



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

March 5, 2024

RE: 2025-2026 School Calendar

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The Calendar Committee is comprised of representatives of partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee met to draft a proposed 2025/2026 school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2025/2026 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, April 5, 2024, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

https://ca.research.net/r/2025_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey

We anticipate that the finalized 2025/2026 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents/guardians later this spring. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resource