

November 4, 2025

Dear parents, families and guardians,

I am writing today to provide updates about how we'll be supporting learning for the remainder of the year.

### **2025–26 school calendar**

As mentioned to you earlier, fall break is proceeding as scheduled. The Division is not contemplating any additional changes to the broader school calendar for the 2025–26 school year. We are also committed to maintaining our regular daily routines; we are not making any adjustments to school schedules, like reducing break times like recess or lunch.

### **High schools — Semester 1**

With the recent cancellation of the [January diploma exams](#), we are adjusting the school schedules to maximize learning time. What is typically set aside for the exam week will now be scheduled for regular classes and instruction. Students will receive direct teaching during this time, ensuring we maximize instructional time for all Semester 1 courses. The schedule for Semester 2 remains unchanged.

### **Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)**

The Province also announced the cancellation of the January Grade 9 provincial achievement tests. Please note that the June PATs will proceed as normal for all affected grade levels.

### **Planning for Kindergarten to Grade 9**

For students in Kindergarten to Grade 9, teachers are currently working to plan for a compressed school year. The focus of this planning is to ensure that all students learn the critical knowledge and skills they need to be successful this school year, helping prepare them fully for the next grade level.

### **Thank you**

I appreciate your understanding as we've worked quickly to develop plans that will help your children be successful for the remainder of the year. If you have any additional questions about these changes or how they specifically affect your child's schedule or classes, please encourage you to connect directly with your child's school.

Sincerely,



Ron Thompson  
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