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### ***ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES ENDORSE BOARD CALENDAR FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR***

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have endorsed the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Calendars must be drafted in accordance with the *Education Act* and Regulation 304 – School Year Calendar – Professional Activity Days. Amendments to this regulation now require school boards to designate a minimum of three and a maximum of seven Professional Activity Days, per school year.

The regular school year calendar is the period between September 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A consultation process was undertaken for the 2016-2017 calendar, which included the Lambton Kent District School Board, the Board Advisory Council and the leadership of St. Clair Catholic's unions and associations, and the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario.

The proposed school year calendar includes the following:

- The school year for students and staff will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016
- The final day for students is Thursday, June 29, 2017
  
- Professional Activity days are scheduled for:
  - Friday, September 30, 2016
  - Friday, October 28, 2016
  - Friday, November 25, 2016
  - Friday, February 3, 2017
  - Friday, April 28, 2017
  - Friday, June 9, 2017
  - Friday, June 30, 2017
  
- The Christmas Holiday is Monday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017
- The March Break is Monday, March 13, 2017 to Friday, March 17, 2017
- Secondary School Examination days are:
  - Semester 1: Friday, January 27, 2017 to Thursday, February 2, 2017
  - Semester 2: Friday, June 23, 2017 to Thursday, June 29, 2017

The proposed calendar will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education and is not considered final until ministry approval is granted.



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### ***ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RELEASES LONG-TERM CAPITAL PLAN FOR 2016-2021***

Associate Director Jim McKenzie has tonight presented to the Board of Trustees St. Clair Catholic's Long-Term Capital Plan for 2016 through 2021.

"The purpose of the long-term capital plan is to guide future decisions of the Board in its responsibilities toward student achievement and well-being in our Catholic schools; and to ensure effective and equitable stewardship of Board resources and facilities," says Dan Parr, Director of Education.

As is now required by provincial regulation, more than 30 municipal, educational and community partners were invited to attend the presentation. In addition, each of the organizations was asked to submit any information which they believe may have been useful in the preparation of the report.

The comprehensive report pulls together wide-ranging data and statistical analysis, from age, size and condition of school facilities to population trends and projections, migration, residential development and birth data.

The [full report](#) has now been posted to the Board's website.

"This comprehensive document is a blueprint for the future, which will form the foundation of Board decisions as we go forward," says Mr. Parr. "However, I want to be clear that no student accommodation reviews are being announced this evening."