



Halton District School Board

Report Number: 12027

Date: January 25, 2012

INFORMATION FOR DECISION

TO: The Chair and Members of the
Halton District School Board

FROM: Jeff Blackwell, Associate Director

RE: School Year Calendar 2012-2013

Warrant:

The Education Act requires each School Board to establish a School Year Calendar, identifying instructional days, professional activity days and holidays for each school year. The Ministry of Education establishes the number of days for the schools of the Province and in accordance with Regulation 304, each Board is required to submit a Board-approved calendar to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2012. If the Board chooses to submit a modified school year calendar they must do so by March 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the summary of Statutory and Board Designated Holidays and Professional Activity Days for 2012-2013 as recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee.

Background:

The School Year Calendar committee takes into account several considerations:

1. School communities have generally advised that, when selecting a Professional Activity Day, a Friday or Monday is preferred. Some employers appear more willing to permit parents to have occasional holidays on those days (or just before statutory holidays).
2. An essential factor in the establishment of the 2012-2013 calendar is the integration of transportation services with our coterminous Board. Consultation, which complies with Ministry direction, has occurred with the Halton Catholic District School Board.
3. Teaching personnel find it valuable to have days designated for the following:
 - Reporting to parents
 - In-school professional/program activity days
 - System-wide professional/program activity days
 - Professional development and planning for the implementation of Ministry of Education priorities

For 2012-2013, there are 194 possible school days between September 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. The school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days of which two days must be designated as professional activity (PA) days that must be devoted to specific provincial education priorities. Boards may designate up to four additional days as PA days. School begins on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Six (6) professional activity days are scheduled for elementary and secondary schools for the following purposes:

- Provincial Priorities (Numeracy / Safe Schools)
- Reporting Student Progress to Parents
- Professional Development
- Development of School Improvement Plans for Student Achievement
- Continued implementation of Growing Success (Assessment and Evaluation)

It is important to note the five (5) of the six (6) Elementary Professional Activity days and five (5) of the six (6) Secondary Professional Activity days align with the Halton Catholic District School Board. We are not aligned with the Halton Catholic District School Board's calendar on Tuesday September 4, 2012 as the Halton District School Board School Year Calendar committee preferred the placement of the June 28 PA Day to a September 4 PA Day. Both boards will have the same secondary school examination days.

The proposed calendar was developed with the input of the School Year Calendar Committee consisting of representatives from interested and affected groups. (*Appendix A*)

The School Year Calendar 2012-2013

The proposed school year calendar for Elementary and Secondary schools for 2012-2013 includes 188 instructional days. It designates six professional activity days (*see Appendix B for rationale and use*).

Friday, June 7, 2013 is a PA Day for elementary teachers only. This is a contractual commitment as a result of the PDT agreement to prepare report cards. Secondary students attend school on this day.

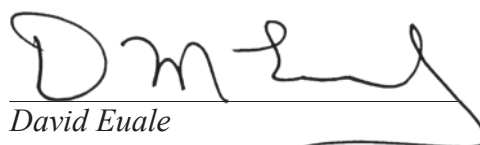
Secondary teachers have a PA Day on Friday, February 15, 2013. Elementary students attend school on this day.

The instructional school year begins for students on September 4, 2012. Students will attend school up to and including Thursday, June 27, 2013. The school year ends June 28, 2013 with a PA Day for both elementary and secondary. Appendix C outlines the proposed School Year Calendar for 2012-2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Blackwell
Associate Director



David Euale
Director of Education

School Year Calendar Committee

2012 - 2013

NAME	REPRESENTING	LOCATION
Jeff Blackwell	Chair of Committee	J.W. Singleton Centre
Thomas Cheeseman	D.E.C.E.	Escarpment View P.S.
Tony Cunha	C.U.P.E.	Heritage Glen P.S.
Debbie DeBoer	Human Resources	J.W. Singleton Centre
Marnie Denton/Jason Misner	Communications	J.W. Singleton Centre
Sue Dykstra	Human Resources	J.W. Singleton Centre
Sheila Emmerson	I.T. Liaison	J.W. Singleton Centre
Tom Golightly	P.S.S.P.	New St. Education Centre
Gail Grant	System Principal	New St. Education Centre
Ann Harvey Hope	Trustee	J.W. Singleton Centre
Sherry Kirkham	School Council	White Oaks H.S.
Karen LaCroix		Halton Student Transportation Services
Donna Lavery	H.D.E.A.A.	H.D.E.A.A. Office
Bev Leckie	M.A.S.S.	J.W. Singleton Centre
Marg MacFarlane	E.T.F.O.	ETFO Office
Debbie Majka	O.S.S.T.F. – O.C.T.U.	OSSTF District 20 Office
Suzanne Muir	Diversity Coordinator	New St. Education Centre
Michelle Paradis	School Council	C.H. Norton P.S.
David Purcell	H.E.P.A.	Florence Meares P.S.
Kate Rehm/ Steve Saunders	H.S.P.A.	Iroquois Ridge H.S. Oakville-Trafalgar H.S.
Dane Tutton	Superintendent	New St. Education Centre
Elka Walsh	Halton Home & School Council	
Jim Young	O.S.S.T.F. District 20	OSSTF District 20 Office

Rationale for Placement and Use of Professional Activity Days

October 5 (Elementary/Secondary)

- School Improvement Planning
- Ministry initiatives Literacy / Numeracy / Safety & Well-Being / Pathways

November 23 (Elementary/Secondary)

- **Elementary** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Secondary** School Improvement Planning
Literacy / Numeracy / Safety & Well-Being / Pathways

February 1 (Elementary/Secondary)

- **Elementary** Report card writing (PDT agreement)
- **Secondary** Growing Success - Assessment and Evaluation

February 15 (Secondary)

- Ministry – Board initiatives Literacy / Numeracy / Safety & Well-Being / Pathways
- Growing Success

April 26 (Elementary/Secondary)

- Ministry – Board initiatives Literacy / Numeracy / Safety & Well-Being / Pathways
- Growing Success

June 7 (Elementary)

- Report card writing (PDT agreement)

June 28 (Elementary/Secondary)

- Ministry – Board initiatives Literacy / Numeracy / Safety & Well-Being / Pathways
- Growing Success



Halton District School Board

David Euale, *Director of Education*

Don Vrooman, *Chair of the Board*

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2012-2013

School begins September 4, 2012

School Breaks and Holidays

September 3	Labour Day
October 8	Thanksgiving Day
December 24 to January 4 (inclusive)	Winter Break
February 18	Family Day
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Monday
May 20	Victoria Day

Professional Activity

October 5	Elementary/Secondary
November 23	Elementary/Secondary
February 1	Elementary/Secondary
February 15	Secondary
April 26	Elementary/Secondary
June 7	Elementary
June 28	Elementary/Secondary

Exams

High Schools:	January 24-30, 2013 (Semester One)
	June 20-26, 2013 (Semester Two)

Board Name Halton DSB (B66133)			
Calendar Title [2012-120891] Halton District School Board	Panel Elementary	Calendar Type Regular	Date Created Jan 25, 2012
Start of School Year Sep 04, 2012	End of School Year Jun 28, 2013	Status Draft	
Description Regular Calendar			

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
August			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	0	0	0
September	3 H	4 FD	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28						0	19	0
October	1	2	3	4	5 P*	8 H	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			1	21	0
November				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	1	21	0
December	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24 B	25 H	26 H	27 B	28 B	31 B					0	15	0
January		1 H	2 B	3 B	4 B	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		0	19	0
February				1 P		4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18 H	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28		1	18	0
March				1		4	5	6	7	8	11 B	12 B	13 B	14 B	15 B	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29 H	0	15	0
April	1 H	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30				1	20	0
May			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20 H	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	0	22	0
June	3	4	5	6	7 P	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28						2	18	0
July	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			0	0	0
Total															6	188	0											

Legend

P -Professional Activity Day;	E -Scheduled Exam Day;	B -Board Designated Day;	H -Statutory Day;	/ -Half Day;
P* -Professional Activity Day Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities;				
F -First Day Students;	L -Last Day Students;			
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Board Name Halton DSB (B66133)			
Calendar Title [2012-120728] Halton District School Board	Panel Secondary	Calendar Type Regular	Date Created Jan 25, 2012
Start of School Year Sep 04, 2012	End of School Year Jun 28, 2013	Status Draft	
Description Regular			

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July	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			0	0	0
Total															6	178	10											

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