

**School District 63 (Saanich) – Proposed Local Calendar for 2012/13
REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK**

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012, 5:00 PM

The School Act and School Calendar Regulation allow for a Board of Education to adopt a local school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar if it satisfies the requirements for instructional time as defined in section 8.2 of the Regulation. Parents and employee group representatives are to be provided with an opportunity to provide feedback during the month leading up to a board decision at a public board meeting.

As part of budget planning for 2012/13, the Board is considering a two-week spring break for 2012/13 by adding the week of **March 11-15, 2013** to the scheduled week of March 18-22, 2013. Instructional minutes from March 11-15 would be added to the remaining days in session (eight minutes per day).

This change would provide the district with \$150,000 savings to apply to programs and services, bring health benefits to students and staff, bring Saanich into line with the majority of school districts in BC who have adopted two-week spring breaks already, and align our spring break with that of our neighbouring districts.

Parents and employees are invited to provide feedback (for or against) to the Board via a representative or directly to Leigh Glancie at lglancie@sd63.bc.ca (deadline Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 5:00 pm). The Board of Education will make a decision at its public budget meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on May 2, 2012.

Standard Ministry Calendar and Proposed “Local (Altered) Calendar” for 2012/13: changes in bold

Designation	Standard Calendar	Proposed Local Calendar
Days in session / Days of instruction	193 / 186	188 / 181
Instructional hours for the year – secondary	958	958
Instructional hours for the year – elementary	883	883
Number of non-instructional days	6	6
Schools open	September 4, 2012	September 4, 2012
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2012	October 8, 2012
Remembrance Day	November 12, 2012	November 12, 2012
Winter vacation	Dec 24, 2012 – Jan 4, 2013	Dec 24, 2012 – Jan 4, 2013
Family Day	February 18, 2013	February 18, 2013
Spring Break	March 18 – 22, 2013	March 11 – 22, 2013
Good Friday/Easter Monday	March 29 / April 1, 2013	March 29 / April 1, 2013
Victoria Day	May 20, 2013	May 20, 2013
Administrative Day (students not in session)	June 28, 2013	June 28, 2013
Schools close	June 28, 2013	June 28, 2013

Instructional by Level	Standard Minutes/Day	Proposed Minutes/Day
Grades K-5	285	293
Middle Grades 6-8	293	301
Secondary Grades 9-12	309	317

Schools would start at their regular times and dismiss 8 minutes later than they did in 2011/12. All breaks, including recess and lunch breaks, would remain as they have been in 2011/12.

Proposed Non-Instructional Days (tentative, to be confirmed)

Monday, September 24, 2012	School based professional development
Friday, October 19, 2012	Individual choice professional development, provincial day
Friday, November 9, 2012	School based professional development
Friday, February 15, 2013	Individual choice professional development, tri-district day
Monday, April 15, 2013	School planning day
Monday May 13, 2013	School based professional development