



Revised School Year Calendar 2021-2022

To: Planning and Priorities Committee

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Strategic Directions

Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students

Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being

Recommendation

It is recommended that the revised school year calendar for 2021-2022 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 February, a School Year Calendar committee with representative membership (Appendix A) convened to develop recommendations around the 2021-2022 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 20 – December 31, 2021.

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

The school year calendar recommendation for Board approval is premised on the following commitments:

- a) Student mental health and well being must be at the forefront of all decision making to ensure that all students start school together on the same day during the pandemic
- b) Provide appropriate accommodations for staff where needed
- c) Address the vital in person and virtual professional development needs of staff transitioning out of the pandemic
- d) Decrease where possible the adverse financial impact to our lowest income staff members
- e) Align our calendar with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to minimize transportation costs

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 2021-2022 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 2021	2 September 2021
2.	3 September 2021	3 September 2021
3.	8 September 2021	8 September 2021
4.	19 November 2021	19 November 2021
5.	14 January 2022	2 February 2022
6.	18 February 2022	18 February 2022
7.	3 June 2022	30 June 2022

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

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 quadesters and students study throughout the entire calendar year. The timetable for the placement of PA days and holidays has been confirmed by the Principal of Secondary Alternative Schools and Year Round Schools, in consultation with staff and community (Appendix F).

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 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 2021-2022 school year following Ministry approval.

Appendices

- a) Appendix A: School Year Calendar Committee 2021-2022
- b) Appendix B: Key Dates – School Year Calendar 2021-2022
- c) Appendix C: Elementary School Year Calendar 2021-2022
- d) Appendix D: Secondary School Year Calendar Quadmestered 2021-2022
- e) Appendix E: Secondary School Year Calendar Semestered 2021-2022
- f) Appendix F: Year Round **Alternative** School Year Calendar 2021-2022

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