



**SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23**  
(CENTRAL OKANAGAN)

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"Together We Learn"

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Dear Parents:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar (overview attached). As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee comprised of the partner groups in School District No. 23 (COTA, CUPE, COPVPA, COSBO and COPAC) has met and have drafted a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

We are now inviting parents to review the proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year and provide input. We are providing parents with the opportunity to provide their input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting prior to February 28, 2014.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, February 14, 2014. If you have questions about the proposal, please feel free to contact us via:

- email [calendarsurvey@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:calendarsurvey@sd23.bc.ca)
- your school Principal
- or call John Simonson                      Chair – School District No. 23 School Calendar Committee  
Phone (250) 860-8888 or Fax (250) 870-5088

In addition to parent input, all partner groups have been asked to provide their opinion of this proposal.

We anticipate that the finalized 2014/2015 school calendar (once approved) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

John Simonson  
Director of Instruction - Human Resources

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## **OVERVIEW OF**

### **BILL 36 - SCHOOL AMENDMENT ACT (SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATION)**

Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation) was passed on November 8, 2012. Bill 36 outlines regulations which eliminate the standard school calendar.

School Districts are required to establish their own school calendars.

The regulation is intended to provide more flexibility for the Boards of Education to offer more creative scheduling options to better meet the needs of the students.

The regulation prescribes:

Minimum hours of instruction for:

- Kindergarten 853 hours
- Grades 1-7 878 hours
- Grades 8-12 952 hours

School Calendars must:

- Provide the number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- The vacation periods and the statutory holidays
- The dates of each non-instructional day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

Consultation must:

- Provide opportunities for parents of students enrolled to provide input
- Provide representatives of employees of the Board to provide input

School Calendars must be made public one month (on or before February 28, 2014) in advance of the date they are to be submitted to the Minister of Education. The Boards of Education are required to submit their 2014-2015 school calendar to the Minister of Education by March 31, 2014.



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## 2014-2015 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2014/2015
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 26 – Aug. 28)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	September 2
Administrative Implementation Day	October 10
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 13
Teacher Professional Day	October 24
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 19
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 22 - January 2
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5
Family Day	February 9
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 20
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 13
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 16 - March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 3
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 6
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26
Schools close	Friday, June 26

The Calendar for 2014-2015 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction for:

- Kindergarten 883 hours (based on 4.8 hours per day x 184)
- Grades 1-7 883 hours (based on 4.8 hours per day x 184)
- Grades 8-12 957 hours (based on 5.2 hours per day x 184)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group