

Please identify yourself w Comments on the proposed calendar:		
CUPE	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I would like to see the Feb. 21st day be moved and added to the Easter long Weekend. Also the Pro -d day in May to be added onto the long weekend.
CUPE	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Would prefer to move Feb 21st Non-Instructional Day to -> Feb 14th. This provides a 4-day weekend.
CUPE	North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Just wondering why Dec 26th and April 13th is a vacation day? Thank you.
CUPE	North Shuswap, Sorrento,	I think the only complaint you may get or where you might see absences will be where we have typically had four or five day weekends, family day, may long or Easter. The Friday was a pro d day.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	In 2018/19 we had a Pro-D attached to the Thanksgiving weekend, this was nice for families travelling to/from other provinces and for teachers travelling to Pro-D activities out of district. Suggestions would be to move the Pro-D day from Oct 25 to Oct 11.  February is the shortest month, the draft has 3 separate interruptions which can be hard for parents who need day care for their kids. This year we had a Pro-D attached to the family day weekend which can give parents some other daycare options. Also a three day week can be hard to keep kids on task, parents will look at taking this time to go on vacation as there are only 3 days of school missed. Suggestion would be to move the Feb 3 Pro-D to April 9 or 14 and move the Feb 21 Pro-D to Feb 14.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	Looks good.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	Prefer to have 2 4-day work weeks than 1 3-day school week in the month of November by moving the Pro D to Nov 8th instead of Nov 12th. Move one of the February Pro D days to January which will help clerical staff training as the district migrates to My Ed BC and therefore February will not have a 3-day school week.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	I ask that there would not be 2 Pro-D days within 2 consecutive pay periods, such as Feb. 3 and Feb 21st. It makes it impossible to pay for bills/rent/groceries et, during that month. Please consider those who live on the amount they make from the SD as their living wage. Thank you.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	I think it looks fine and days off are spread out enough to give balance to the year!
CUPE	Salmon Arm	Is there a reason for the 3 day week in February? I think it makes more sense to move the Feb 21 non-instructional day to the 14 or 28 and have three 4-day weeks instead. I'm also wondering why the non instructional days in October and May aren't added to Thanksgiving and Victoria Day like they have been in the past. Adding an extra day to a long weekend makes it much easier to travel out of town, especially when HR has been so strict on denying CUPE leaves for days in the school calendar.
CUPE	Salmon Arm	I like it. The two week spring break is essential for teachers, support staff and families
CUPE	Salmon Arm	Looks great
CUPE	Salmon Arm	Seems decent not that my suggestions will have any weight. I will gladly follow what ever is set! Thanks
CUPE	Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	All looks good
CUPE	Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	December 26 is a Boxing Day Stat. April 13 is Easter Stat. November and February have a week with only 3 school days. As office person I am not in favor of a short working weeks like this as it seems hard to get the weeks work done. Not sure how this is for students and teachers. Survey will tell....

CUPE	Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	Looks good - it would be nice to have the Professional Development day tied with the Thanksgiving weekend? Some students travel to see family that weekend.
CUPE	Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	satisfactory
CUPE	Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	I like this much better than last year, last year having pro d days attached to long weekends was not ideal
FNEC	Salmon Arm	Is there a specific date for the Aboriginal Professional Development day? In recognition to the new BCTEA changes coming up..
NOSTA	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	As a parent of 2 school aged children and as an elementary teacher, I would love to see a Pro-D day on Nov. 1. The day after Halloween is always a bit of a write-off for elementary schools. Teachers and kids are exhausted. I think families would really appreciate having the chance for their kids to sleep in after Halloween night.  I would also prefer to see the spring break pushed ahead one week. so the second week goes into April.
NOSTA	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Please, please, please.....can we have the November Pro-D day on November 1st? The day after Halloween is basically non-instructional anyway; students are completely dis-regulated and it feels like we are just baby-sitting. Parents might also really appreciate not having to get their children up for a school day, and not having to stress about getting them to bed on Halloween night at the usual time - which is essentially impossible anyway.
NOSTA	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Three day week in mid February isn't ideal. Might lead to more absenteeism. It's better when the Pro D is attached to the Friday of the Family Day weekend, like this year.
NOSTA	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	February's Pro-D day is the concern. This year it did not match up with other districts in our area, and next year it will create a three day week with Family Day being a holiday Monday and the Pro-D day being on that Friday. Are we sure the other districts close to us are using that Friday as a Pro-D day?
NOSTA	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I want to see Nov 1 st as a Pro d day
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	No comments at this time. Thank you!
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Nice to see that Pro-D days do not fall on friday of long weekends. Might be nice to see as many Monday Pro-D's as Friday. The balance is nice.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Appears to be very much like this year. Looks fine to me! Thanks. LM
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	This calendar seems reasonable. I appreciate the two week Spring Break as a nice time to regroup and recharge before third term.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	1) Move the October Pro-d day to thanksgiving weekend - either Friday, Oct 11 or Tuesday, Oct 15th. Since many families travel on that weekend, this would reduce the impact of the increased absences. 2) The February 3rd Pro-D day is too close to the beginning of Semester 2 for Secondary Schools. Turn around day is Mon, Jan 27, so Semester 2 starts on Tuesday, Jan 28. Scheduling a Pro-d day on Monday, Feb 3rd means teachers will only have had their students for 3 days, before the interruption of the Pro-D day. Also, it's especially disruptive because it's a Monday Pro-d. This means that, due to Daily Block Order rotations, teachers will not have had their Semester 2 students on a Monday block order until Feb 10th (3 weeks into the semester).

NOSTA	Salmon Arm	My concern is the high number of Professional Development Days which are on Fridays. This is quite challenging for part-time employees, especially for those who have children. For my situation in particular, I have worked a number of job shares in this district. I can only work part-time because during my other time I need to care for my three year old daughter who has had Type 1 Diabetes for over two years. Because job shares usually occur on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, it becomes quite problematic for me to work my schedule around Pro-D Days as only my husband and I are capable of caring for her and he works on the days I do not. Out of the 7 Pro-D days, there is only one that falls on a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday. If this cannot change then I would call on the district to allow part-time employees to be able to schedule Self-Directed Professional Development on a day on which they typically work. I requested this ability after equity calculations for one of my positions meant I would not work on three Wednesdays, so instead of doing my self-directed Pro-D on the Wednesday on which I usually work, I had to do it two days later which caused considerable challenge to our family. Thank you for your consideration, especially in supporting employees with families or in unique situations.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	looks good
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Semester 1 has 88 days, semester 2 has 92 days. balance these better. Move the jan pd day to the last Friday in January and have semester turn around day on the Thursday before that.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Why the removal of Pro-D from just before the May long weekend to a week earlier? Numbers for each semester virtually even which is good... Why no pro-D on the Friday before the Family Day Long Weekend in February? Why two pro-D days in February? Why not have one in April? Just wonderin'.....
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Overall looks good, however, having a second pro d in February shortens an already short term. It would be nice to see that back in the spring (April) where the term is longer.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	I think that it looks okay. I understand why there is 2 pro-d days in October but I am not sure if "the public" would? Just my though.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	I much prefer the later ending date in December. I much prefer the Pro-D days away from existing statutory holidays. Turn around days are absolutely essential for secondary schools to function. Two week Spring break is an idea that should never go away. I am also in favour of a four day week, with added extra minutes each day to account for missed day, given the number of Pro-D days, and Stat days, there aren't as many 5 day weeks as one might first imagine. The November Pro-D should be moved to late November, the four days off for kids isn't really needed, and the result of 5 weeks of 5 day weeks is a tough run up to Dec 20. If the Nov Pro D was Dec 6, it would break that stretch up.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Calendar looks fine.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Looks good to me
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Please keep the two weeks of spring break.
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	I think the proposed calendar is well thought out maximizing the instructional days and balancing vacations and pro-d throughout. Looks great!
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	The calendar looks great!

NOSTA	Salmon Arm	<p>I like to see a Pro D attached to the weekend with the Feb. Family Day, so that families can easily turn that into a week's holiday. Otherwise they tend to go off on random weeks throughout the winter, and it's disruptive in class. It also allows families travel time.</p> <p>As a teacher who sometimes works .8, not working on Fridays, I like to see the Pro D days evenly split between Mondays (or Tuesdays) and Fridays, otherwise it's hard for me to switch days with my teaching partner for me to get my share of Pro D days. It was pretty evenly split last year. This coming year I believe there are a couple more on Fridays.</p> <p>Other than that, it looks good.</p>
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	It looks great!
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	I think it will be important to support the zone day on Feb 21 particularly as the Feb 3rd day is a school-based day. If the zone day isn't supported (by NOSTA), then it's a challenging load to put onto school Pro D reps (organizing 2 Pro D events in one month).
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	Looks good
NOSTA	Salmon Arm	I think it is worth pointing out that there are two more instructional days in Semester one than semester two. This is more balanced than the previous two calendar years.
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	The end of January and whole of February having 3 non-instructional days does not look good to parents. Why are they so heavily allocated there? I would suggest spacing them out so that parents don't see them all at once.
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	Pro-D should be combined with long weekends in order to allow staff to have a long weekend. Having 3 day school weeks to accommodate a holiday and then a Pro-D, rather than two 4 day weeks in a row is very challenging in regards to student behaviours as well as accomplishing curriculum goals. November Pro-D should be changed to the 8th and February's to the 14th.
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	It would be nice if elementary school started a little later in the morning. I like the 2 week spring break.
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	Looks good to me.
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	<p>Questions:</p> <p>Why is Easter Monday called a holiday but Good Friday is a vacation day? Just a logistic interest.</p> <p>When are report cards due in February? Putting pro-d days near reporting periods makes it really tempting for teachers to hide in their rooms and do report cards as opposed to professional learning.</p>
NOSTA	Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeavour	I would suggest just one ProD in each month. For those parents who have to pay extra for child care I think it is important that they don't have to do so twice in one paycheque. The Feb 3 date could be moved to April 14 similar to this year. I would also suggest the Feb 21 ProD moved to Feb 18 for those who work part time it is important to have a mix of days for ProD. Also, it would make term 2 and 3 more equal if the spring break were moved up a week. Then the terms would be 11 and 12 weeks respectively rather than 10 and 13.

Other	Salmon Arm	<p>-Sept 20 vs Sept 6 Pro D. In the past, we have had a variety of Sept. Pro D days scheduled. In particular many years ago, the school district used to choose a Pro D for the Friday which fell on the same day as the Salmon Arm Fall Fair which in this case is Sept. 6th. The reasoning was: Students in 4H and having other commitments to do with the Fall Fair were not marked absent on this day nor had to miss a school day. Secondly, admin and teachers really liked having time together during that first week to set school goals etc. The downside is that the half day on Tuesday after Labour Day and a full day off on the first Friday might have been difficult for parents to understand, especially since school had only been in session for 2.5 days for that first week. However, this would mean three full weeks of school afterwards, in September.</p> <p>- The suggested Nov. 12 Pro D Day falls on Agenda Setting Day - no problem in my books - just making folks aware.</p> <p>-Feb. 21 vs Feb. 14 Pro D Day - Would Feb. 14 (Friday) be a better day to have for Pro D since Mon. is Family Day? Similar to this year, the students would then receive a 4-day weekend which might be easier for parents than the Mon/17th and Fri/21st off? My concern would also be that students/families would take the week of the 17th off, thus missing three school days of instruction...</p> <p>Thanks for providing the opportunity for feedback... Marianne VB</p>
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Please do not put prod days and stat holidays in the same week. Extra long weekends are hard on students and teachers.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	In the past it has functioned well for families and students to have non-instructional days match up with Stat holidays to make a longer weekend. I would suggest moving Feb 21 to Feb 14 or 18; May 8 to 15; Oct 25 to 15 or 11. I would also recommend moving Feb 3 to Jan 31. Thank you for accepting my feedback.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Suggest that the non instructional day on Tuesday (by remembrance day) be moves to a Friday or Monday. Mid week is challenging for child minding.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	We would much rather see non-instructional days added on to weekends that already have a stat (e.g. Feb.21-23, May 16-18), to make 4 day weekends. We often go away for extended long weekends on those weekends, especially in May, so our kids wouldn't be in school those dates anyways. I know many other parents go away those weekends as well and often extend them by a day or two. It just makes sense to add the non-instructional days to those weekends.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	It looks good to me.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I think that having family day (Feb 17) off and a ProD day the Friday (Feb 21) is ridiculous. A four day week is hard enough to get work done but a three day week would be worse. SD83 has had a 4 day weekend in the past and being that it is a family weekend it is great to have those days off if you are travelling to visit people. I think you may have more families taking that entire week off resulting in even less being done in the classroom.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Acceptable.
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	May 15th would be a better day for an non instructional day as it would give kids a 4 day weekend
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Looks good to me!
Parent or	Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I think it looks good. I like when there is a stat holiday not preceding/following it with a Pro D is best. It makes it too many days to find care around an already busy weekend. Spreading days off out is best.

Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, I don't understand why the non-instructional days are all just on random Fridays. I know everyone loves getting a Friday off, but if they were linked to the holidays or even if some were on Mondays that would be a lot more helpful. Also, what is going on with the one vacation day in April?? Perhaps we should just end the school year one day earlier? This calendar seems to exist to make working parents lives more hectic...there is a long weekend almost every second week (and 3 in February!!!!!!!!!!!!!!). Something more organized with the days off clustered together rather than scattered one at a time all over the place please.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, I think it looks great
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, No school on Monday and Friday may be convenient for the district but would be more functional for those that work and want to take time with the kids, make them 4 day weekends not two 3 day ones with only 3 days of school in a week.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, I have two kids so submitting my thoughts twice. Avoid 3 day school weeks for kids. Turn them into 4 day weekends.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Looks good to us
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Too many non-instructional days, although advantageous that they've grouped them with the statutory holidays to allow a 4-day weekend
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, It's kind of confusing. I dont know what the green days are. But I do understand some things are province wide and cannot be changed. I feel like there is a lot plot pro d says and extended weekend, like the 4 day weekend that just passed, but it's also very helpful for my tired kindergarten kid. I do appreciate the email schedules and calendars.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, February 2020 does not look like a productive, instructional month with classes closed February 3, 17, and 21. Can the non-instructional day of February 3 or 21 be combined with the Family Day weekend of February 17?
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Looks fine. I don't know what there would ever be in a SD calendar that I wouldn't like???
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Lunch and recess breaks are getting too short. Students need time to move and have free play. I would be happier with a shorter spring break and more time for students to be outdoors.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, for us its online school
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, I prefer pro d days combined with long weekends.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, How are the "school days extended to make up instructional time" after spring break? I know we've always had 2 weeks for spring break but I don't ever remember (or realize maybe) that the school days were extended. Will this affect bus route pick up or drop off times? I'd like to know more about this part of the calendar please. krishay7882@gmail.com
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Spring Break is too long. One week is enough. Very hard for parents to find care for these weeks.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Overall, most stats seem to fall on Mondays and are nicely counterbalanced by non-instructional days being scheduled on Fridays. I find three-day long weekends manageable but four-day long weekends really tough in terms of child care/child entertainment -- I'd prefer that the Tuesday, Nov. 12 NI day be rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 15th unless there are compelling practical reasons for scheduling it on Tuesday (i.e. since Nov. 11 is a stat). In addition, if I recall correctly, the district calendar survey that was sent out a year (or two?) ago was much more comprehensive. Anyway, thank you for asking for input. Terri Everest
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen, I would prefer to have pro-d days aligned with Vernon because most parents here get daycare in Vernon. None of us go to Salmon Arm for daycare or other services. This makes pro-d days double more difficult. I would also like to see some standardization in SD83 when it comes to adequate lunch time so the kids can finish their meals....Thank you.

Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Looks fine to me. I am not too concerned about where the holidays and non-instructional days fall. I am actually more interested to know if any of the school bell times will be changed. I would NOT like to see the start time change for the elementary schools or the middle school. The current time (8 AM) works great for our family.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	There seems to be a lot of broken weeks. The kids and teachers seem to find it difficult to have a three or four days a week all the time. It will make more sense to me to have the Pro D days attached two long weekends. Be at a Tuesday or Monday or even the previous Friday.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I like it when pro-d gets tagged onto stats. I would prefer may 8th being may 15th instead. I appreciate the effort to include some pro-d on Fridays, and Mondays (and the Tuesday AFTER nov 11, rather than before! ) Instead of 2 in February - I would prefer 1 on the 14th, and then one in April attached to the easter break.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Reasonable
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	The past year seemed to have the non-instructional days planned around long weekends. This worked nicely but maybe having them split up, as proposed, will be good. Looks great to me.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Looks great to us!!
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	No comments
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Can the Non-Instruction day Oct 25 be moved to Nov 1 Can the Non-Instruction days in February be condensed so that there are 2 short weeks instead of 3?
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I dont have any issues with it
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I am in favour of this calander
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	The spring time change always seems to happen the week before spring break. It always makes for a difficult week for our kids. If spring break were to happen during the time change it would give kids ample time to adjust to the new schedule. There are a number of studies which show the negative impacts of the time change in the week after, from cyberloafing (a lack of productivity) to increased workplace injuries.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	This year, non instructional days almost always connected with vacation/stat days. That was pretty convenient, but it seems next year there are a few (Oct, Jan, Feb, May) where they occur independently. It would be interesting to know what that change occurred.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Looks like less ProD days which is awesome, didn't look like any where attached to long weekends which can be very annoying for working parents. I'm happy with it
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Would have preferred the non instructional day in May to fall in line to make a 4 days weekend for May long weekend (either Friday off or Tuesday) instead of the following Friday.
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	I would like to see the non-instructional day on October 25, 2019 changed to November 1, 2019
Parent or † Armstrong, Spallmucheen,	Everything seems ok to me
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Looks good. Happy to see a 2 week spring and Christmas break
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Complete rubbish. Two three day weekends back to back. Try making it one four day weekend like it has always been. We're a vacation destination not a city. Please review the last three year calendars.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	I would propose taking the Feb 3rd PD and put it in on Sept 3rd. Move the Feb 21 PD to Feb 14. What is the logic for splitting 2 PD days in Feb and not adding one of them to the already legislated long weekend? As for Sept 3rd, I have had discussions with other parents and we see this as a greater benefit to the transition back into classes, for our children.

Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	As a working parent I would like to see the days go with the long weekends like this past Family day as it is easier to find care or for me to take the extra days off at once and make them into longer weekends. So if its a Stat on the Monday make the Pro D day the Friday before. February having 1 stat and 2 Pro D days all over the map really is not that great. Thanks
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	I see several three day long weekends created by the pro d and vacation days in Jan/February and April/May. It would be our family preference to have four day long weekends created by putting pro d days tagged to already long weekends. We have family in Alberta and this creates space for us to connect with them. Also, it creates more continuity by keeping more weeks as five day school weeks. One of the stretches in Jan/feb ends up with four short weeks in a row. This creates challenge for programs that run only on Friday's or Mondays. And makes the kids less committed to a schedule.  Longer weekends, fewer truncated weeks.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	It would be nice if non instructional were before or after the existing stats instead of breaking them up so much
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Would prefer to see more days off before Christmas, and school starting on Jan 2 or going until June 30
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	It looks to me.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Looks good
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	It would be great if the February dates somehow lined up to create an extra long weekend like this year.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Looks good to me.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	I enjoyed having more pro d days. I like when my child has extra days off school to do appts and other fun stuff
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	See nothing wrong with it
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	November 8th should be a non instructional day, easier for the families. Also I personally do not like non instructional days in September, just starting school and then we go with pro D days.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	The only thing I would suggest is if the kids could get the week off before Christmas and the week of Christmas off... so all in the one calendar year. This way parents don't have to take vacation time over a period of two calendar years. What will the school hours be for Carlin.. will the hours (minutes) in a day be extended?
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Looks good!
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	I don't like that there's two non-instructional days in February. I would prefer if those days were linked with long weekends instead.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Days off should be put together consecutively, easier for parents to find childcare...
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	It looks great
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Looks good to me.
Parent or † North Shuswap, Sorrento,	Not sure what I am looking at. I see that we have a school year, I see that we have the same number of non-instructional days, and I see that we have 2 significant 2-week breaks. So, what is the difference between this calendar and the last? I can understand if the day's clock times and day length is in question but I do not see what you are needing comments on hear.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks fine, similar to what we have had in the past.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Would still like to see the Superintendent, Secretary, etc on calendar with email address's, DESC contact info, website, facebook etc.

Parent or † Salmon Arm	Stop doing Monday/Tuesdays pro D day's. I would do Friday November 8 instead of November 12, Friday January 31 instead of February 3. June 26???? is this actually a day off? Isn't the last day of school the 25? If you are going to do a non instructional day in June you should do June 5.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	It seems logical and fairly well spread out (non-instructional days). There seems to be a bit of a group in Jan/Feb, and none in April, but other than that :). It is nice for the students to have the non-instructional days prior/post weekend.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	The month of February looks difficult for working parents who rely on childcare
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I would prefer to see pro-D days scheduled such that there are no 3-day school weeks. i.e., Nov 12 pro-d moved to Nov 8; Feb 21 moved to Feb 14, 24, or 28. I strongly believe that this would be easier on students, parents, and teachers - 3 days is barely enough to really explore a concept or master a new skill, and it feels unsettling because it really disrupts the usual pattern for everyone.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>The Family Day on Feb 17 would be complimented better by having the Pro-D on Feb 14th instead of on Feb 21. By having it on Feb 14, we all would have a 4 day weekend instead of two, 3 day weekends.</p> <p>the same goes for October. It would be preferable to have the Pro-D on Oct 11 instead of Oct 25</p> <p>thanks =)</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	It looks good to me.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks good
Parent or † Salmon Arm	It would be great if we could pair ProD days with long weekends (Family Day -Feb14/18, Victoria Day May15/19). Turns long weekends into mini breaks and reduces the number of short weeks. I do like how they are broken out more evenly between the two halves of the year. Why two ProD days in Feb? Could we not spread these out more (Move one to the Easter Weekend - Apr9/14)
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>We really appreciate having the Christmas break start closer to Christmas day which in turns allows a little more time off after New Years day. I believe this allows for a more relaxed time off before the first day of school starts.</p> <p>I'm curious why the Feb 3rd Non-instructional day is booked so close to the Jan 27th turn-around day. Perhaps Friday, Feb. 7th would be more useful so the kids could at least be in school for close to two weeks before another day off.</p> <p>Thanks for allowing suggestions for the school calendar.</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	It would be great if Nov 1 was a non-instructional day. Seriously. No one wants to go to school after Halloween night and the teachers dont need the sugar crashing munchkins. It would also be awesome if non-instructional days were connected to long weekends if possible.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Is it not possible to plan one of the non-instructional days in Feb alongside the Family Day long weekend? Or push one of them into January? February is already a shorter month and with two non-instructional days and a stat holiday, there will be three shortened weeks. Yes, that's fun, but not so very productive.

Parent or † Salmon Arm	I think that they're all together too many days off in the school year I think that our children going to school learning nothing and the teachers are not doing a good job teaching I think most students would be better off being homeschooled if parents had enough time to do that and didn't have to work all day because the teachers are teaching them nothing maybe they need to have those days in school to learn our kids are every year increasingly stupider as a whole and the teachers are every year increasingly taking more time off and and teaching our children less so I don't think the children can afford to take days off of school and I think the teacher should be ashamed with them selves at the job they're doing teaching them no kid nowadays can use the long math skills they all need calculators they can't write properly they can't speak properly send the teachers should be spending more time teaching and less time worrying about calendar schedules and having days off . When I was in school classes were 35 to 40 kids for one teacher we never got to use the calculator we could all read, print, and hand write legibly lowercase and in capitals use grammar and punctuation proper word pronunciation Now the kids going to school spend no time learning 15 to 20 kids in the class two or three assistance still come out stupider than they went in that day. I think there's definitely a problem with the school system but it has nothing to do with the calendar it has student teaching
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I have children in Jackson & Carlin. The only issue I have regarding the calendar is February 2020. Feb.17 is a stat. Holiday and then the Friday feb.21st is a non-instructional day, which leaves only 3 days in school, doesn't make sense. It should do as this year make it the Friday 14th or a week later on the 21st. Also why is the a non-instructional day on Feb. 3rd, 2020 as well? That's the only issue and questions I have. Thank you for your time & take this into consideration.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks fine.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I would prefer to see a 4 day weekend in October, February and May compared to the way this calendar is set up.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Great help. Really appreciate these emails
Parent or † Salmon Arm	The proposed calendar is well labeled and easy to read. I do not see content that would be suitable for comment: stat are regulated, non-instructional days are pre-determined and bell schedules are not yet available. I hope the instruction time allotted, will be sufficient to provide a competitive education. Thank you.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I would like to see the February Pro-D line up with the Family Day weekend so that families can take advantage of a 4 day weekend.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	As per question 3 - our zone/area is Golden. Why would we be sent this survey and not be included? Otherwise, we think the calendar looks fine but a longer Christmas break would be preferred :)
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks good
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Why are there 2 non-instructional days in February? Non-instructional day on 21st should be Friday 14th or Tuesday 18 as in the past, connected to the holiday long weekend. May non-instructional day should be on Friday 15th before long weekend. This has always been as long as my kids have been in school.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Should have stats and non instructional days set up so the students have a 4 day weekend
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I do not agree with Pro-D's being held on the opposing Friday or Monday as a Stat holiday. I don't think teachers attend Pro-d days and feel alternate dates should be chosen. I note this has been vastly improved for the 2019-2020 calendar - but don't think you will see a good attendance of teachers for the November 12th Pro-D day - at the end of the Remembrance Day long weekend.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	The calendar looks fine

Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>1. Similar to the November schedule, could we move non-instructional days in the month to align next to the statutory holidays for an extra long weekend rather than 4 day weeks back to back. Example: May. Move the non-instructional day of the 8th, to the 15th, to add to the stat holiday on the 18th. Example 2: October 25th non-instructional day moved to October 11th. Example 3: February 3 and 21 non-instructional days moved to Feb 13,14.</p> <p>2. Due to the changes from number of days of instruction to number of hours in 2015... could we consider a school week consisting of school days Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - Wednesday off. Longer instructional days that are more relatable to work force hours would better prepare our children for a regular work day. And also provide them with a break during the week to catch up and prepare the rest of the week. These Wednesday's could be used for non-instructional days also. I believe this is a common practice in some European countries.</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks fine.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks great
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks easier to keep track of non school days
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I agree with the proposed calendar
Parent or † Salmon Arm	In previous years the non instructional days were added on to weekends with stat holidays which allowed families time for travel etc. I noticed on the 2019/2020 calendar this is only done in November. Could the non-instructional dates for October, February, and May be moved to accommodate long weekends with the stat holidays?
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks good
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>It would be nice if the following non-instructional days be changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Friday, Oct 25 to Friday, October 11.</li> <li>* Monday, February 3 to Tuesday, January 28</li> <li>* Friday, February 21 to Friday, February 14.</li> <li>* Friday, May 8 to Friday, May 15.</li> </ul> <p>These changes would allow students to have long weekends and possibly go away on extended holidays!</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	It's fine
Parent or † Salmon Arm	i find that there was a few months that had school pro D's that could be linked tp a stat holiday. Yheses months and dates are and could be changed to: Oct. 25th (changed to the 11th) Feb. 21st(changed to the 14th) and May 8th( changed to the 15th)
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Our family has no concerns with this proposed 2019/2020 school calendar.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Looks good to us. No concerns from the Beck family. Regards
Parent or † Salmon Arm	One week at Spring Break.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I'm not sure I don't see it
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Not sure, what calendar
Parent or † Salmon Arm	Please tack the pro-D day onto long weekends to create extended long weekends for many parents. Why are there two pro-D days in February and none in April?

Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>i think that they should have the First Friday off instead of the third Friday as many of them do not Miss that first friday due to to the fair it runs the same time weekend every year and so many are involved in showing, Judging and participating ,You would have better attendance having the pro d coincide with the fair like it use to be</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>I'd prefer if pro d days were attached to long weekends</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>The non-instructional days in Oct and November are only a couple of weeks apart. It would be good to combine the October one with Thanks Giving Stat holiday. If you are going to combine with a Stat it makes more sense for families to combine with Thanks Giving than Remembrance Day, because the weather is better for people to travel.</p> <p>Also, I would like to mention... the quality of instruction that could be gained by adding a few minutes to end of each day when kids are distracted and putting on coats, etc. could not possibly equal the quality of full week of instruction lost with March break. I realize most would prefer the vacation. However, finding childcare for a week is a hardship for many families, and there it is a detriment to the students in the long run. I recognize most of the province even the country does it this way so I recognize I am not going to change things... but wanted to express I don't think it is good.</p> <p>Also, I think the day should be longer to allow children adequate time for breaks in the day. At Hillcrest they have 20 minutes to eat, go to bathroom, etc. I can't even eat in that amount of time. Their outdoor play time is 25 minutes. Physical activity for children is very important. For some children their only physical activity occurs at school. The physical and mental health of the children will improve if they have more time to be physically active and eat well. It has been explained to me that the school schedule is as a result of the bus schedule, which is out of the school's control. As the School District, I ask that you seriously consider how elementary school day can be extended. Friends of mine have children in a Kelowna school (with no buses). They have 1 hour for lunch plus 5-10 min to come in take off coats and get settled into their desks. They also have an afternoon break, and a morning break is offered for most classes as their allotted physical activity time.</p> <p>Thanks, Anita Ely.</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>Looks good to me</p>

Parent or † Salmon Arm	<p>High school French Immersion students don't feel they have enough class time to study French. Not only are they dealing with non instructional days, pro d days, holidays and the one week school closure after spring break, there are also monthly career days and required field trips (not in French). Perhaps it is time to give more class time to the students by ending the one week school closure. We could also look at having students organize their own field trips outside of class time. The career days are as my daughter says a complete waste of time. As they are required by the province, then perhaps they could at least be conducted in French.</p> <p>Ideally it would be great to hire more French teachers and end the non instructional days. Surely there are teachers in Quebec or France who would love to live here!</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Wendy Collins jackandwendy@telus.net 250-832-8399</p>
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I'm happy with this calendar. Perhaps the May 8th non-instructional day could be moved to May 15th, but not a big deal.
Parent or † Salmon Arm	I am very concerned that our children continue to see reduced instructional hours at school. I would like to see more instructional hours. The amount of Professional Days that teachers receive is great for teachers, however seems to be at a cost to the student. Although I am not sure what the right answer is, I would like to see more instructional hours for students in years to come. thank you
Parent or † Salmon Arm	We preferred the Pro-D days stacked with Stat holidays because it made for better opportunities for short family vacations and worked better with coordinating work schedules.
Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	<p>I actually have a question about this point: "This proposed calendar has a two-week Spring Break. This is the most typical Spring Break configuration in the province. School days are extended to make up the difference in instructional time."</p> <p>Will this be changing the drop off/pick up time for students?</p>
Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	Please have March break one week and have students get out a week earlier at the end of June. Staff and students are so done and not much learning happens end of June
Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	I prefer it when you pair the non instructional days with stat days as often as possible, so there are four day weekends. More like the way this current year's calendar worked out. So just an example having the February prod on the 14th so that it lines up with family day, and the same with thanksgiving or May long weekend.
Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende	not a fan of a non-instructional day on the 12th november. harder for working parents. prefer it tacked onto a different weekend.

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende I find the "yellow days" labelled "vacation" to be unclear. In some instances it is clear in terms of summer vacation or Christmas vacation. But in one case ie, April 13th I don't know why there is a one day "school vacation" on that day, especially coming so soon after a two week March Break. I'm also worried about the "changing of bell schedules" etc. to accommodate the needed hours of instruction. Students and parents have a life outside of school and changes to start or end times can affect transportation and after school care etc. As well. I don't feel that squishing in more instruction time into a school day is as beneficial for learning as opposed to having an additional day of school. Kids can only focus on learning for a certain amount of time each day without overload or tuning out in which case they are not benefitting from the instruction time. It already feels like they don't get adequate time for recess and lunch and often don't have time to both eat and play at lunch. Low blood sugar in the afternoon due to skipping lunch in favour of going outside to play leads to kids that are tired, cranky, and less tolerant of frustration which causes behaviour problems and more stress on the teachers. The one hour per day physical activity required is already getting squeezed out or "met" in some "iffy" ways that doesn't seem to actually add a full legitimate one hour of physical activity for kids. If they chose to eat at lunch in some cases they are only getting about 10 min of physical activity during that period. It seems this kind of schedule is about checking off the boxes rather than putting the needs of students first. I would like to see a schedule that has a shorter summer break and March break so that students don't lose the education gains they have made over the year and decrease the "setbacks" that many children experience. I think teachers deserve a break and also time for Pro-D opportunities and duties they carry out during non-instructional days so I'm not suggesting that change but I don't think longer days, shorter lunches, recess, or fewer opportunities for physical activities; and lengthy school "vacations" are the answer. If we were able to account for these in a better way within the schedule and make the school days more frequent and less hectic perhaps the teachers and students wouldn't find the need for such a long break to recover from the school year.

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende Who is on the board of education, is there parents/guardians sitting on the board for input, after all it is our taxes. I do not agree with Dec 30 and 31 off and Jan 2nd and 3rd, that is another week of school missed. Also why two weeks vacation in March, there is still only 12 instruction days in March. I have heard teachers say it is very difficult to cover curriculum requirements with so much time off. The contract for teachers is not in the best interest of the students which is probably why there are high failure rates in the public system.

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende It would be great if elementary schools could start a little later in the morning. I like the 2 weeks spring break.

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende looks appropriate

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende Yes

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende I would like to move the February 3 non instructional day to either Feb 14 or 18. It makes no sense to have it at the beginning of the month when there already is a non instructional day 2 weeks prior. By moving it to Family day long weekend families can plan more time together and have the opportunity to spend time with friends/relative outside the province who have the whole week off.

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende Looks good

Parent or † Sicamous, Malakwa, Ende Are two non instructional days and a star holiday in Feb necessary? I prefer mon instructional days on Fridays as taking time off work is easier end of week then beginning.

PVP or ot† Armstrong, Spallmucheen, Calendar has a good balance for Pro-D days. Adding Pro-D days to the stat. holidays is also great for family time.

PVP or ot† Armstrong, Spallmucheen, It looks good to me.

PVP or ot† Salmon Arm I think it looks good.

PVP or otł Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeł looks good :)

PVP or otł Sicamous, Malakwa, Endeł The calendar looks consistent with what we have been using over the past few years. From my position, it works well. I appreciate having several professional learning opportunities for staff earlier in the year so that we get the best opportunity to implement new strategies and content into our classroom practice. I appreciate the work of the Calendar Committee in allowing us to give early feedback on the 2019/20 calendar.

Student Armstrong, Spallmucheen, The calendar seems well laid-out. Having winter break start and end later is a plus, as is maintaining the two-week spring break. Non-instructional days are well balanced throughout the year, which is good for both students and teachers attending professional development. It is unfortunate that Easter didn't line up with spring break this year as it is nice to have the additional day off abutting the non-statutory break.

Student Salmon Arm Would like to have more information. As it stands I really am just a neutral party.