

DATE: March 1, 2016

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Amended District Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year

ORIGINATOR: Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director, Governance, Strategic Services and Support to Schools

RESOURCE STAFF: Bob Morter

REFERENCE: Report #14 of the Caucus Committee (from the Meetings Held June 9 and 16, 2015)
[Board Policy GCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar](#)

ISSUE

An amendment is required to the 2016-17 School Year Calendar, approved at the June 16, 2015, Caucus Committee Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The previously approved calendar for the 2016-17 school year was designed with consideration given to Alberta Education's Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test schedule. At the time of approval the final diploma exam was scheduled for June 28, 2017. Recently, Alberta Education has produced a final schedule with June 29, 2017, as the date of the final exam. Additionally, Grade 9 science achievement exams are now scheduled for June 29, 2017.

The attached draft calendar proposes to change the 2016-17 school year calendar. The following changes have been proposed:

- June 29 is the final instructional day.
- June 30 is the final operational day. This change extends the school year by one day.
- In consideration of this additional day, Wednesday, May 24, 2017 has been changed to a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day. This has the effect of lengthening the Victoria Day long weekend. It was critical to add an additional Board Approved Non-Instructional Day to ensure that the collective agreement with teaching staff was honoured.

RELATED FACTS

- The currently approved 2016-17 school year calendar has the final day of classes as June 28, 2017
- Alberta Education has amended the diploma and achievement exam schedules to include June 29, 2017, as a testing day.
- The draft calendar extends the school year to Friday, June 30, 2017, for staff, with June 29, 2017 as the final day for students.
- May 24, 2017, is amended to be a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day.

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft 2016-17 school year calendar (Attachment II) be approved.

OPTIONS

Based on the information provided in this report, the following options are considered most appropriate:

1. Approve the draft 2016-17 school year calendar as proposed.
2. Approve the draft 2016-17 school year calendar with amendments.

CONSIDERATIONS & ANALYSIS

Due to the extension of the June exam schedules by Alberta Education, it is necessary to extend the 2016-17 school year calendar by one day for staff and students. With the addition of a day to the end of the school year, it was necessary to remove a day from the second semester of the school year. Had a day not been removed, it would have resulted in teaching staff being assigned duties in excess of the 896.2 hours as agreed to in the Letter of Understanding: "Pilot Project on Revised School Calendar 2016-2017".

NEXT STEPS

Should the Board approve the attached draft calendar, the revised calendar will be placed on the District's website. Additionally, a Need to Know News item will be published regarding the change.

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I	Approved 2016-17 School Year Calendar
ATTACHMENT II	Draft 2016-17 School Year Calendar with revisions

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2016-17 District Calendar – UNDER REVIEW

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This calendar is under review. Some dates may change.

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Labour Day	September 5
Thanksgiving	October 10
Remembrance Day	November 11
Boxing Day	December 26
Winter Break	December 27 – January 6
Family Day	February 20
Teachers' Convention	March 2 & 3
Spring Break	March 27 – 31
Good Friday	April 14
Easter Monday	April 17
Victoria Day	May 22

First Operational Day-PD	August 30
First Operational Day (No Students)	August 31
First Day of Classes	September 1
Last Day of Classes	June 28
Last Operational Day	June 29

LEGEND

	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	PD DAY (NO STUDENTS)
	FIRST/LAST DAY OF CLASSES
	OPERATIONAL DAY (NO STUDENTS)
	TEACHERS' CONVENTION
	TEACHERS' DAY IN LIEU (NO TEACHERS OR STUDENTS)
	BOARD APPROVED NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (NO TEACHERS OR STUDENTS)
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