



Wednesday, November 18, 2020

On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Province announced changes to the school year calendar. These changes will provide schools additional professional development and collaborative planning time as they shift and adapt to remote learning. These days are directed by the Province as follows:

- For the 2020/21 school year, three additional non-instructional days are added to the school calendar, bringing the total number of non-instructional days to 13.
- These non-instructional days can be used to focus on professional development and collaborative planning for schools as they adapt to remote learning.
- Two of these days will be scheduled before Christmas and one in the second semester.
- School divisions will incorporate these days into their calendars where they fit best.

We have already notified you of the first date, which is **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Schools will use this day for collaborative planning and preparing for Temporary Remote Learning. In addition we are notifying you of 2 additional days:

- **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (no classes)**
- **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (no classes)**
- **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (no classes)**

We understand that these late changes provide additional challenges to families at this time. Our community has been very supportive as we work through the ups and downs of COVID-19 together. Thank-you so much for your continued support!

If you have specific school related questions on these dates, please contact your school directly.

Respectfully,

*Stephen Ross*