



Date: September 24, 2025 **Agenda Item:** 7.1

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

Originator(s): Lisa Lacroix, Associate Superintendent Human Resources

Subject: **2026-2027 School Year Calendar - Amendment**

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, as presented at the September 24, 2025, Public Board meeting.

Background:

The current 2026-2027 School Year Calendar identifies school principal return dates that are not fully aligned with school office opening dates. In order to enhance operational readiness, improve service to families and maintain compliance with the ATA collective agreement, it is recommended that the calendar be amended so that school offices officially open on the same day that principals return.

This change will:

- Ensure consistent, predictable timelines for school start-up.
- Support operational planning by aligning leadership presence with public office availability.
- Comply with both Administrative Procedure 235: Operational School Year and Calendar and the provisions of the collective agreement.

If approved, the amended calendar will be re-circulated to the Administrative Council (Principals/Vice Principals), School Councils and the Teacher Board Advisory Committee for information. The updated version will also be posted to the Division's website and shared with school communities.

Status & Relationship to Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS):

This report aligns with the [SLQS](#) in the following way:

COMPETENCY: (1) Building Effective Relationships

INDICATORS: e. establishing constructive relationships with students, staff, school councils, parents/guardians, employee organizations, the education ministry and other stakeholder organizations; and

f. facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.

COMPETENCY:	(2) Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning
INDICATORS:	c. actively seeking out feedback and information from a variety of sources to enhance leadership practice.
COMPETENCY:	(6) School Authority Operations and Resources
INDICATORS:	a. providing direction on fiscal and resource management in accordance with all statutory, regulatory and school authority requirements.
COMPETENCY:	(7) Supporting Effective Governance
INDICATORS:	f. supporting the board in the fulfilment of its governance functions in the fiduciary, strategic and generative realms; and l. facilitating ongoing public communication about the board's operations and the achievement of its goals and priorities.

Governance Implications:Education Act

Board responsibilities

33(1) A board, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to

(c) provide, where appropriate, for the engagement of parents, students, staff and the community, including municipalities and the local business community, in board matters, including the board's plans and the achievement of goals and targets within those plans,

School day and year

60 A board shall determine and make publicly available for each school year the days, dates and number of days of school operation.

Funding Manual for School Authorities & Guide to Education

All students must receive the minimum required instructional hours and be provided sufficient opportunity to achieve the outcomes outlined in the programs of study/curriculum as mandated by legislation. The 2026-2027 school year calendar ensures these requirements are met.

Board Policy 2: Role of the Board

7. Establish processes to engage the community and stakeholders in a dialogue about Division programs and future planning.

Board Policy 3: Role of the Trustee

2.1.1 Represent his or her constituents and consider the interests of all Division stakeholders when making decisions.

[Administrative Procedure 235: Operational School Year Calendar](#)

A board shall determine and make publicly available for each school year the days, dates and number of days of school operation (Education Act Section 60).

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the September 24, 2025, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s) and/or link(s):

1. Amended 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
2. Amended 2026-2027 School Operational Year Details
3. Final 2026-2027 School Year Calendar Approved March 19, 2025

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**** SUBJECT TO DIPLOMA EXAM SCHEDULE RELEASE**

2026-2027

Amended

September 24, 2025

School Offices Open - NO CLASSES	August 21-25
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	August 26
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	August 27
Operational Non-Instructional (K-12) - No Classes	August 28
Classes Begin	August 31
Labour Day - No Classes	September 7
National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No Classes	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - No Classes	October 12
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	October 13
In lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews - No Classes	November 9
Fall Break - No Classes	November 10
Remembrance Day - No Classes	November 11
Fall Break - No Classes	November 12 - 13
Classes Resume	November 16
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	December 7
Christmas Break - No Classes	December 21
Classes Resume	January 4
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	February 1
First Day of Classes - Semester Two	February 2
Teachers' Convention - No Classes	February 4-5
Family Day - No Classes	February 15
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	March 8
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Classes Resume	April 6
Victoria Day - No Classes	May 24
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	May 25
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	June 7
Last Day of Classes	June 28
Operational Non-Instructional (K-12) - No Classes	June 29
Summer Vacation Begins	June 30

School Year 2026-2027

(All dates are inclusive unless otherwise specified)

AUGUST

Friday	21	School Offices Open
Wednesday	26	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Thursday	27	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Friday	28	Operational Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday	31	All Classes (full day)

SEPTEMBER

Monday	07	LABOUR DAY - No Classes
Wednesday	30	NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY – No Classes

OCTOBER

Monday	12	THANKSGIVING DAY - No Classes
Tuesday	13	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes

NOVEMBER

Monday	9	Non-Instructional Day In Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews - No Classes
Tuesday	10	Fall Break - No Classes
Wednesday	11	REMEMBRANCE DAY – No Classes
Thursday	12	Fall Break - No Classes
Friday	13	Fall Break - No Classes
Monday	16	Classes Resume

DECEMBER

Monday	07	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Saturday	19	Christmas Break Begins

JANUARY

Monday	04	Classes Resume
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References: Administrative Procedure 235 – *Operational School Year and Calendar*
School Operational Year Calendar 2026-2027
School Operational Year Calendar Day Count 2026-2027
Education Act Section 60

FEBRUARY

Monday	01	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Tuesday	02	First Day of Classes - Semester Two
Thursday	04	Teachers' Convention - No Classes
Friday	05	Teachers' Convention - No Classes
Monday	15	FAMILY DAY - No Classes

MARCH

Monday	08	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Thursday	25	Non-Instructional Day In Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews - No Classes
Friday	26	GOOD FRIDAY – No Classes
Monday	29	EASTER MONDAY – No Classes
Tuesday	30	Spring Break Begins

APRIL

Monday	05	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Tuesday	06	Classes Resume

MAY

Monday	24	VICTORIA DAY - No Classes
Tuesday	25	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff meeting – No Classes

JUNE

Monday	07	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Monday	28	Last Day of Classes
Tuesday	29	Operational Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Wednesday	30	Summer Break Begins

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