

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2020-21 School Year Calendar

ORIGINATOR: Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent, Infrastructure

RESOURCE

STAFF: Bob Morter, David Salmon

REFERENCE: [GCA.BP](#) – Approval of the School Year Calendar
[GCA.AR](#) – The School Year Calendar

ISSUE

Board Policy GCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar requires that the Board of Trustees approve calendars for two years following the current school year.

BACKGROUND

The school year calendar is designed with a number of considerations many of which are included in Administrative Regulation GCA.AR – The School Year Calendar. This regulation includes requirements such as the fact that winter recess is two weeks long and must include December 24 and January 2. Other considerations include the draft Diploma Exam dates, Provincial Achievement Test dates, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exam dates. Finally, the calendar is designed to balance the length of first and second semesters, and to align with the terms and conditions of the pilot program on the school year calendar within the Alberta Teachers' Association collective agreement.

RELATED FACTS

Key points of the draft 2020-21 School Year Calendar include:

- A start date for students of September 2, 2020, prior to the Labour Day long weekend
- A fall break of three days composed of: Remembrance Day, one board approved non-instructional day and one day in lieu for reporting
- A total of two days in lieu for reporting
- Five Professional Development days
- Balanced first and second semesters

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached 2020-21 District Calendar be approved.

OPTIONS

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

1. Approve the attached 2020-21 school year calendar.
2. Approve the attached 2020-21 school year calendar with modifications.

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

The attached calendar was developed in alignment with a number of District board policies and administrative regulations, most notably GCA.BP and GCA.AR. In addition, the calendar is aligned with the current Letter of Understanding - "Pilot Project on Revised School Year Calendar" between the District and the local of the Alberta Teachers' Association. As such, the calendar is designed around an annual figure for teachers' instructional duties of approximately 890 hours, but no more than 896.2 hours annually, versus a maximum weekly maximum for instructional minutes.

The proposed calendar maintains the 183 instructional days present in the calendar since the 2016-17 school year. Building the calendar around the same number of days results in a greater consistency of school hours of operation from year to year, allowing schools for the most part to retain existing timetables for students and staff. This in turn assists parents with creating consistency of drop off and pick up times. Additionally, efficiency is created in Student Transportation with routing and timing of buses.

It is important to note that the proposed calendar shifts the first day of classes earlier than is typical. As Labour Day falls on September 7, the latest the students can commence their instructions is September 2 to obtain required instructional hours.

It is important to note that the federal government is currently considering the establishment of an annual national holiday in late September, a national truth and reconciliation day to commemorate residential school survivors and honour those who have passed. Should this holiday be created, it will result in an amendment to the attached calendar.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the school year calendar, Communications will post the approved calendar on the District website.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I Draft 2020-21 School Year Calendar

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2020–21 District Calendar – DRAFT

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





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APPROVED HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	September 7
Thanksgiving	October 12
Remembrance Day	November 11
Winter Break	December 21–January 1
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Year's Day	January 1
Family Day	February 15
Teachers' Convention	February 25–26
Spring Break	March 29–April 2
Good Friday	April 2
Easter Monday	April 4
Victoria Day	May 24
First Operational Day (No Students)	August 31
First Day of Classes	September 2
Last Day of Classes	June 25
Last Operational Day	June 28

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)
	WINTER/SPRING BREAK



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