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### ***ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES RECEIVE REPORT ON BOARD CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR***

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have received the report on the proposed calendar for the 2017-2018 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 Professional Activity days. The authority for boards to designate up to an additional four PA days per school year remains unchanged. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is 187 and the maximum number of possible PA days is seven.

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 2017-2018 calendar, which included the Lambton Kent District School Board, the leadership of St. Clair Catholic's unions and associations and the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario.

The proposed draft school year calendar includes the following:

- The school year for students and staff will begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- The final day for students is Thursday, June 28, 2018
  
- Professional Activity days are scheduled for:
  - Friday, September 29, 2017
  - Friday, October 27, 2017
  - Friday, November 24, 2017
  - Friday, February 2, 2018
  - Friday, April 27, 2018
  - Friday, June 8, 2018
  - Friday, June 29, 2018
  
- The Christmas Holiday is Monday, December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018
- The March Break is Monday, March 12, 2018 to Friday, March 16, 2018
- Secondary School Examination days are:
  - Semester 1: Friday, January 26, 2018 to Thursday, February 1, 2018
  - Semester 2: Friday, June 22, 2018 to Thursday, June 28, 2018

The proposed calendar will now be shared with Board Advisory Council, then submitted to the Ministry of Education. It is not considered final until ministry approval is granted.