



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2020-2021

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BACKGROUND:

School boards are required to prepare and submit to the Ministry of Education, the school year calendar to be followed for the subsequent school year. Regular school year calendars are to be submitted to the ministry for approval on or before May 1, 2020.

The school year calendars must be completed in accordance with the *Education Act* and *Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*. The regular school year is the period between September 1 and June 30.

With the recent amendment of *Regulation 304*, school boards are now required to designate three mandatory PA days per school year. The authority for boards to designate up to an additional four PA days per school year remains unchanged. The requirement for every school year to include a minimum of 194 school days also remains unchanged. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is 187 and the total maximum number of possible PA days per school year is seven.

A consultation process was undertaken involving LKDSB, CSC Providence, the leadership of our Unions (CPCO, OECTA Elementary, OECTA Secondary, APSSP, CUPE) and our Board Advisory Parent Council.

PARTICULARS:

The proposed draft school year calendar is included. Highlights are as follows:

- The school year for students would begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020
- The final day for students is June 29, 2021
- The outline for the professional activity days, examination days and holidays are as follows:

September 2, 2020	Full day devoted to developing and implementing strategies to improve student achievement in mathematics, with a focus on fundamental math concepts and skills
September 3, 2020	One half day devoted to learning opportunities for all educators in supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. One half day devoted to bullying prevention, intervention and de-escalation training.

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October 9, 2020	<p>ECE/FDK Teams AM: Inquiry based learning and pedagogical assessment documentation strategies</p> <p>Grades 1-12 Teachers AM: Pedagogical documentation assessment strategies</p> <p>All teachers PM: One half day reflecting on implementation of school improvement plans to align with SCCDSB Strategic plan and MOE priorities</p>
November 20, 2020	<p>All teachers AM: Occupational Health and Safety</p> <p>Elementary PM: <i>half day release per OECTA Local contract 44.04a</i> (The afternoon of the Professional Development Day following Parent Teacher Interview Night shall be for personal professional development.)</p> <p>Secondary PM: Using student data for department improvement planning</p>
February 3, 2021	<p>Elementary: Evaluation and Reporting : <i>one prior to the first reporting period and one prior to the second reporting period per OECTA elementary contract Article 44.01h)</i></p> <p>Secondary: Evaluating and reporting, EDSBY support</p>
June 4, 2021	<p>Elementary: Evaluation and Reporting (2) Professional Activity Days will be designated: one prior to the first reporting period and one prior to the second reporting period per OECTA elementary contract Article 44.01h)</p> <p>Secondary: Pathways Planning: Apprentice/College/University/My Blueprint/EDSBY support/SIP Review</p>
June 30, 2021	<p>Elementary: Review the progress of SIP implementation and student achievement data to inform school improvement planning for 2020-2021.</p> <p>Secondary: Evaluating and Reporting</p>

September 8, 2020	Classes Begin
October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving
December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021	Christmas Break
January 27 - February 2, 2021	Secondary Examinations
February 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
June 23 - 29, 2021	Secondary Examinations

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *School Year Calendar 2020-2021*, for information.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board endorse the School Year Calendar for submission to the Ministry of Education.