

October 26, 2020

## IMPORTANT: Changes to School District 72 School Year Calendar

Dear parents/guardians,

This letter is to inform you of some necessary changes to this year's district calendar.

When the 2020-2021 school calendar was originally developed two professional development days were planned for September 2 and September 3.

Unfortunately, these professional development days had to be moved to later in the year because of the need for additional restart planning in September due to COVID-19. The school district is required contractually to allocate five days for teacher professional development each school year (including the provincial professional development day at the end of October).

For kindergarten to grade 8 and Robron Centre, the two replacement professional development <u>days</u> have been set for November 30 and April 26.

For Carihi and Timberline Secondary Schools, in consideration of the fact that students are taking one class over a five-week period and to decrease the amount of instructional time students would miss in any one subject area, the equivalent number of professional development hours will be assigned as professional development partial afternoons with secondary students being dismissed before the 90-minute afternoon block on: October 28, November 30, January 13, February 17, March 17 and April 26. School bus transportation will be provided for the early dismissal on these dates.

Also, the student-led conference dates originally planned for secondary schools (Carihi and Timberline) on November 19 and March 17 have been cancelled. Teachers are expected to connect with parents during a student's five-week course rotation. Please reach out to your child's teacher at any time should you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

These changes are in addition to the remaining previously planned district-wide professional development days on February 12 and March 8. Those days are still full-day non-instructional days with no elementary, middle, or secondary students in attendance.

A revised copy of the district's school year calendar is attached and available for download from the district website at <a href="https://www.sd72.bc.ca/calendar">www.sd72.bc.ca/calendar</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these unusual times.

Dr. Jeremy Morrow Superintendent of Schools

## **School District 72 Campbell River**

## 2020/2021 CALENDAR - 2nd REVISION

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## Special Note:

When the calendar was originally developed two Pro-D days were scheduled for Sept. 2/3. Due to COVID-19 and Sept. planning these days needed to be moved. Two new Pro-D days have been added for K-8 & Robron with Pro-D afternoons planned for Carihi & Timberline. Both schools will communicate the specifics of these days with staff, students and parents.

September 7: Labour Day September 8: School Opens

October 12: Schools Closed - Thanksgiving

Oct.23: Non Instruction-Provincial Pro-D Full Day

November 5: Student Led Conference Elementary, Middle and Robron Schools Only Carihi and Timberline in Regular Session

November 11: Schools Closed-Remembrance Day

Nov. 30: Non Instruction Full Day K-8 & Robron
Afternoon only for Carihi and Timberline

December 21- January 1: Winter Break

Feb.12: Non Instruction Indigenous Learning-Full Day

February 15: Schools Closed - Family Day

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}	March 17: Student Led Conference
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March 22 - April 1 - Spring Break

April 2: Schools Closed - Good Friday April 5: Schools Closed - Easter Monday

April 26: Non Instruction Full Day K-8 & Robron
Afternoon only for Carihi and Timberline

May 24: Schools Closed - Victoria Day

June 30: Schools Closed - Administration Day

