



2020-2021 School Year Calendar	Item 4.1
July 8, 2020	

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, 2020. The Board of Trustees approved the original School Year Calendar on March 31st, 2020, which was then submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval. We were in correspondence with the Ministry on May 21st to inquire about the status of our School Year Calendar. We were advised that no School Year Calendars were being approved, and that more information would be coming. All School Boards received a memo from the Ministry of Education on June 30th, 2020 with revised parameters for the 2020-21 School Year Calendar, with a required re-submission date of July 10th, 2020.

Background Information

Since the previous report presented to the Board, additional parameters have been set by the Ministry, with regards to what a return to school could look like in September.

1. The Ministry has advised that school Boards should schedule 3 Professional Activity Days prior to the start of student instruction.
2. An ongoing essential factor in the establishment of the 2020 - 2021 calendar is the integration of transportation services with our co-terminus Board. We have worked with the Halton District School Board in developing our revised calendar, as per Ministry direction.
3. With several learning models currently being examined for the upcoming school year (e.g., full return to school, remote learning, or adapted delivery), we have removed examination days from the calendar. They will be scheduled once we have received more information about return to school from the Ministry in early August. Not including them at this time gives



us more flexibility as well if we should have to shift models during the school year (e.g., schools can reopen fully after a period of time).

Comments

The 2020 - 2021 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 July 7th for the purpose of preparing a revised draft calendar.

The 2020 - 2021 School Year Calendar consists of one hundred and eighty-seven (187) instructional 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 have received word that one of them will be focused on Mathematics Instruction, and another on Bullying Prevention, Intervention and De-Escalation Training.

As before, all seven (7) Professional Activity days align with the Halton District School Board (*Please refer to Appendix A*).

Conclusion

The proposed revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendar is being presented as an Action Item. Once approved, the proposed School Year Calendar will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

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 revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendar as presented.



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SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR (Proposal)

2020-2021

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS

Date	Elementary Schools (Draft)	Secondary Schools (Draft)
Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Learning Models Health and Safety/COVID-19 Preparations	Learning Models Health and Safety/ COVID-19 Preparations
Wednesday, September 2, 2020	Learning Models *To be Determined	Learning Models *To be Determined
Thursday, September 3, 2020	School Improvement Planning; *To be Determined	School Improvement Planning; *To be Determined
Friday, November 27, 2020	Parent-Teacher Interviews	21 st Century Learning
Friday, February 5, 2021	Report Card Writing	Curriculum Review – mid-year
Friday, April 23, 2021	Equity and Inclusion/*To be Determined	Equity and Inclusion/*To be Determined
Friday, June 4, 2021	Report Card Writing	N/A
Thursday, June 29, 2021	N/A	Curriculum Review – end of year

Instructional School Days – Elementary 187
 Instructional School Days – Secondary 187

Total School Days – Elementary 194
 Total School Days – Secondary 194

First Day of Instruction for Gr. 1/12 (Entry into
 Kindergarten in September is a gradual process) Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Last Day of Instruction for Elementary Students Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Last Day of Instruction for Secondary Students Monday, June 28, 2021

Examination Days (Secondary) Scheduled at the end of each teaching block

**SCHOOL BREAKS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
 AND BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS**

September 4, 2020	Board Designated Holiday
September 7, 2020	Labour Day
October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving Day
December 21, 2020 to January 1, 2021 (Inclusive)	Christmas Break
February 15, 2021	Family Day
March 15 – 19, 2021 (Inclusive)	March Break
April 2, 2021	Good Friday
April 5, 2021	Easter Monday
May 24, 2021	Victoria Day