

Revised ITEM 4

To: **Board of Education** From: Superintendent of Schools

Sylvia Russell

Re: **PROPOSED CURRICULUM** Date: November 18, 2015

<u>IMPLEMENTATION DAYS</u> (Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Due to the implementation of the new curriculum the Ministry of Education announced that ten (10) new hours of non-instructional time are being designated for teachers this year to be trained on the new curriculum and collaborate with their colleagues on the curriculum changes.

In alignment with the "School Calendar Regulation":

School calendar - amendment

- 8 (1) A board must schedule the following for the 2015/2016 school year:
 - (b) 2 or more non-instructional periods totalling 10 hours for the purpose of providing teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities relating to the implementation of the curriculum documents listed in section 1(i) of the Educational Program Guide Order, M333/99.
- **6** (1) For the purposes of section 87.02 [school calendar amendment] of the Act, a board must make publicly available proposed amendments to a school calendar at least one month before making the amendments.
 - (2) A board must, as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 30 days of amending a school calendar under section 87.02 of the Act, provide the minister with the amended school calendar.
 - (4) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a board that amends a school calendar for the 2015/2016 school year to include the non-instructional periods required under section 8(1) (b)[designation of purpose for non-instructional days and periods] and instead the board must, as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 30 days of amending a school calendar under section 87.02 of the Act,
 - (a) provide the minister with the amended school calendar, and
 - (b) make publicly available the amended school calendar.

And, after consultation with the MRTA the following days are being recommended:

- February 19, 2016 (attached to the February 18th, 2016 District-wide Non-Instructional Day).
- May 2, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the proposed amendments to the 2015-2016 School Calendars.



2015-2016 PROPOSED DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Non-instructional day (district-wide)	Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2015
Non-instructional day (province-wide)	Friday, October 23, 2015
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Monday, November 23, 2015
Schools close for Winter break	Friday, December 18, 2015
Winter break	Monday, December 21, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016
Schools reopen after Winter break	Monday, January 4, 2016
Non-instructional day (growth planning day)	Monday, January 18, 2016
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 5, 2016
Family Day	Monday, February 8, 2016
Non-instructional day (district-wide)	Thursday, February 18, 2016
Non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day)	Friday, February 19, 2016
Schools close for Spring break	Friday, March 11, 2016
Spring break	Monday, March 14, 2016 to Friday, March 18, 2016
Schools Not in Session	Monday, March 21, 2016 to Thursday, March 24, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	Monday, March 28, 2016
Schools reopen after Spring break	Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day)	Monday, May 2, 2016
Non-instructional day (school-based)	Friday, May 20, 2016
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2016
Last day for students	Tuesday, June 28, 2016
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Schools Not in Session	Thursday, June 30, 2016
Schools close for Summer vacation	Thursday, June 30, 2016

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

NB: Kanaka Creek Elementary will run its year round calendar separate from this calendar.

SECONDARY (8-12) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:40pm. 320 instructional minutes per day.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per School Act and Calendar Regulation:

853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.

878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.

952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

SD42 PROPOSED DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR: School Year 2015 to 2016

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Opening Day
Scheduled Vacation
Statutory Holidays
Non Instructional Days
Last Day for Students
Administrative Day – no school
Schools Not in Session

^{*}January 18, 2016 Growth Planning Day

^{*}February 5, 2016 Optional Training Day for CUPE



2015-2016 PROPOSED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING SCHOOL CALENDAR

Distributed Learning Summer program begins (subject to sufficient enrolment) Friday, July 3, 2015 to Friday, July 24, 2015.

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Non-instructional day (school-based)	Tuesday, September 22, 2015
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Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Schools Not in Session	Thursday, June 30, 2016
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Distributed Learning Summer program 2016 dates to be announced.

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