



**Date:** December 20, 2023 **Agenda Item:** 7.3

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Originator(s):** Lisa Lacroix, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

**Governance Policy:** [Policy 205: Operational School Year](#)

**Additional Reference:** [Education Act](#)  
[Policy 225: Role of the Board](#)

**Assurance Domain:** Governance

**Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)**  
SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):  
Supporting Effective Governance

**Subject:** **Policy 205: Operational School Year**

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**Purpose:**

For approval. Motion required.

**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Board of Trustees rescind Policy 205: Operational School Year as presented at the December 20, 2023 Public Board meeting.

**Background:**

The role of the Board in determining the School Year Calendar is clearly defined in the Education Act, Section 60, “a board shall determine and make publicly available for each school year the days, dates and number of days of school operation”. The Education Act also clearly defines school year requirements to provide sufficient instructional days to attend to the hours of instruction required by Alberta students.

The Board’s Policy 225: Role of the Board states “*The Board shall carry out any other matters that the Minister prescribes (Education Act s.33(1)(n). Specifically the Board:*

*Performs Board functions required by governing legislation and Ministerial directives.”*



Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the December 20, 2023, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Policy 205: Operational School Year

Policy 205

## **Operational School Year** Recommend to rescind

Clearly defined in the [Education Act](#) Section 60.

### **School day and year**

**60** A board shall determine and make publicly available for each school year the days, dates and number of days of school operation.

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And Board responsibility covered in [Policy 225: Role of the Board](#):

### **Ministerial Direction**

The Board shall carry out any other matters that the Minister prescribes [Education Act s. 33(1)(n)]. Specifically, the Board:

59. Performs Board functions required by governing legislation and Ministerial directives;

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## **1.0 POLICY**

The Board of Trustees shall establish an operational school year calendar in accordance with the Education Act.

The Board of Trustees shall specify the vacation periods in a school year in accordance with the Education Act.

### **References:**

Admin Practice(s): Administration 4 – Operational School Year  
School Operational Year Calendar Details  
School Operational Year Calendar Day Count  
School Operational Year Calendar  
Education Act Section 60

### **History**

2019 Apr 24 Initial Approval  
2021 Oct 27 Reviewed