



REPORT TO:	Board of Trustees
	Public or In-Camera (for Board Meetings only): Public
TITLE OF REPORT:	2025-2026 School Year Calendars
PRESENTERS: <i>(list ONLY those attending the meeting)</i>	Andrew Canham, Superintendent of Student Achievement
REPORT AUTHORS:	Andrew Canham, Superintendent of Student Achievement
PRESENTED FOR:	Approval
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendars (Elementary and Secondary)
Purpose: <i>(include context)</i>	To share with the Board of Trustees the final version of the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar for approval prior to submission to the Ministry of Education.
Content:	<p>In preparation for the development of the upcoming year's academic calendar, extensive consultation, with a variety of stakeholders, took place. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Interim Director, Interim Associate Director and several members of the Senior team during the Senior Team Discussion.• Coterminous/Neighbouring School Boards<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LDCSB○ CSC Providence• Labour Partners<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ETFO○ OSSTF○ CUPE○ OPC• Public input (January 20, 2025 – February 12, 2025) <p>Public Input: There were 2011 responses to the calendar survey that was posted on the TVDSB's Public Input page. To help ensure that the survey was accessible to as many TVDSB community members as possible, messages were posted to the News section of the TVDSB website and on TVDSB's electronic social media platforms. The majority of the respondents were parents/caregivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1336 or 66% were parents/caregivers of TVDSB students• 443 or 22% were TVDSB staff members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 159 or 8% were TVDSB staff members who are also parents/caregivers of students • 51 or 3% were TVDSB students • 22 or 1% were community members <p>Comments: 626 of the respondents submitted comments. The most mentioned suggestions were that the PA Day should not be scheduled on the day following Labour Day. Other notable suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Days should be scheduled before or after statutory holidays • PA Days should not be scheduled before or after statutory holidays • The number of PA Days should be reduced • PA Days should be scheduled on Mondays instead of Fridays <p>PA Days: The designation of professional learning topics for PA Days will be determined by LSS, in accordance with Ministry guidelines. During consultation with Labour Partners, it was requested that consideration be given to moving the January PA Day from mid-January to the end of the month. As such, the proposed elementary and secondary calendars now mirror each other. This change means that, with the exception of the January 30, 2026 Elementary PA Day, the TVDSB's School Year Calendar aligns with the London District Catholic School Board's calendar.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this one date difference, the alignment of the TVDSB's Elementary and Secondary Calendars will result in significant financial savings in transportation costs for the TVDSB.</p>
Financial Implications:	\$235,000 in savings
Timeline:	<p><u>December 2024:</u> Draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendar planning meeting with local coterminous school boards</p> <p><u>January 2025:</u> Draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendars shared during a Senior Team Discussion Draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendars shared with representatives from each of the Labour Partners Public Input on Draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendars</p> <p><u>February 2025:</u> Presentation of Public Input and Final School Year Calendars to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to submission to the Ministry of Education</p> <p><u>March 1 2025:</u> Submission of TVDSB's 2025-2026 School Year Calendars to the Ministry of Education</p>

Communications:	Upon the approval of the School Year Calendars, the TVDSB Communications Department will provide the final versions through regular communication methods. In addition, School Council Chairs will receive the final versions through TVPIC communications. School Principals will be encouraged to share the approved calendars throughout the spring and summer in preparation for the 2025-2026 academic year.
Appendices:	Appendix A - 2025-2026 TVDSB Calendar Survey Report Appendix B - Elementary School Year Calendar 2025-2026 Appendix C - Secondary School Year Calendar 2025-2026

Connection to Strategic Directions:

We value students' individual educational paths and provide the tools and resources necessary for student achievement including students with special education needs: Choose an item.

To support student achievement, our schools and workplaces must be safe spaces for all: Choose an item.

Our goal is to become Ontario's leader in education by fostering a culture of innovation and excellence: Choose an item.

To inform our decision-making, we will build positive, trusting relationships across our district by increasing community engagement that is accessible, accountable, and transparent: Choose an item.

2025-2026 TVDSB Calendar Survey Report
 Prepared by Research and Assessment – February 13, 2025

An online survey was conducted from January 20 to February 12, 2025, to collect feedback on the proposed 2025-2026 TVDSB elementary and secondary school year calendars. The calendar survey was posted on the TVDSB Public Input page and messages posted to the News section of the TVDSB website and on TVDSB electronic social platforms. In response to feedback from last year's survey, links to key Ministry websites and a Question-and-Answer page were posted to further inform potential respondents about the school calendar development process.

There were 2011 responses to the survey.

	Number of respondents
Parent/guardian of TVDSB student	1336
TVDSB Staff member	443
TVDSB Staff member and parent/caregiver of TVDSB student	159
TVDSB Student	51
Community member	22

Almost a third (n=626) of all the respondents left a comment: 429 parents/guardians of TVDSB students; 127 TVDSB staff members; 57 TVDSB staff members with a TVDSB student; 10 TVDSB students and 3 community members.

Key Themes in the Open-Ended Comments

Please note that all comments were coded for themes. A particular comment could be coded for more than one theme. Note that about 15% of comments (n=96) were unrelated to the calendars and are not included in this summary.

The most mentioned suggestion (n=165) was that the PA Day not be scheduled on the day following Labour Day.

Other notable suggestions about PA Days:

- Should be scheduled before or after statutory holidays
- Should not be scheduled next to statutory holidays or breaks
- Should be reduced
- Should be scheduled on Mondays instead of Fridays

In terms of moving PA Days, the most mentioned suggestion (n=70) was for moving the September PA Day prior to school start or later in the month/year.

Other notable suggestions around the movement of PA Days:

- Move January PA Day to earlier in the month
- May PA Day to statutory holiday (Victoria Day)
- January and/or April PA Day moved to February statutory holiday

In terms of school breaks/holidays, several (n=20) respondents suggested to move the start the spring break earlier.

Other notable suggestions around school breaks/holidays:

- Start Winter Break later (Dec. 23rd)
- TVDSB should recognize other holidays/celebrations

Positive feedback mentioned the most about the calendars (n=119) was that they are fine the way they are.

Other notable positive feedback:

- Like the September PA Day after Labour Day (n=58)
- Like that the Elementary and Secondary calendars align (n=38)



Thames Valley
District School Board

2025-26 Elementary School Calendar

DRAFT • Jan 2025

SEPTEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	Classes Begin 3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

DECEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JANUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

MAY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

JUNE				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	Classes End 25	26
29	30			

LEGEND																																			
Classes Begin Sept. 3, 2025 Last Day June 25, 2026 194 School Days Including PA Days	<table> <tr> <th colspan="2">PA DAYS</th></tr> <tr> <td>September 2, 2025</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>October 10, 2025</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>November 14, 2025</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>January 16, 2026</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>April 24, 2026</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>May 29, 2026</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>June 26, 2026</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th colspan="2">HOLIDAYS</th></tr> <tr> <td>Sept 1, 2025</td><td>Labour Day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Oct 13, 2025</td><td>Thanksgiving</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dec 22 - Jan 2, 2026</td><td>Winter Break</td></tr> <tr> <td>Feb 16, 2026</td><td>Family Day</td></tr> <tr> <td>March 16 - 20, 2026</td><td>Spring Break</td></tr> <tr> <td>April 3, 2026</td><td>Good Friday</td></tr> <tr> <td>April 6, 2026</td><td>Easter Monday</td></tr> <tr> <td>May 18, 2026</td><td>Victoria Day</td></tr> </table>	PA DAYS		September 2, 2025		October 10, 2025		November 14, 2025		January 16, 2026		April 24, 2026		May 29, 2026		June 26, 2026		HOLIDAYS		Sept 1, 2025	Labour Day	Oct 13, 2025	Thanksgiving	Dec 22 - Jan 2, 2026	Winter Break	Feb 16, 2026	Family Day	March 16 - 20, 2026	Spring Break	April 3, 2026	Good Friday	April 6, 2026	Easter Monday	May 18, 2026	Victoria Day
PA DAYS																																			
September 2, 2025																																			
October 10, 2025																																			
November 14, 2025																																			
January 16, 2026																																			
April 24, 2026																																			
May 29, 2026																																			
June 26, 2026																																			
HOLIDAYS																																			
Sept 1, 2025	Labour Day																																		
Oct 13, 2025	Thanksgiving																																		
Dec 22 - Jan 2, 2026	Winter Break																																		
Feb 16, 2026	Family Day																																		
March 16 - 20, 2026	Spring Break																																		
April 3, 2026	Good Friday																																		
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday																																		
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day																																		



Thames Valley
District School Board

2025-26 Secondary School Calendar

DRAFT • Jan 2025

SEPTEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	Classes Begin 3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

DECEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JANUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

MAY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

JUNE				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

LEGEND

Classes Begin
Sept. 3, 2025
Last Day
June 25, 2026
194 School Days
Including PA Days

Evaluation Days

Semester 2 Begins Feb. 2

PA DAYS

September 2, 2025
October 10, 2025
November 14, 2025
January 30, 2026
April 24, 2026
May 29, 2026
June 26, 2026

HOLIDAYS

Sept 1, 2025	Labour Day
Oct 13, 2025	Thanksgiving
Dec 22 - Jan 2, 2026	Winter Break
Feb 16, 2026	Family Day
March 16 - 20, 2026	Spring Break
April 3, 2026	Good Friday
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day