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**To: District Employees and Parents**  
**From: Sherry Elwood, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Date: February 22, 2018**  
**Re: Update on School Calendar 2018/19**

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Recently, we received a memo from Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister/Ministry of Education advising the following:

*In response to requests from our education partners and in order to continue to support curriculum implementation, the Minister has made changes to the School Calendar Regulation that will be in effect for the 2018/19 school year.*

*The hours of instruction for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 school years were reduced in 2016 by 5 hours to the following:*

- 848 hours for students in Kindergarten
- 873 hours for students in Grades 1-7
- 947 hours for students in Grades 8-12

*This reduction of instructional hours is extended to the 2018/19 school year.*

Thus, in 2018/19, the School District will be scheduling one more Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day) for teachers to participate in discussions and activities that develop evidence-based approaches to curriculum implementation. In addition, we will amend our 2018/19 School Calendar to reflect this continued reduction in instructional time and will provide a copy of this amended School Calendar to the Ministry by the end of March 2018.

The District School Calendar Committee, comprised of Stakeholder Representatives of staff and parents, has been meeting to determine the dates of this new Non-Instructional (CI) Day plus the other traditional six Non-Instructional Days and will have proposed dates for schools and parents later this Spring.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Sherry Elwood  
Superintendent of Schools