

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (VERNON)

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April 23, 2009

Open Letter to School District No. 22 (Vernon)
Parents
Vernon Teachers' Association
Cupe Local 5523
Vernon Principals and Vice Principals Association

This letter is to advise you the Board of Trustees will consider adopting a Local Calendar for the 2009/2010 school year rather than the Standard Ministry Calendar. The significant change to a Local Calendar is the lengthening of the Spring Vacation.

In the coming year, the Standard Ministry Calendar provides a Spring Vacation from Monday, March 8, 2010 through Friday, March 12, 2010. Students return to school on Monday, March 15, 2010.

The Board is proposing to lengthen the Ministry proposed Spring Vacation by five days. The Spring Vacation would begin on Monday, March 8, 2010 and end on Friday, March 19, 2010 with students returning to classes on Monday, March 22, 2010.

Students will be in-session for 180 instructional day. The instructional time normally covered by the second week of Spring Vacation, will be made up as follows:

- a. eight minutes per day will be added to the elementary instructional day
- b. nine minutes per day will be added to the secondary instructional day

A draft copy of both the Standard Ministry Calendar (Option 1) and the proposed local calendar (Option 2) can be found on the back of this letter.

In accordance with the *School Calendar Regulation* the Board must provide 30 days notice to parents and representatives of employees of any proposed change to the school calendar. Trustees wish to hear your input before they make any final decision on this matter. You are invited to provide input to the trustees on this matter in writing. We encourage written submissions to be received at the above address by May 19, 2009. If you wish to speak to your submission at the May 27, 2009 Board Meeting, please contact Mrs. Lynn Jameson (250-542-3331), one week in advance of the meeting.

Any questions for clarification may be directed to your school principal or to Mr. Bob Peacock, Superintendent of Schools. (250-542-3331 or 250-549-9226)

Sincerely,



W. Turanski
Chair, Board of Education
School District 22 (Vernon)



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School Calendar 2009/2010

Option 1

1 week Spring Break

Overview

School Opens for Students, Wednesday	September 9, 2009
Thanksgiving Monday	October 12, 2009
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2009
Schools Close for Winter vacation, Friday	December 18, 2009
Schools Reopen after Winter vacation, Monday	January 4, 2010
Schools Close for Spring Vacation, Friday	March 5, 2010
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation, Monday	March 15, 2010
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Easter Monday	April 5, 2010
Victoria Day, Monday	May 24, 2010
Schools Close for Students	June 29, 2010

Pro D days – Students Not in Session

Tues, September 8, 2009	School Based Professional Development Day
Fri, October 23, 2009	Provincial Professional Development LSA Day
Mon, November 30, 2009	School Based Professional Development Day
Fri February 19, 2010	VTA Teachers' Convention
Mon, February 22, 2010	School Based Professional Development Day
Fri, May 21, 2010	School Based Professional Development Day

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Elem / Sec. Interviews/Conferences	October 14,15 2009
Elementary Student Led Conferences	January 28,29 2010
Administrative Day	June 30, 2010

Days of Instruction **185 Days**

Minutes of Instruction	Kindergarten	720 minutes / week
	Elementary	1425 minutes / week
	Secondary	1545 minutes / week

School Calendar 2009/2010

Option 2

2 week Spring Break

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School Opens for Students, Wednesday	September 9, 2009
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Time added to Kindergarten	20 min / week =	740 minutes / week
Time added elementary	40 min / week =	1465 minutes / week
Time added to secondary	45 min / week =	1590 minutes / week