

February 5, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E. Local 3523), Central Okanagan Principal and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

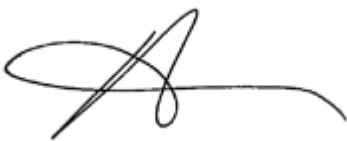
I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Wednesday, February 28, 2018 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/2018-2019SchoolCalendarSurvey.aspx>

We anticipate that the finalized 2018/2019 school calendar (once approved) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,



Bob McEwen
Director of Human Resources

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Attachments

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2018/2019 CALENDAR

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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



Ministry of
Education

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018-2019 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2018/2019
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 28– 30)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	8
Schools open	September 4
Administrative Implementation Day (revised curriculum)	October 5
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 8
Teacher Professional Day	October 19
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 12
Non-Instructional Day for revised curriculum	November 13
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 21
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 24 – January 4
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Tuesday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 7
Family Day	Monday, February 11
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 22
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 18 - March 29
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 1
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 19
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 22
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 20
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 28
Schools close	Friday, June 28

The Calendar for 2018-2019 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction will be:

- Kindergarten 848 hours (based on 287 minutes X 183)
- Grade 1-6 873 hours (based on 287 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 947 hours (based on 311 minutes X 183)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group