



**Date:** March 19, 2025 **Agenda Item:** 7.1  
**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent  
**Originator(s):** Lisa Lacroix, Associate Superintendent Human Resources  
Committee of the Whole  
**Subject:** **2026/2027 School Year Calendar**

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**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 2026/2027 School Year Calendar as presented at the March 19, 2025 Public Board meeting.

**Background:**

The 2026/2027 School Year Calendar was approved in principle at the Public Board meeting on September 23, 2024. Subsequently, a survey was distributed to all staff, parents/guardians and community stakeholders to gather feedback. There were 1180 respondents to the survey. Key survey questions and responses are summarized below.

- **Should the Division continue to maintain the Fall Break the second week of November 2026?**
  - A large majority of staff and most parents/guardians/community members strongly support continuing the Fall Break in the second week of November.
- **Should the Division reduce the Fall break by two days to extend summer break and have students return on Monday, August 31, 2026 (instead of Thursday, August 27, 2026)?**
  - Just over half of parents/guardians/ community members support shortening the Fall Break and lengthening the summer break.
  - A large majority of staff prefer keeping the current length of Fall Break and do not support shifting the start date from Thursday, August 27, to Monday, August 31.
- **Are the number of Professional Development (PD) Days allocated sufficient (There are 9 PD days and 5 non-operational days scheduled)**
  - Most respondents feel the number of PD days is appropriate.

- **Do you prefer Professional Development Days on Monday or Friday?**
  - Responses were almost evenly split between Monday and Friday
  - A slightly higher proportion of staff favored PD days on Monday.
- **Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions regarding the 2026/2027 School Year Calendar?**
  - Consider early dismissal once a month in place of multiple PD days.
  - Attach PD days to existing holidays whenever possible.
  - Appreciation for having the opportunity to provide input.
  - Positive feedback on communication with parents.
  - Many staff emphasize the importance of the Fall Break for mental health and well-being.

Administration reflected on the survey results and made changes where possible based on feedback. In addition, some adjustments to the 2026/2027 School Year Calendar were necessary based on the diploma exam dates.

### **Status & Relationship to Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS):**

This report aligns with the [SLQS](#) in the following way:

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| <b>COMPETENCY:</b> | (1) Building Effective Relationships   |
| <b>INDICATORS:</b> | f. facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.  |
| <b>COMPETENCY:</b> | (3) Visionary Leadership   |
| <b>INDICATORS:</b> | d. ensuring that the vision expressed in the school authority's education plan is responsive to the ongoing review of the school authority's achievements, meets all requirements identified in provincial legislation and incorporates the school community's perspectives. |
| <b>COMPETENCY:</b> | (4) Leading Learning   |
| <b>INDICATORS:</b> | e. ensuring that staff have access to resources, programs and expertise to support them in meeting their professional responsibilities and in addressing the learning needs of all students.   |
| <b>COMPETENCY:</b> | (7) Supporting Effective Governance  |
| <b>INDICATORS:</b> | k. supporting the board in its engagement with the school community to develop a vision of a preferred future for student success.   |

**Governance Implications:****Education Act**

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.

**Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12**

The Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12 should be read in conjunction with the Education Act and associated regulations, and the Funding Manual for School Authorities. The Guide is developed by Alberta Education for the use of administrators, counsellors, teachers and other parties engaged in the delivery of quality education. It is consistent with the objectives and underlying principles of the Education Act, and contains key requirements and other information for the implementation of education programming and the operation of schools.

**Board Policy 225: Role of the Board**

As elected representatives of the community, the Board of Trustees is held accountable through the Education Act. The Board provides overall direction and leadership to the Division.

**Administrative Procedure 235: Operational School Year and Calendar**

Final Approval

2. The operational school year calendar shall be prepared for final approval by the Board on or before April 1 one full school year preceding the operational school year through a formal process that includes:

- 2.1 Senior Executive final review;
- 2.2 Committee of the Whole final review;
- 2.3 Administrative Council review;
- 2.4 Teacher-Board Advisory Committee (TBAC) review
- 2.5 Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4625;
- 2.6 School Council review, and
- 2.7 Board final review and approval

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the March 19, 2025, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

1. 2026/2027 School Year Calendar
2. 2026/2027 School Year Calendar Details
3. 2026/2027 School Year Calendar Day-Count

**AUGUST 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**SEPTEMBER 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**OCTOBER 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**NOVEMBER 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**DECEMBER 2026**

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**JANUARY 2027**

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**FEBRUARY 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

**MARCH 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**APRIL 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**MAY 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**JUNE 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**JULY 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**\*\* SUBJECT TO DIPLOMA EXAM SCHEDULE RELEASE**



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**2026-2027**

**Draft changes to Approved in Principle Calendar  
 March 19, 2025**

School Offices Open - NO CLASSES	August 19 - 25
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	August 26
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	August 27
Operational Non-Instructional (K-12) - No Classes	August 28
Classes Begin	August 31
Labour Day - No Classes	September 7
National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No Classes	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - No Classes	October 12
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	October 13
In lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews - No Classes	November 9
Fall Break - No Classes	November 10
Remembrance Day - No Classes	November 11
Fall Break - No Classes	November 12 - 13
Classes Resume	November 16
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	December 7
Christmas Break - No Classes	December 21
Classes Resume	January 4
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	February 1
First Day of Classes - Semester Two	February 2
Teachers' Convention - No Classes	February 4-5
Family Day - No Classes	February 15
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	March 8
In lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews - No Classes	March 25
Good Friday - No Classes	March 26
Easter Monday - No Classes	March 29
Spring Break - No Classes	March 30 - April 4
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	April 5
Classes Resume	April 6
Victoria Day - No Classes	May 24
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	May 25
Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting	June 7
Last Day of Classes	June 28
Operational Non-Instructional (K-12) - No Classes	June 29
Summer Vacation Begins	June 30

- Operational Day - No Classes
- Operational Day - Day In Lieu - No Classes
- Non-Operational Day - No Classes
- Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting - No Classes

## School Year 2026-2027

(All dates are inclusive unless otherwise specified)

### AUGUST

Wednesday	19	School Offices Open
Wednesday	26	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Thursday	27	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Friday	28	Operational Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday	31	All Classes (full day)

### SEPTEMBER

Monday	07	LABOUR DAY - No Classes
Wednesday	30	NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY – No Classes

### OCTOBER

Monday	12	THANKSGIVING DAY - No Classes
Tuesday	13	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes

### NOVEMBER

Monday	9	Non-Instructional Day In Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews - No Classes
Tuesday	10	Fall Break - No Classes
Wednesday	11	REMEMBRANCE DAY – No Classes
Thursday	12	Fall Break - No Classes
Friday	13	Fall Break - No Classes
Monday	16	Classes Resume

### DECEMBER

Monday	07	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Saturday	19	Christmas Break Begins

### JANUARY

Monday	04	Classes Resume
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Education Act Section 60*

**FEBRUARY**

Monday	01	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Tuesday	02	First Day of Classes - Semester Two
Thursday	04	Teachers’ Convention - No Classes
Friday	05	Teachers’ Convention - No Classes
Monday	15	FAMILY DAY - No Classes

**MARCH**

Monday	08	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Thursday	25	Non-Instructional Day In Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews - No Classes
Friday	26	GOOD FRIDAY – No Classes
Monday	29	EASTER MONDAY – No Classes
Tuesday	30	Spring Break Begins

**APRIL**

Monday	05	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Tuesday	06	Classes Resume

**MAY**

Monday	24	VICTORIA DAY - No Classes
Tuesday	25	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff meeting – No Classes

**JUNE**

Monday	07	Division/School PD/Collaboration; Staff Meeting – No Classes
Monday	28	Last Day of Classes
Tuesday	29	Operational Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Wednesday	30	Summer Break Begins

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	Non-Instructional		Instructional		Operational	
	1 to 9	10 to 12	1 to 9	10 to 12	1 to 9	10 to 12
August	3	3	1	1	4	4
September	0	0	20	20	20	20
October	1	1	20	20	21	21
November	1	1	16	16	17	17
December	1	1	13	13	14	14
January	0	0	20	20	20	20
<b>Total - Semester 1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>
February	3	3	16	16	19	19
March	2	2	17	17	19	19
April	1	1	19	19	20	20
May	1	1	19	19	20	20
June	2	2	19	19	21	21
<b>Total - Semester 2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Operational Year Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>195</b>

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