

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)
EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
Agenda

Committee Members: Trustee Silzer, Chair
Trustee Vandall
Trustee VanWell

Staff Support: Carly Hunter, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation
Paul McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent

Partner Representatives: Leila Sinclair-Wise, SAA – Elementary
Kelly deKlerk, SAA – Secondary
Don Peterson – STA
Candace Whitney – CUPE
COPACS

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
1:00 pm

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Early Learning Initiatives – Robin Kelly and Jenica Moore
2. Literacy Data Information – Andreas Clesle, Carly Hunter, and Darcy McNee

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Items

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

No Items

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Local Calendars: 2025-26, and 2026-27 – Paul McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent

Staff Recommendation:

That the Board forward the draft school calendars for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for public consultation for the following dates: April 26 to May 28, 2024

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Data sharing around strategic plan goals – ongoing
Student Voice Feedback – ongoing
Advocates Report – June
PISA Report

To: Education Directions Committee

Prepared By: Paul McKenzie
Assistant Superintendent

Subject: School Calendars (Addendum) 2025-26 and 2026-27

Date: April 11th, 2024

Background/Rationale:

In January 2022, the Board approved School Calendars for 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. We are currently in year two of the three-year cycle, with the 2024-25 school year being our last. In conversation with School Districts 61 and 62, there is an interest in moving our consultation and approval process forward to lock down school calendars for 2026-26, and 2026-27.

During February and March 2024, we met with School Districts 61 and 62 to discuss and align the proposed calendars where possible in preparation for district-based consultation. After the creation of the draft calendars, we met with partner groups (STA, CUPE, STA) to gather input and amendment recommendations. The prepared calendars submitted for consideration have been approved for review to the Education Directions Committee.

Context

School districts are required to submit a school calendar to the Ministry of Education for the following school year no later than March 31st of each year. As we have confirmed next year's calendar as of March 2022, we can submit subsequent year calendars in the summer for Ministry approval.

As per the attached School Calendar Regulation, the proposed school calendar must be made publicly available for consultation at least one month before the date it is to be submitted to the minister.

The attached school calendars for the years 2025/26 and 2026/27 are proposed for public feedback and consultation from April 18th to May 28th, 2024. The timing allows the public to provide feedback, with time for the Board to consider the feedback, and, if necessary, adjust the proposed calendars prior to formally adopting the calendars at the June 2024 Board meeting.

The proposed calendars meet the following objectives and obligations:

- As per the Collective Agreement with the Saanich Teachers' Association, Spring Break must begin on the third Monday in March;
- For the 2013-2014 school year, the Board adopted a calendar with one week of spring break and a week of closure time, and subsequent Boards have maintained this model;
- The three local school districts (61, 62, and 63) try to align the school calendars as much as possible, in particular the spring break and closure weeks; and
- The number of non-instructional/professional development dates are balanced between semesters.

Recommendation

That the Board forward the school calendars, 2025/26 and 2026/27 for public consultation for the dates April 18th to May 28th, 2024.

Submitted with respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P McKenzie".

Paul McKenzie
Assistant Superintendent

PM/skd
Encl.

Statutory Reference

SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATION

BC Ministry of Education Governance and Legislation Branch D-53 (amended March 15, 2022)

Authority: School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, ss. 87.01, 87.02 and 168.02

Prescribed information in school calendars

4 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) [school calendar] of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a school that is not a distributed learning school:

- a) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of the days in session;
- b) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of each day of instruction;
- c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays;
- d) the dates of each non-instructional day;
- e) the number of hours of instruction offered to students in each grade.

Consultations

5 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01 (7) [school calendar] of the Act, a board must make publicly available a school calendar that it proposes to submit to the minister under section 87.01 (5) or (6) of the Act at least one month before the date the school calendar must be submitted to the minister.

Saanich School District 2025/2026 DRAFT CALENDAR

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 Vacation
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Saanich School District (63)

DRAFT School Calendar 2025-2026

September 2, 2025	Schools Open
September 22, 2025	Non-Instructional Day
September 30, 2025	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving
October 24, 2025	Non-Instructional Day
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day
November 21, 2025	Non-Instructional Day
December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026	Winter break
January 5, 2026	Schools reopen after winter break
February 13, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
February 16, 2026	Family Day
March 16-20, 2026	Spring break
March 23-27, 2026	School closure
April 3, 2026	Good Friday
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday
April 20, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
May 15, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day
June 25, 2026	Last day of instruction
June 26, 2026	Administrative Day

Semester Dates

September 2, 2025 – January 30, 2026	Semester One
February 2, 2026 – June 25, 2026	Semester Two

Days in Session (including September 2 and Non Instructional days; excluding June 26)

Semester 1 = 96 Semester 2 = 90 **Total = 186**

Days of Instruction (including September 2; excluding Non Instructional days and June 26)

Semester 1 = 93 Semester 2 = 87 **Total = 180**

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 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Saanich School District (63)

DRAFT School Calendar 2026-2027

September 8, 2026	Schools Open
September 25, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
September 30, 2026	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 12, 2026	Thanksgiving
October 23, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
November 11, 2026	Remembrance Day
November 27, 2026	Non-Instructional Day
December 21, 2026 – January 1, 2027	Winter break
January 4, 2027	Schools reopen after winter break
February 12, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
February 15, 2027	Family Day
March 15-19, 2027	Spring break
March 22-30, 2027	School closure
March 26, 2027	Good Friday
March 29, 2027	Easter Monday
April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
May 21, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
May 24, 2027	Victoria Day
June 29, 2027	Last day of instruction
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Days in Session (including September 8 and Non Instructional days; excluding June 30)

Semester 1 = 91 Semester 2 = 93 **Total = 184**

Days of Instruction (including September 8; excluding Non Instructional days and June 30)

Semester 1 = 88 Semester 2 = 90 **Total = 178**