



2019-2020 School Year Calendar	Item 8.2
April 2, 2019	

Alignment to Strategic Plan

This report is linked to our strategic priority of **Foundational Elements:** Optimizing organizational effectiveness.

Purpose

The *Education Act* requires each school Board to establish a School Year Calendar, identifying instructional days, professional activity days and holidays for each school year. The Ministry of Education establishes the number of days for the schools of the Province and in accordance with Regulation 304, each Board is required to submit a Board-approved calendar to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2019.

Background Information

The School Year Calendar Committee takes into account several considerations:

1. School communities have generally advised that, when selecting a Professional Activity (PA) Day, a Friday or Monday is preferred. Some employers appear more willing to permit parents to have occasional holidays on those days (or just before statutory holidays).
2. An essential factor in the establishment of the 2019 - 2020 calendar is the integration of transportation services with our co-terminous Board. Consultation, which complies with Ministry direction, has occurred with the Halton District School Board.

Comments

The 2019 - 2020 School Year Calendar Committee is comprised of a parent representative of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), OECTA Unit Presidents (Elementary and Secondary), CUPE 3166 and 5200 representatives, the Principals' Association representatives and one (1) trustee. The Committee met on February 21, 2019 for the purpose of preparing a draft calendar.

The 2019 - 2020 School Year Calendar consists of one hundred and eighty-seven (187) instructional days, of which ten (10) days (five (5) per semester) are classified as secondary school examination days as per Regulation 304.



Two (2) PA days will be used for assessment and completion of report cards at the elementary level. An additional PA day will be used for elementary parent /teacher interviews.

The three (3) mandatory Provincial Priority PA Days that will occur next year will be devoted to criteria established by the Ministry. At the time of this report, we are anticipating a change in one of the topics based on recent announcements; we do not have this information at this time.

At the time of this writing, all seven (7) Professional Activity days align with the Halton District School Board, and both boards will have the same secondary school examination days. (*Please refer to Appendix A*).

Conclusion

The proposed 2019-2020 School Year Calendar was presented to trustees as a Staff Report at the March 19, 2019 Board Meeting and is now being presented as an Action Item. Once approved, the proposed School Year Calendar will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for final consent.

Recommendation

The following recommendation is presented for the consideration of the Board:

Resolution#:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Resolved, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar as presented.

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