
From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: School Calendar 2022 2023

CAUTION: External Message

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Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: School Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hello there,

I would like to see professional development days line up with provincial and federal holidays for example the February professional development days would ideally line up with Family Day, and the May professional development days would line up with Victoria Day, and November with Remembrance Day.

From:

Sent:

To:

Monday, February 22, 2021 3:02 PM

Consultation

CAUTION: External Message

Hi there

Just wanted to say that the 2-year school calendar looks great. We really needed and enjoyed the break in Feb this year with the Pro-D days added to the Family Day weekend. Thanks for keeping that. Also love the 2 weeks for Spring Break.

From:
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 7:46 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: school calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Thank you for preparing the draft of the 2022-23 school calendar.

My only suggestion would be that we are VERY much looking forward to having this upcoming 5 day weekend around Family Day. I would suggest trying to align it that way again next year. Especially if it means we can actually go away somewhere!

Thank you.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 6:53 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: May Long

CAUTION: External Message

Hi,

Wondering if the Family Day & May long weekends could combine with the pro D days!!!

I'd love to take the kids away May long for 5 days.

So much easier for working parents to plan trips!!!

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2021-2023 calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Just wondering why the may Pro D day can't be connected to the Victoria Day long weekend so families can have four days off to go somewhere and do something (if we're ever allowed to do that again haha) We moved to the island in late 2019 and all the districts around our old district used the long weekend as an extra long weekend for families!

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cecily Thompson >
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Local Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hello,

I noticed 21/22 and 22/23 calendars do not have the two pro-d days matched up with family day to give a 5 day weekend for students.

That 5 day break is a preference for my family.

From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: FW: Community Engagement - Seeking your Feedback

CAUTION: External Message

Hello

This year, there were two consecutive PD Days leading into the Family Day long weekend which made for an extended break. I would welcome a repeat of this pattern, scheduling PD Days around long weekends.

There appears to be a couple of opportunities to do this such as:

2021/22:

- Change proposed PSA Day and PD Day tentatively scheduled for Fri Oct 22 & Mon Oct 25 to be Thurs and Fri Oct 7 & 8;
- Change proposed PD Days on Feb 7 & 8 to be Feb 17 & 18; and/or
- Change proposed CI Day & PD Day on May 5 & 6 to be May 19 & 20.

2022/23:

- Change proposed PSA Day and PD Day tentatively scheduled for Fri Oct 21 & Mon Oct 24 to be Thurs and Fri Oct 6 & 7;
- Change proposed PD Days on Feb 6 & 7 to be Feb 16 & 17; and/or
- Change proposed CI Day & PD Day on May 11 & 12 to be May 18 & 19.

Thank you for the chance to provide feedback.

From: NLPS Communications <broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com>

Sent: February 22, 2021 1:17 PM

To: ...go bc.ca>

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Dear NLPS families,

The district is in the midst of seeking feedback on a number of projects.

1. Local School Calendar. This will cover the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. Thank you to those that have already participated. Email feedback is welcome by end of day Friday, March 5, 2021 at consultation@sd68.bc.ca.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:05 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: SD68 Calendars - 2021-2023

CAUTION: External Message

Hi there ... Just wanted to add a bit of feedback on the calendars for 2021-2022 and 2022-23. I think everything looks lovely, but one suggestion would be to add the dates where highschool has optional days because of quarter/semester changes. There is generally a day between quarters/semesters where students only need attend to wrap up outstanding work. It would be nice to know these dates in advance.

Most importantly, I urge you to consider stacking pro-D days in February and May with the holidays therein. For example, this year pro-Ds are February 11 and 12 with Family Day falling February 15. This is a welcomed long weekend and break for families. Breaking it up over two or more weeks is just more work for arranging childcare/activity schedules, whereas stacking the says off creates excellent opportunities for family time.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

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The task ahead of you is never greater than the strength within you. ~ Unknown

From: adam.mitchell@sydney.edu.au
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 6:42 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Family Day

CAUTION: External Message

Hi,

I would like to request that the two pro-D days near family day are on the same weekend.

This would allow 5 days off in a row (Thurs-Mon) and we could plan a weekend away.

Everything else looks great!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Feedback on two-year calendar 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

CAUTION: External Message

Hi,

I would like to provide some feedback on two-year calendar 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. As a parent that works full-time I love to book time off when the kids get time off. It would be really amazing if you could combine the Professional Development Days and holidays together so families can have a longer break off together and be able to plan something if they want. For example this year Thursday February 11, 2021 and Friday February 12, 2021 are Professional Development Days and Monday February 15, 2021 is Family Day. This means more time off together.

The same thing can be accomplished in the 2021/22 and 2022/2023 calendar years if you had the 2 Pro D days on Thursday and Friday in February and May to match up with the Family Day Monday holiday in February and the Monday Victoria day holiday in May. Thanks for your time and consideration.

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Draft Calendar suggestion

CAUTION: External Message
Hello,

I just saw the draft calendar and would like to suggest that the two February Pro-D days be changed so that they align with Family Day. For example, February 17 & 18 in 2022, and February 16 & 17 in 2023.

Alternatively, if this is considered too close to spring break, perhaps the Pro-D days should be moved to March and included within that chunk of time off. School can end two days earlier and the kids can just have a longer break.

Grouping the days off with other holidays makes it easier for parents to plan out of school care options, like going to grandma's for a few days, while also opening up the opportunity for families to take short winter trips or vacations without missing school time. (Many people crave an escape in February!)

Pro-D days are hard on working parents at any time, but lumping them with stat holidays and other days off helps ease some of the mental burden of arranging childcare and helps minimize the disruption to everyday life. Therefore, I'm hoping you will sincerely consider this revision.

Thank you,

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From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2021-2022 calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hello

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I would love to see the 2 pro-d days in Feb front end the family day long weekend as they have in previous years. It seems the kids are all ready for a longer break mid February and it's nice to make it 5 day weekend :) Best wishes, ^ ^

From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:14 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: calendar

In both the 21-22 and 22-23 school years, I think it would be a good idea to have the May pro-D immediately before the Victoria Day weekend. By that time many families want to get away and this would give them a longer weekend for that.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: upcoming school calendar for next 2 years

CAUTION: External Message

Hello,

My only recommendation for both years is in the month of February. As it is this year, having the 2 professional days in February that are back to back to tie in with the same weekend as family day. Thursday and Friday for professional days and then the Monday as the stat holiday. If parents are going to take time off work when their kids are out of school its more meaningful to group it with family days so bigger plans or projects can occur.

Thank you for asking for input.

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: School calendar.

CAUTION: External Message

I am disappointed to see the Feb calendar. I think it makes more sense for families to be able to take advantage of the 2 proD days when combined with Family Day. When combined, families can use the time to arrange care and or visit in one long block. For those who need to make arrangements involving ferry or driving, this is much more taxing. I would strongly prefer the calendar to be rearranged to make one longer break for my children.

I also noted the change in October. I realize the District Day can not be moved, so there will always be 2 school breaks. I really appreciate that you have at least tried to combine the days so it is 2 short weeks instead of 3.

I think the calendar should also list the high school days off. It seems my high school kids are often having days off to prepare for reports, to meet with parents, to change semesters or quarters. These days off catch me by surprise and I don't know why they aren't listed in advance like other days off for students.

Please reconsider the February days— it will be easier on families who must arrange care.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Consultation

CAUTION: External Message

Keep February Prod and family day back to back. Nice this year.
Get Outlook for iOS

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Consultation

Perhaps consider keeping the February pro-d days and Family Day together again for the following years. Nice to have more time to absorb what we learned in Pro-D and time for families to get away prior to Spring Break.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: school calendar for coming years

the pro-D days in February, it would be better to have on the same weekend as family day (like this year) as well as the implementation and pro-d day in May with Victoria Day.

Also why can't Easter and Spring break be combined? I seem to recall it used to be that way. is it because there would be a large period of time between breaks otherwise?

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Local school calender 2021/22 and 2022/23

CAUTION: External Message

Hello

Is there anyway not to have two non-instructional days in row? I notice both calendars have two of these a year (not counting those attached to a STAT weekend).

As a working parent of two young children two days off in a row is very difficult to find childcare for.

As a community pharmacist I assure you it creates havoc for our pediatric clients who thrive with consistency (ADHD, Autism). Three days off is a lot. Four is too many.

I'm not suggesting the need to eliminate the total number of non instructional days. Please consider spacing them out though.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:36 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: School Calendar Feedback



Hello,

I reviewed the 2 year calendar for school and would like to provide feedback. For both of these years, I noticed the lumping of professional development or curriculum implementation days together. I would not like to see these days back-to-back for the following reasons:

- It is extremely difficult as a 2 parent working household to take 2 days off in a row and/or find alternate care. This has created several challenges and hardships for our family over the last year.
- It doesn't provide kids a spacing of shorter weeks more equitably through the year. The current proposal is for one 2 day break in October, one in February and the last one in May. Both October and May already have long weekends with holidays.

I would prefer to see those days spread out to give kids and families more regular breaks. Taking a Friday off from work once a month is easier for working families to negotiate, especially in COVID times.

Thanks for considering my feedback.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:32 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2021/2022 calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hello,

I am writing to comment on the 2021/2022 proposed school year calendar.

My concerns are with consecutive pro-d/curriculum implementation days. While I realize the intent of putting these days together is likely to make a long weekend for students and reduce disruption in multiple weeks, it comes at a great cost to working parents of young children.

With little to no childcare opportunities available, especially in COVID times, this puts a burden on parents to take multiple days off in a week which is often near impossible due to work requirements.

My suggestion would be to spread out the days the students do not attend. Friday's are typically easier for people to take the day off compared to Mondays.

Thank you for your consideration,

From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Feedback on school calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hi,
I thought I'd provide my two cents on the school calendar. I generally find the stacked pro-d days an issue and would prefer to have them equally spaced out through out the school year. If there were 6, it would be ideal if they were once a month (excluding the start/ end of each term). October, November, February, April, May and June.

That way there is less impact to working parents. Hope any feedback helps.

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From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Feedback

CAUTION: External Message

The 2 day professional day in feb is very difficult for families. Leaving kids home alone for 2 whole days is too much. One day okay two days, they get into trouble. Please space them out better. Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: School calendar

CAUTION: External Message

My opinion is that two back to back pro d days is much harder for parents. Also, tagging them on to a king weekends making it a 5 day weekend is terrible. It is my understanding this is the only school district who does that.

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: CID

Hello,

I'm just wondering about the rationale for placing the Curriculum Implementation days in May. It seems like it would be more impactful for student learning if they were earlier in the school year?

From:
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:56 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Calendar Feedback

Hi Team,

May I suggest February PD days don't fall in line with the 1701 Reporting deadlines. They are always the first two weeks of the month.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:37 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Fw: Consultation: Local School Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hello,

My only issue is the 2-week long Spring Break. It is a financial burden on families to find child care for such a long stretch. Even more of a financial burden for those whose employment is affected when they cannot secure child care, or adequate child care.

Sent from my BlackBerry — the most secure mobile device — via the TELUS Network

From:
Sent: February 4, 2021 10:01 AM
To:
Reply to: noreply@sd68.bc.ca
Subject: Consultation: Local School Calendar

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From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Next 2 years

CAUTION: External Message

Hi there,

My only feedback is that 2 weeks for Spring Break is a long time. Has the district considered going back to 1 week for spring break? Two week spring breaks are difficult for working parents. We are especially feeling it this year when our children can't participate in activities, can't play with their friends, families can't travel. I think the extra class room time that an additional week in class would alleviate a lot of the pressure that elementary students feel in their rushed days at school. Even an extra 5 minutes for kids to eat their lunch would help.

Thank

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2022-2023 School Calendar Feedback

Hello,

Upon comparing the SD68 school calendar for 2022-2023 with the SD69 school calendar, I propose a change to spring vacation period for that year, to be in line with surrounding districts. Their spring vacation period begins March 20, returning to school April 3. Ours is currently beginning March 10, returning to school March 27. Many of our staff live in surrounding districts and will have childcare hardship if these vacation times do not align.

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From:
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2022-2023 Calendar

Hello

I saw the post about feedback for the calendar for 2022 -2023 and I would like to request to have spring break align with SD69 as I have young children (as I am sure others do too) who attend that school district and finding care for them would be quite difficult if the weeks to do align. I understand that sometimes Pro-D Days do not align and I have worked around those but 5 days straight at spring break would be tough. I also like to enjoy time with my kids and family during spring break and this year especially with everything that is going on in the world would be nice to have that option if SD68 can please align the breaks to match SSD69.

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From:
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Calendar/spring break

Spring break

For those of us who stay in Nanaimo during spring break the common refrain when coming back to work is how nice the weather gets during the last few days of the break. Is there any chance of moving spring break one week later?

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From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Calendar draft

CAUTION: External Message

As a family we really appreciate the two week spring break.
It allows us to get outdoors and spend time together after a long winter.
In addition, it gives our son an opportunity to regenerate for the last few months of the year.

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: school calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Hi, the two year school calendar looks good to me :)

Thank you,

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Re: Consultation: Local School Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

I think your proposed local school calendars for 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 appear to be fine.
Thank you for your efforts,

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Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:01 AM
To:
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Feedback

CAUTION: External Message

Good morning,

I'm not sure if this is the appropriate place for this but I am hoping that with these new calendars you will consider keeping the Quarter timetable system for High School students.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Re - School Calendars - 30 day consultation

CAUTION: External Message

Hello SD68 - no feedback to pass along re draft school calendars, but wondering if the 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years will continue to use the quarter system for high school students.

As a parent of two students in high school I have nothing but positive feedback regarding the quarter system. It has promoted more focus on studies, reduced anxiety given that students don't have to manage four courses over a half year period and increased learning outcomes. For both students. Additionally, for my youngest, who has internal struggles, the quarter system has been beneficial in helping him manage his schedule and be more successful in school. Even during the pandemic he is more enthusiastic about going to school; this includes fewer late arrivals and fewer missed days. Success at school has contributed to improved mood and confidence, and an improved ability to self-regulate given that school is such a big part of a teen's life.

Again, our family is a huge supporter of the quarter system and I look forward to reading any feedback regarding future planning utilizing quarters.

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From:
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Christmas holidays

CAUTION: External Message

Just like the past year can you please make sure the kids are out well over a week before school and go right back in the new year that way we're not paying for daycare and scrambling to look after our children thank you

Sent from my Galaxy

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: 2022-2023 School Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

I feel we should have classes up until December 23rd to give parents a chance to complete Christmas shopping and come back on January 9th so families can have more quality time after the rush of Christmas. Winter is long and getting through January would be easier coming back on the 9th.

From:
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Fw: Consultation: Local School Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

Good Afternoon,

I would like to put forward a suggestion that I feel worked incredibly well at the start of last year. I appreciate that it needed to happen due to covid but it also highlighted that there is another, more efficient way to organise classes for the September intake.

I would suggest that either Teachers and Administrative staff return on Sept 2 and 3, 2021 using this year as an example and have the students start Sept 7. The 2 days allowing final class lists and teachers to be organised ahead of the first day of school. The alternative and likely most achievable is to start the kids back on Thursday Sept 9, again giving staff 2 days to plan and organise the classes. The transition for the students is far more effective, less stressful and a much cleaner effective process for everyone involved.

Moving a step further from this and not so closely linked to the school calendar consultation is actually having the students placed in classroom groups at the end of the term before in June. Teachers may change, student numbers may change but if you also revisit the deadlines for enrolling to a school it could be achieved and in a lot of cases in schools where teacher turnover is not high, students could leave for the summer with a good idea of not only their classroom group but also their teacher ahead of the Summer holidays. This is the model in the UK and it works beautifully. The key piece is not trying to meet everyone's needs, all of the time and instead making decisions that work best for the large majority of a school community and only then having to manage the exceptions and how to slot them in to the picture.

Just my thoughts.

Thank you for listening

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To: Consultation
Subject: School Calendar



Trustees and management,

After years of suggesting real changes, the political will may finally be there to change the calendar for the betterment of Public Education.

Depending on contractual obligations, a year-round schedule could mean smaller class sizes and more flexible vacation times, which can be attractive to school staff.

Sports Academies could run in the summer when conditions are more suitable. More choice and flexibility in the workplace demands more than an agricultural based calendar in Public Education is not preparing students for the real world.

Young minds in grades 9 to graduation do perform well in the morning.

Having classes that start midday or later would result in a better attended student body more capable of retaining and practicing the knowledge they attain.

With many students registered with Connect Ed, the process is well underway already, allowing students to be at their best with supports.

Thank you for asking for input. I sincerely hope the best for public Education will be done in spite of the political risks.

Nanaimo BC

From:
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Consultation
Subject: Re: School Two Year Calendar

CAUTION: External Message

I think it looks alright, just don't like the all day Kindergarten. I think it's too long for first time in school.

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Consultation
Subject: Calendar 2021-22 2022-2023

After consulting a couple of my colleagues, I would like to see the 2 February professional Devel. Days moved to the 17/18th of Feb. 2022 to again align with the Family Day weekend so students and families can have a small holiday should they wish. With all the holidays being cancelled due to covid, hopefully by then there will be flexibility for them to get away should they wish. It's a good time to have a quick break as the winter is so long.

Same for 2023 February. Nice for families. Doesn't make a difference for educators really either way.
