

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 30, 2007

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Bob Holt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2008-09

ORIGINATOR: R. MacNeil, Executive Director

RESOURCE  
STAFF: Lea Beeken, Mike Falk, Janne Paulsen

### RECOMMENDATION

That the 2008-09 school year calendar be approved.

### **The Recommended 2008-09 School Year Calendar**

The recommended 10-month school year calendar for the 2008-2009 school year is shown in Appendix I. This calendar designates the first day of instruction as Tuesday, September 2, 2008 and the last instructional day as Friday, June 26, 2009. In order to provide sufficient instructional days to meet Alberta Education's mandates, it is recommended that one of the three Professional Development days available to teaching staff be taken prior to the start of instruction, in the August 27 to 29 timeframe.

Other highlights of the recommended 2008-2009 school year calendar include:

- The last instructional day prior to the Winter Recess is Friday, December 19, 2008. Staff and students return to school on January 5, 2009
- Teacher's Convention is designated to fall on February 26 and 27, 2009
- The two non-instructional operational days at the end of the year fall on Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30
- The French Language Arts 30 June diploma exam is tentatively scheduled on the morning of Monday, June 29, 2009, affecting at least two senior high schools

### **Requirements of School Calendars**

In constructing these calendars, the following requirements of Alberta Education have been met:

- Elementary and junior high school students must receive 950 hours of instruction per school year.
- Senior high school students must have access to 1000 hours of instruction per school year.
- Senior high school five credit courses require 125 hours of instruction and three credit courses require 62.5 hours of instruction. The number of instructional days available in each semester must be sufficient to meet this requirement for every course offered either as a quarter, semester or full-year course and must take into account Alberta Education diploma exam schedules.

- The hours of instruction must be met on an annual basis. Averaging over a five year period is not accepted by Alberta Education.

The following criteria are also addressed:

- A full school week requires a minimum of 1520 minutes of instruction at the elementary and junior high school levels, or an average of 304 minutes per day. To meet the 950 hours of instruction for the year, at least 188 instructional days are required.
- Schools are able to declare up to three professional development days and one day-in-lieu. This requires that 192 possible instructional days are made available in the calendar. In years when one professional development day is designated prior to the start of instruction, 191 possible instructional days must be made available.
- To facilitate school opening and closing activities, a total of four non-instructional operational days are required, two at the beginning of the school year and two at the end of the year.
- Two days at the end of February or early March are reserved for the Greater Edmonton Teacher's Convention.

### **Use of the 10-Month Calendar within the District**

The 10-month calendars are used by all district 10-month schools, with the exception of Talmud Torah, where the calendar is modified to account for Jewish holidays. Three schools, Parkdale, Eastwood and Donnan, follow a modified 11-month calendar. All institutions with the exception of Kennedale follow the 10-month calendar, although summer programs are offered in some institutions. Kennedale follows a 12-month instructional calendar.



# 2008-09

## AUGUST

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## SEPTEMBER

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

## OCTOBER

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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|    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

## NOVEMBER

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## DECEMBER

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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## JANUARY

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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

## FEBRUARY

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

## MARCH

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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

## APRIL

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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## MAY

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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## JUNE

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

## JULY

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
|                  | INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS = 191*  |
|                  | NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS = 4 |
|                  | NON-OPERATIONAL DAYS       |
|                  |                            |
|                  |                            |
|                  | START-UP DAYS = 3*         |
| TOTAL DAYS = 198 |                            |

\* One PD Day taken in August - Instructional days may be reduced by an additional two PD Days and one day-in-lieu.

## School Calendar 2008-2009

| 2008-2009 | Total Days | Instructional Days |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|
| August    | 3          | 0                  |
| September | 21         | 21                 |
| October   | 22         | 22                 |
| November  | 19         | 19                 |
| December  | 15         | 15                 |
| January   | 20         | 20                 |
| February  | 19         | 17                 |
| March     | 20         | 20                 |
| April     | 17         | 17                 |
| May       | 20         | 20                 |
| June      | <u>22</u>  | <u>20</u>          |
|           | 198        | 191*               |

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Labour Day          | September 1, 2008                         |
| Thanksgiving        | October 13, 2008                          |
| Remembrance Day     | November 11, 2008                         |
| Winter Recess       | Dec. 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009 inclusive |
| Family Day          | February 16, 2009                         |
| Teachers Convention | February 26, 27, 2009                     |
| Spring Recess       | March 30, 2009 – April 3, 2009 inclusive  |
| Good Friday         | April 10, 2009                            |
| Easter Monday       | April 13, 2009                            |
| Victoria Day        | May 18, 2009                              |

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| First day of operation   | August 27, 2008 (Wednesday) |
| First day of instruction | September 2, 2008 (Tuesday) |
| Last day of instruction  | June 26, 2009 (Friday)      |
| Last day of operation    | June 30, 2009 (Tuesday)     |

\*Instructional days may be reduced by up to two school professional development days and one day in lieu. An additional professional development day will be taken prior to the first day of instruction.