

POLICY 19 – SCHOOL YEAR

The Director of Education shall establish a calendar for each school year in accordance with legislation. The learning needs of students shall be considered as the priority in any calendar design.

1. The calendar will be developed using the following factors:
 - 1.1 Administration will collaborate with the other major school divisions within and adjacent to our boundaries to align where possible, the two calendars with respect to school opening and major holiday breaks.
 - 1.2 The Christmas break will include a minimum of eight (8) week days and will be closely aligned with the other major school division within our boundaries.
2. As early as possible but no later than the first day of May in each year, the Director of Education shall notify the Minister of Education, employees, and publish information for parents and students, with respect to opening and closing dates of schools in the division for the next following school year.

Legal Reference: *The Education Act*, Section 163
The School Division Administration Regulations. Sections 23, 24, 25,26, 27, 28, 29
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