes be cancelled until 4pm to avoid confusion and the inevitable choice for students to skip their afternoon class if their morning classes are cancelled. The reasoning for cancelling only morning classes and not running labs on this day does not compute. Thank you.
* Yes, the current schedule of canceling all classes that begin before 4 pm works just fine. There is no need to change this.

**General/Other Comments**

* A parent approached me frustrated that she was unable to find the Skills Competition information or the schedule on the CCC website. She requested that I provide this feedback, she was really mad.
* As a volunteer, I felt I wasn't given a lot of information. I didn't know what I was stamping or why, nor was I provided a schedule to help direct students to where they needed to be.
* As new faculty and maybe for old faculty, I was unsure what the purpose of the day was. What is our goal? Is this supposed to advertise the school or test the high school students. For me knowing this would help me design an appropriate competition. After seeing this happen once, I've decided I want to use the skills competition to advertise my program. I want to challenge students to do something fun, with the hope that it inspires them to want to enter the program. -- Mike Farrell EET/ENGR
* Determine what barriers most affect HS's from participating
* Does Skills Days increase enrollment? Can we point at any concrete evidence that proves its worth?
* Is there a way to allow students to sign up for skills competitions the day of the event?
* Keeping the staff involved in the event is a great thing.
* No one signed up for our competition this term since the time overlapped with other science competitions required by their schools. Times need to be spaced out so that students interested in STEM can do multiple competitions.
* Several groups of students skipped past getting their amazing race map. Perhaps communicating to the high Schools that they need to stop at one of the tables first so that students get the inofrmation they need about locations for competions, the scholarship opportunity, etc before letting them wander around campus freely.
* Thank you for all the efforts you dedicate to host an amazing event annually for our HS partners.
* Thank you for asking this question.
* Thank you for such a thoughtful process.
* Thanks for considering another date!
* The event lengths were not long enough. The prior amount of time given to complete events was adequate. Students felt they did not have enough time to complete events. The 2 hour event time was perfect. I wish we could go back to the prior amount of time. The manufacturing and welding events take longer than 1 1/2 hours (with proper clean-up) to complete. Thanks for your time. My students LOVED seeing the facilities and loved your instructors.
* We absolutely loved participating in the skill competition this year. Everyone and things learned was so helpful!