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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES RECEIVE REPORT ON BOARD CALENDAR FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have received the report on the proposed calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Calendars must be drafted in accordance with the *Education Act* and *Regulation 304* – *School Year Calendar* – *Professional Activity Days*. The regular school year calendar is the period between September 1^{st} and June 30^{th} .

With the recent amendment of *Regulation 304*, school boards are now required to designate three mandatory PA days per school year. The authority for boards to designate up to an additional four PA days per school year remains unchanged. The requirement for every school year to include a minimum of 194 school days also remains unchanged. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is 187 and the total maximum number of possible PA days per school year is seven.

A consultation process was undertaken for the 2019-2020 calendar, which included the Lambton Kent District School Board, CSC Providence, the leadership of St. Clair Catholic's unions and associations and the Board Advisory Parent Council.

The proposed draft school year calendar includes the following:

- The school year for students and staff will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- The final day for students is Thursday, June 25, 2020
- Professional Activity days are scheduled for:
 - September 27, 2019
 - o October 25, 2019
 - o November 22, 2019
 - o January 31, 2020
 - April 24, 2020
 - June 5, 2020
 - o June 26, 2020
- The Christmas Holiday is December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
- Family Day is February 17, 2020
- The March Break is March 16, 2020 to March 20, 2020
- Victoria Day is May 18, 2020
- Good Friday and Easter Monday are April 10, 2020 and April 13, 2020
- Secondary School Examination days are:
 - Semester 1: January 24, 2020 to January 30, 2020
 - Semester 2: June 19, 2020 to June 25, 2020

The proposed calendar will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education. It is not considered final until ministry approval is granted.