



The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Board of Education **DATE:** February 20, 2024
FROM: Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Guillou
RE: **DRAFT District Calendar for School Year 2024 - 2025**

Background

This DRAFT calendar is presented to the Board of Education for consideration. It will be circulated among stakeholders between now and the March Regular Board Meeting, and comments will be collected via e-survey, through principals, or directly through the District website.

Once again, this year, the school year begins with a full non-instruction in-service day on September 3, 2024, for all employees. This will be followed by a return to a gradual start half day for students on September 4, 2024, with the first full day of instruction being on September 5, 2024. The in-service day will allow District staff to complete important work related to the Strategic Plan. In feedback from District staff last year, it was clear that not having the traditional half-day gradual start on the first day of school was needed to organize classes in the afternoon on the first day after meeting with these students in the morning.

Winter Break will begin on Monday, December 23, 2024 (the last day of school will be Friday, December 20, 2024). The Winter Break aligns with neighbouring districts plans and is possible this year due to where Christmas Day lands in the calendar and the District's Collective Agreement language with the North Okanagan-Shuswap Teachers' Association.

This calendar was co-created by a District Calendar Committee, consisting of SLT, PVP, and NOSTA representatives. A summary of feedback on the Draft Calendar will be shared at the March Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. An approved calendar is due to the Ministry of Education by March 31st of each year.

Recommendation

"That the Board of Education approve the DRAFT District Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year for public feedback."

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Guillou
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