



Date of Meeting: 2020 07 14

Item #: 6.0

REPORT TO:	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Council <input type="checkbox"/> Program and School Services Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Working Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	For Board Meetings: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC <input type="checkbox"/> IN-CAMERA
TITLE OF REPORT:	REVISED School Year Calendar 2020-2021
PRESENTED BY: (list ONLY those attending the meeting)	Karen Edgar, Superintendent of Student Achievement
PRESENTED FOR:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Input/Advice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information
Recommendation(s): (only required when presented for approval)	
Purpose:	To share the revised Draft 2020-2021 School Year Calendars.
Content:	<p>The Ministry of Education has indicated that three Professional Activity Days be held before the start of the 2020-2021 school year. In order to meet the guidelines provided, one professional activity day needs to be moved from during the school year to September 1, 2020.</p> <p>From the memo to school districts from the Ministry of Education: <i>"In order to maximize instruction time for students, school boards and school authorities are encouraged to start their school year by September 1. It is also advised that boards schedule three PA days prior to the start of student instruction. There are consultations currently underway with the sector's stakeholders on PA days and training that may be necessary to prepare for the reopening of school."</i></p> <p>In consultation with our co-terminus boards and aligning calendars, the November 13th Professional Activity Day has been moved to September 1, 2020. This results in the last day of classes for the school year now being on June 28th and the final PA day is on June 29th.</p> <p>Background information from the Original Board Report:</p> <p>Regulation 304 of the Education Act states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days; • The school year shall commence on or after the 1st day of September and end on or before the 30th day of June; • Three days shall be designated by the Board as professional activity days and be devoted to Provincial Education Priorities; • Up to four additional days may be designated by the Board as professional activity days; • A Board may designate up to ten instructional days as examination days. <p>Note: Each semester in a secondary school must have at least 88 instructional days in order to provide students with the mandatory 110 hours of instruction per course.</p> <p>The 2020-2021 school year calendar presented with some unique considerations. There are 196 days available between September 1st and June 30th for 2020-2021. Given where Labour Day 2020 falls, under normal circumstances, the first day of school would be on Tuesday, September 08, 2020. This does not allow for 194 instructional days before June 30, 2021. It is therefore necessary for there to be two instructional days before the Labour Day weekend.</p>

	<p>Working collaboratively with our co-terminus Board partners, it was determined that two PA days would be held before the Labour Day weekend, allowing for students to begin the school year on the Tuesday after Labour Day as per normal school year practice.</p> <p>Appendix A: Elementary Draft Calendar</p> <p>Appendix B: Secondary Draft Calendar</p> <p>Stakeholder Input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of respondents: 1117 • Elementary Respondents: 790 • Secondary Respondents: 328 • Total number of 1117 respondents who were staff: 810 • Elementary Calendar: 27% of respondents support the draft • Secondary Calendar: 20% of respondents support the draft • Major themes for not supporting the draft (identified by 83% of the respondents in elementary and 92% of the respondents in secondary as the reason for not supporting the draft calendar): spread PA Days throughout the school year and do not have any prior to Labour Day; attach PA days to long weekends or March Break, move the two week December Break and move March Break. <p>The majority of the reasons for not supporting the draft calendar are beyond the control of TVDSB (the school year must be 194 days which requires two instructional days before Labour Day, school holidays/breaks are set by the Ministry).</p> <p>LDCSB and CSC Providence have supported identical calendars to the ones proposed by TVDSB.</p>
Cost/Savings:	Alignment of the TVDSB and LDCSB calendars synchronizes bus routes and reduces transportation costs.
Timeline:	<p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Co-terminus Boards on 2020 July 02 • Board Meeting 2020 July 14 <p>PREVIOUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Co-terminus Boards: 2019 November 21 • Meeting with Employee Group Representatives: 2020 January 24 • Public Input: 2020 February 10 to 2020 February 21 (two weeks) • Board Meeting: 2020 May 26
Communications:	Notification of school year calendar to all stakeholders by School Messenger and posted to TVDSB website once approval received by the Ministry of Education.
Appendices:	<p>Appendix A: Revised Draft 2020-2021 Elementary School Year Calendar</p> <p>Appendix B: Revised Draft 2020-2021 Secondary School Year Calendar</p>

Strategic Priority Area(s):

Relationships:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students, families and staff are welcomed, respected and valued as partners. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote and build connections to foster mutually respectful communication among students, families, staff and the broader community. <input type="checkbox"/> Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.
Equity and Diversity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Create opportunities for equitable access to programs and services for students. <input type="checkbox"/> Students and all partners feel heard, valued and supported. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs and services embrace the culture and diversity of students and all partners.
Achievement and Well-Being:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More students demonstrate growth and achieve student learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy and literacy. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff will demonstrate excellence in instructional practices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Form Revised June 2019



Thames Valley District School Board Elementary School Calendar

DRAFT 2020-2021

SEPTEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
31	1	2	3	4
7	Classes Begin 8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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NOVEMBER				
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LEGEND		
Classes Begin Sept. 8, 2020 Classes End June 28, 2021 194 School Days Including PA Days	PA DAYS September 1, 2020 September 2, 2020 September 3, 2020 January 22, 2021 March 5, 2021 June 11, 2021 June 29, 2021	HOLIDAYS Sept 7, 2020 Labour Day Oct 12, 2020 Thanksgiving Dec 21 - Jan 1, 2021 Christmas Break Feb 15, 2021 Family Day March 15 - 19, 2021 March Break April 2, 2021 Good Friday April 5, 2021 Easter Monday May 24, 2021 Victoria Day



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Secondary School Calendar

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