

# School Calendar Steering Group

February 24, 2014



# Meeting Objectives

- Review feedback from the public review period regarding the draft 2014/15 calendars
- Receive an update regarding NVSD discussions with partners
- Recommend a 2014/15 School Calendar to the Board of Trustees
- Clarifying next steps including additional information needs and subsequent meetings



# A few guidelines

We will work best if we:

- Honour one voice at a time
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Listen
- Try to be succinct
- Make space for others to participate
- Stay on topic and on time
- Make sure your words are recorded



# School Calendar Considerations

- No dramatic changes to school calendar
- Look at students' best interests first
- Compliance with Ministry of Education requirements
- Compliance with Collective Agreement provisions
- 2 Week Winter Break
- 2 Week Spring Break
- Logical extension to weekends with statutory holidays
- Student and employee health and wellness
- Congruence with other School Districts
- No July/August schooling time



**DRAFT - 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Option A**  
 181 Instructional Days, 2 Week Spring Break, November Long Weekend

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- STAT HOLIDAY
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- WINTER BREAK (2 weeks)
- SPRING BREAK (2 weeks)
- DISTRICT (NVTA) PRO D DAY (3)
- SCHOOL-BASED PRO D DAY (2)
- NVSD CURRIC IMPL DAY (1)
- STAFF COLLAB X 7
- ADMIN DAY

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# Considerations – Option A

Considerations	Option A
1. Falls within 10 month calendar	1. September 2 – June 26
2. Feedback supports	2. November 10 Closure Day
3. Feedback supports	3. Two Week Winter Break
4. Feedback supports (Educational Rationale) less four day weeks for students and teachers (April and May) -NVan & Abbotsford	4. Two Week Spring Break aligned with Easter Break
5. Feedback supports	5. Collaboration Time (Elementary & Secondary)
* Must have NVTa agreement (CA)	

DRAFT - 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Option C

187 Instructional Days, 1 Week Spring Break, November Long Weekend, June 30 Admin Day

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# Considerations – Option C

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1. Falls within 10 month calendar	1. September 2 – June 30
2. Feedback supports	2. November 10 Closure Day
3. Feedback supports	3. Two Week Winter Break
4. Contrary to Feedback gathered	4. One Week Spring Break
5. Feedback Supports	5. Collaboration Time (Elementary & Secondary)
*Compliant with terms of NVSD/ NVTA Collective Agreement	





2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Proposed Option D

181 Instructional Days, 2 Week Spring Break (9-20), November Long Weekend, June 29 Admin Day

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THIS IS 1 of 3 PROPOSED CALENDAR OPTIONS



# Considerations – Option D

Considerations	Option D
1. Falls within 10 month Calendar	1. September 2 – June 29
2. Feedback supports	2. November 10 Closure Day
3. Feedback supports	3. Two Week Winter Break
4. Feedback Supports and Aligned with Van, Sur, Burn, NWest, Coq, WVan. (more 4 day weeks in April/ May which students, parents and teachers have found to be disruptive for continuity reasons) 5. Feedback Supports	4. Two Week Spring Break  5. Collaboration Time (Elementary & Secondary)
*Must have NVTAAgreement (CA)	



# Review and discussion of public feedback regarding draft 2014/15 School Calendars



# Update on NVSD discussions with partners



# Recommendation of 2014-2015 School Calendar to Board of Trustees



# Questions & Answers



# Next Steps

- Develop meeting summary - circulate to Steering Group and post on website
- Steering Group members to communicate progress to constituencies
- March 11, 2014 Public Board Meeting
  - Board decision on 2014-15 School Calendar
- Next Meeting –Spring, 2014 – Planning for 3-year School Calendar (2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/ 18)
  - 3 Year Calendar
  - Collaboration Review
  - Other

