

April 22, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Subject: Proposed Local School Calendar 2010/2011

At the Public Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, the Board of Education approved a motion

*that the Board receive the Report of the Calendar Committee and consider the Committee's recommendations to close schools on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> [2010] and March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> [2011] the week preceding the Spring Break in the Standard School Calendar.*

The Board is considering a local school calendar for the entire School District that would decrease the number of days of instruction by six (6) days. To meet the Ministry of Education's requirements, the length of each school day would be increased. If these proposed changes are implemented, ten (10) minutes would be added to each day in session. Please see the attachment for an outline of the *proposed* school calendar for 2010/2011.

If there is an amendment to the school calendar, the estimated savings from a reduction in the number of days in session is approximately \$30,000.00 per day. The savings include non-replacement of teaching and support staff and energy savings (heating and lighting) during the time when schools are not open. For budgetary reasons, similar school calendar adjustments for next year are under consideration in the majority of the Lower Mainland school districts, while many of the same districts have amended their school calendars on an annual basis.

The North Vancouver Board of Education values your input. As part of the consultation process, a representative working committee recently surveyed all of our educational partners to solicit feedback about any amendments to the school calendar. Additional input on this issue can be brought forward to:

Public Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting

May 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre

810 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street

North Vancouver BC.

The Board will make its final decision regarding the 2010/2011 school calendar at a Public Board Meeting on May 25, 2010.

Yours sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment Proposed Local School Calendar 2010/2011

cc Leslie Uhlenbruck and David Whitehead, Co-Chairs, North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council  
Cindy McQueen, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees – Local 389  
Daniel Storms, President, North Vancouver Teachers' Association