

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)
EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Agenda

Committee Members:	Trustee Silzer, Chair Trustee Vandall Trustee VanWell
Staff Support:	Helena Takhar, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation Mel Paas, Assistant Superintendent
Partner Representatives:	Leila Sinclair-Wise, SAA – Elementary Kelly deKlerk, SAA – Secondary Shannon Toronitz – STA CUPE COPACS

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
3:00 pm**

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

Building Capacity through Connection – Mental Health & Wellness and the Student Advocate Role – Peter Westhaver, Cat Jensen, Adrian White, Roger Young, Amanda Hoffman and Ronato Pama

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. 2028/29 Local Calendar Public Consultation Feedback

Staff Recommendation:

That the Board approve the 2028/29 School Calendar.

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2026/27 School Activity and Supply Fees Schedule
2. 2026/27 Non-Instructional, Early Dismissal and Assessment Schedule

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Data sharing around Strategic Plan goals – ongoing
- Student Voice Feedback – ongoing
- Benefits of International Students Program

To: Education Directions Committee

Prepared By: Melanie Paas
Assistant Superintendent

Subject: School Calendar 2028-2029

Date: June 1, 2026

Background / Rationale

At the Board Meeting on April 22, 2026, a motion was approved to put forward the 2028/2029 Draft School Calendar for public consultation for the period April 23, 2026 to May 21, 2026.

Context

As of May 21, 2026, two responses were gathered:

- One proposed moving the April Non Instructional Day to January as this is a period of illness; and
- One from a Saanich teacher proposed moving the Non Instructional Day from Monday, November 20, 2028 to Friday, November 10, 2028 to align with the long weekend to support professional development with extra time for travel.

Recommendation

Based on the feedback received: THAT the Board approve the 2028-2029 School Calendar as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie Paas
Assistant Superintendent

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Saanich School District

2028/2029 CALENDAR

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Instructional	Vacation Period	Statutory Holiday
Non-Instructional	Closure Week	



2026/27 Non Instructional, Early Dismissal and Assessment Dates Schedule

SCHOOL	1 Hour Early Dismissal (4)			
	Nov 4	Nov 5	Feb 24	Feb 25
Brentwood Elementary	Nov 4	Nov 5	Feb 24	Feb 25
Cordova Bay Elementary	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Feb 11
Deep Cove Elementary	Sept 23	Nov 4	Nov 5	Mar 3
Keating Elementary	Sept 23	Nov 4	Nov 5	Feb 24
KELSET Elementary	Oct 7	Oct 8	Feb 24	Feb 25
Lochside Elementary	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Mar 4
Prospect Lake Elementary	Nov 18	Nov 19	Feb 24	Feb 25
Sidney Elementary	Sept 23	Sept 24	Nov 25	Mar 3
Bayside Middle	Sept 24	Oct 20	Oct 21	May 12
North Saanich Middle	Sept 23	Sept 24	Oct 22	Feb 11
Royal Oak Middle	Sept 23	Oct 21	Oct 22	May 6
Claremont Secondary	Sept 17	Nov 26	Feb 11	Apr 29
Parkland Secondary	Sept 17	Nov 26	Feb 11	Apr 29
Stelly's Secondary	Sept 17	Nov 26	Feb 18	Apr 29

Non Instructional Days (all schools)

1. Monday, September 25, 2026 – Ministry Priorities – Indigenous Education
2. Friday, October 23, 2026 – Province Wide
3. Friday, November 27, 2026 – School Based
4. Friday, February 12, 2027 – Individual (Tri-District)
5. Monday, April 19, 2027 – School Based
6. Friday, May 21, 2027 – School Based

Secondary School Schedules

Semester One: September 8, 2026 to January 29, 2027
Semester Two: February 1, 2027 to June 29, 2027

Graduation Assessments (available dates – MECC)

(Literacy/Numeracy) November 2, 2026 to November 6, 2026
 January 11, 2027 to January 22, 2027
 April 12, 2027 to April 16, 2027
 June 7, 2027 to June 18, 2027

**Saanich School District
School Activity Fees for 2026-2027**

Elementary Schools	
School Planner/Agenda (supply cost) where applicable – PACS cover cost at some schools	\$7.00-\$8.00
School Supplies (Optional)	\$50.00-\$55.00
Middle Schools	
Combination Lock – Grade 6 or new student	\$12.00
Secondary Schools	
Activity fee for student council, fine arts performances and clubs	\$25.00
Text Book Deposit (refundable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One time fee - fully refundable after graduation unless student loses one or more books in which case the cost is subtracted from the deposit and the remaining balance is refunded. 	\$100.00
Combination lock	\$12.00 new/\$5.00 used
Activity fee for costs associated with athletics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs for optional courses/academies – varies for each program • Sports fees vary by sport and number of tournaments 	\$40 Claremont \$35 Jr / \$60 Sr Stelly's \$35 Jr / \$60 Sr Parkland
Recognition ceremony for graduation (grade 12 only)	\$60.00