

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

March 4, 2020

Report No.:

03-20-3852

Strategic Directions

· Make every school an effective school

Recommendation

It is recommended that the school year calendar for 2020-2021 for elementary, secondary and year round alternative schools be approved.

Context

Regulation 304 requires that there be a minimum of 194 school days between 1 September and 30 June, including a maximum of ten examination days for secondary schools and a maximum of seven Professional Activity (PA) days. It also establishes the dates for the Christmas Break and the Mid-Winter Break.

Each year, the Ministry of Education provides direction to school boards in determining their calendar for the following school year. In January, a School Year Calendar committee with representative membership (Appendix A) convened to develop recommendations around the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar.

In consultation with the School Year Calendar Committee, Toronto Catholic District School Board and other neighbouring Boards it was recommended that Winter Break will be scheduled from December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021.

The Key Dates (Appendix B) have been reviewed by the Board's Equity team.

PA Days

PA days have been designated for curriculum and program review and development, as well as all other professional activities of teachers. Boards are required to include in their 2020-2021 calendars, three PA days in which teachers will engage in professional activities that enhance teacher capacity and maximize student learning in priority areas.

The following dates are the PA Days for elementary and secondary schools. Schools will have seven scheduled PA Days.

	Elementary	Secondary
1.	2 September 2020	2 September 2020
2.	3 September 2020	3 September 2020
2.	20 November 2020	20 November 2020
4.	15 January 2021	12 February 2021
5.	12 February 2021	29 June 2021
6.	4 June 2021	30 June 2021
7.	30 June 2021	*2 February 2021
		(Semestered schools only)
		*28 June 2021
		(Full-year schools only)

^{*}PA Day for semestered schools only on 2 February 2021

The attached calendars for the elementary and secondary panels represent recommended dates for all schools in the Board (Appendices C,D).

Secondary School Examination Days

A maximum of ten examination days will be determined by each secondary school in consultation with the School Council, Superintendent of Education, and staff, to identify the most appropriate timeframes for the school.

Year Round Alternative Schools

The Board operates four alternative programs in the Year Round Model: Year Round Alternative School; Etobicoke Year Round Alternative Centre; South East Year Round Alternative Centre; and North East Year Round Alternative Centre. The program is based on quadmesters and students study throughout the entire calendar year. The timetable for the placement of PA days and holidays has been confirmed by the

^{*}PA Day for full-year schools only on 28 June 2021

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Principal of Secondary Alternative Schools and Year Round Schools, in consultation with staff and community (Appendix E).

Consultation

In addition to each member of the School Year Calendar Committee consulting with group represented, PIAC and Student Senate have reviewed this document.

Consultation with Other Boards

Staff has consulted with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), as well as the Durham, Peel and York Region District School Boards, to ensure the most consistency possible with their School Year Calendar plans. It is important that the Board align the calendar as much as possible with the TCDSB because of shared student transportation services.

Implementation and Review

Students, parents and staff will have sufficient notice to make plans for the 2020-2021 school year following Ministry approval.

Appendices

- Appendix A: School Year Calendar Committee 2020-2021
- Appendix B: Key Dates School Year Calendar 2020-2021
- Appendix C: Elementary School Year Calendar 2020-2021
- Appendix D: Secondary School Year Calendar 2020-2021
- Appendix E: Year Round School Year Calendar 2020-2021

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KEY DATES - SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2020-2021

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, inclusive.

Professional Activity Days	September	November	January	February	June
Elementary Schools	2, 3	20	15	12	4, 30
Secondary Schools	2, 3	20		2*, 12	28*, 29, 30

^{*}Semester Change: The first day of second semester is February 3, 2021. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on February 2, 2021 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 28, 2021.

Designation of Profes	sional Activity Days
Elementary	Secondary
 September 2, 2020 – Professional Development September 3, 2020 – Professional Development November 20, 2020 – Parent/Teacher Conference January 15, 2021 – Assessment and Reporting February 12, 2021 – Parent/Teacher Conference June 4, 2021 – Assessment and Reporting June 30, 2021 – Professional Development 	 September 2, 2020 – Professional Development September 3, 2020 – Professional Development November 20, 2020 – Common PA Day February 12, 2021 – Common PA Day June 29, 2021 – Common PA Day June 30, 2021 – Common PA Day February 2, 2021 – *Semestered Schools only June 28, 2021 - *Full Year Schools only

EQAO: - The following dates have been established:

Gr. 9 Math: 1st Semester: January 11 - 22, 2021

Gr. 9 Math: 2nd Semester: June 3 - 16, 2021

OSSLT: April 8, 2021

Primary/Junior EQAO: May 25 - June 7, 2021

Dates to Remembe	r - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)
Labour Day:	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving:	October 12, 2020
Winter Break:	December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021
Family Day:	February 15, 2021
Mid-Winter Break:	March 15 - 19, 2021
Good Friday:	April 2, 2021
Easter Monday:	April 5, 2021
Victoria Day:	May 24, 2021

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Climate Action in the TDSB

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Strategic Directions

· Transform Student Learning

· Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being

- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The Director develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG);
- b) The Director present a report in the fall of 2020 to share the plan.

Context

At its December 12, 2019 meeting, the Board of Trustees endorsed the City of Toronto's climate emergency declaration and asked the Director to report back on the TDSB's actions to address climate change, in terms of both climate literacy and facility operations.

Around the world, including in Toronto, youth are rallying behind the message of the young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg:

We all have a choice. We can create transformational action that will safeguard the living conditions for future generations. Or we can continue with our business as usual and fail... We must change almost everything in our current societies. The bigger your carbon footprint, the bigger your moral duty. The bigger your platform, the bigger your responsibility.