# **Recommendation Report**

**DATE:** June 22, 2021

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

**ORIGINATOR:** Kathy Muhlethaler, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

**STAFF:** Vicki de Haan, Terry Korte, Bob Morter

**REFERENCE:** GCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar

GCA.AR – The School Year Calendar

### **ISSUE**

An amendment to the 2021-22 School Year Calendar is being requested to accommodate the new national holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30, 2021.

# **BACKGROUND**

The 2021-22 School Year Calendar was previously approved by the Board of Trustees. In early June the Government of Canada proclaimed a new national holiday to occur on September 30 to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada. As indicated by the Canadian Heritage Minister, Steven Guilbeault, "The objective is to create a chance for Canadians to learn about and reflect on a dark chapter in their country's history and to commemorate the survivors, their families and their communities". An adjustment to the School Year Calendar is required to accommodate this holiday.

### **RELATED FACTS**

Key points to consider of the amended 2021-22 School Year Calendar include:

- Public Holiday on Thursday, September 30, 2021
- Shift a professional development day from Monday, September 27, 2021, to Friday, October 1, 2021.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached amended 2021-22 Division Calendar be approved.

### **OPTIONS**

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

- 1. Approve the attached 2021-22 school year calendar.
- 2. Approve the attached 2021-22 school year calendar with modifications.

### **CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS**

While this new legislation applies to federally regulated employers only, the Division is supportive of this day of reflection and the purpose for which it was enacted. Additionally, our collective Agreements with CUPE 474 (Custodial staff), CUPE 784 (Maintenance staff), and CUPE 3550 (Support staff) require that



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any holidays proclaimed by the City of Edmonton, the provincial government, or the federal government be provided to eligible employees within these staff groups.

The current calendar has already undergone an amendment at a prior date. The proposed calendar represents the best identified solution to removing September 30 as an instructional day and accommodating plans made by both stakeholders and the requirements of the Division. The proposed changes to the calendar are to accommodate the newly created day of reflection and cluster the non-instructional days so as to be less disruptive to families.

# **NEXT STEPS**

Following the approval of the calendar, it will be published on the Division website.

# **ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES**

ATTACHMENT I Draft 2021-22 School Year Calendar

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