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| Date | April 28, 2026 |
| To | Board of Trustees |
| From | Ron Thompson, Superintendent of Schools |
| Subject | Revised 2026–2027 School Year Calendar |
| Originator | Cliff Richard, Chief Infrastructure and Technology Officer |
| Resource Staff | Vicki de Haan, Ernest Kwan, Clair Sprake |
| Reference | Election Act , Section 52(4) Education Act , Section 60 Board Policy GCA.BP Approval of the School Year Calendar Administrative Regulation GCA.AR The School Year Calendar |

ISSUE

An amendment to the 2026–2027 School Year Calendar, which was approved at the December 9, 2025, Board meeting, is required to accommodate the provincial referendum event to occur on October 19, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached revised 2026–2027 School Year Calendar be approved.

BACKGROUND

The 2026–2027 Division school year calendar was finalized in December 2025. However, on April 1, 2026, the Alberta Chief Electoral Officer notified school authorities of a planned provincial referendum scheduled for October 19, 2026. In accordance with the *Election Act*, to facilitate school-based polling, Elections Alberta has requested that this date be designated as a Professional Development day.

RELATED FACTS

Proposed changes represented in the draft revised 2026–2027 School Year Calendar consist of moving the Professional Development day from Tuesday, October 13 to Monday, October 19. This will result in the provincial referendum event occurring on a non-instructional day which helps to prevent issues related to hosting polling stations in schools.

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

Declaring October 19, 2026, a Professional Development day would result in no classes on the date of the provincial referendum event. Currently, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, is designated as a Professional Development day and does not fall on a day of significance. This Professional Development day was originally scheduled immediately following Thanksgiving Monday to group days off together for families. Moving the October Professional Development day allows for minimal disruption to the calendar.

A summary of the calendar is provided in the table below:

| | Approved Calendar | Proposed Revised Calendar |
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| Student Start Date | Tuesday, September 1, 2026 | No change |
| Student End Date | Monday, June 28, 2027 | No change |
| Number of Instructional Days | 178 | No change |
| Days Per Semester | 89 | No change |
| Breakdown of Instructional Days | 32 Mondays 39 Tuesdays 37 Wednesdays 36 Thursdays 34 Fridays | 31 Mondays 40 Tuesdays 37 Wednesdays 36 Thursdays 34 Fridays |
| Fall Break | Wednesday - Statutory Holiday Thursday - Board Approved Non-Instructional Day Friday - Board Approved Non-Instructional Day Monday - Teachers' Day in Lieu | No change |
| May Break | Thursday - Teachers' Day in Lieu Friday - Board Approved Non-Instructional Day Monday - Statutory Holiday | No change |
| Professional Development (PD) Days | 8 | No change |
| Board Approved Non-Instructional Days | 4 | No change |
| Operational Days | 2 | No change |
| Teachers' Days in Lieu | 2 | No change |

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the revised 2026–2027 School Year Calendar will be posted to the Division's website and the change will be shared with staff, students and families through the Division's communication channels.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I [Draft Revised 2026–2027 School Year Calendar](#)

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2026–27 School Year Calendar

DRAFT
April 2, 2026



AUGUST • 2026

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LEGEND

- Public Holiday
- PD Day (no students)
- First/Last Day of Classes
- Operational Day (no students)
- Teachers' Convention (no students)
- Teachers' Day in Lieu (no teachers or students)
- Board Approved Non-instructional Day (no teachers or students)
- Winter/Spring Break

Important dates

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|---|------------------|
| First Operational Day (no students) | August 28 |
| First Day of Classes | September 1 |
| Winter Break | December 21–31 |
| Teachers' Convention (no students) | February 25–26 |
| Spring Break | March 30–April 2 |
| Last Day of Classes | June 28 |
| Last Operational Day (no students) | June 29 |

Approved holidays

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| Labour Day | September 7 |
| The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | September 30 |
| Thanksgiving | October 12 |
| Remembrance Day | November 11 |
| Christmas Day | December 25 |
| Boxing Day | December 26 |
| New Year's Day | January 1 |
| Family Day | February 15 |
| Good Friday | March 26 |
| Easter Monday | March 29 |
| Victoria Day | May 24 |

Dates of significance

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| Yom Kippur | September 21 |
| Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas | November 8 |
| Winter Solstice | December 21 |
| Lunar New Year | February 6 |
| Eid al-Fitr | March 10 |
| Eid al-Adha | May 17 |
| Summer Solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day | June 21 |