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Re: Addition of 2 Non-Instructional Days to the 2015-2016 School Calendar

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In response to the rapidly changing world that students are entering, the BC Ministry of Education has revised provincial curriculum for kindergarten to grade 9 and is in the process of revising grades 10 to 12. The Ministry of Education has consulted with experts in the field, including the BC Teachers' Federation to develop curriculum, designed to best meet the needs of students and prepare them for the future.

In order to implement these changes, the minimum number of instructional hours has been reduced by two days for the current 2015-2016 school year. The new non-instructional time will be used for the purpose of enabling teachers to participate in discussions and activities related to implementation of the new BC curriculum. In addition to this year, the minimum number of instructional hours for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years will be reduced by one day in each year for the same purpose.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Wednesday December 2, 2015, the Board approved a motion to amend the current 2015-2016 school calendar to include the following two days of non-instructional time: Monday March 7, 2016 and Monday April 18, 2016. The revised calendar is now on the website.

Staff members throughout the Fraser-Cascade School District will be working diligently to support this curricular change. Further information regarding these changes can be found on the Ministry of Education website: www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca or by contacting your child's teacher and/or school administrator.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Nelson".

Karen Nelson, EdD
Superintendent of Schools