



Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Dear CMSD82 Parents/Guardians:

RE: Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar

As previously shared, school districts across the province are involved in calendar amendments related to the new Ministry of Education Curriculum Implementation Plan announced in August 2015. The Ministry of Education and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, supported by provincial partners in education, announced a plan to support the implementation of the new curriculum.

As part of this plan, five hours of non-instructional time will be added to the 2016-2017 School Year reducing instructional hours equivalent to one regular school day for the school year designated to new curriculum training. The time will be provided for teachers to familiarize themselves with the new curriculum and to plan for its implementation in the coming school year.

The Board of Education approved the Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar at its March 30, 2016 Regular Board Meeting that will support Coast Mountains School District's teachers as they learn the new Ministry of Education curriculum. The first day of school for the 2016-2017 School Year will be Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

For your information, please find attached a copy of the Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar with Non-Instructional Days, Early Dismissal Days, etc. A backgrounder page is also provided outlining details of the calendar for your convenience. The Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar was also shared with the school district's staff and partner groups.

Further information regarding the Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar can be obtained by contacting Carole Gagnon, Executive Assistant at the School Board Administration Office at (250) 638-4401.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine McIntosh
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

- *Amended 2016-2017 School Calendar & Backgrounder (2 pages)*