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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 1st and June 30th.

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
 - October 25, 2019
 - November 22, 2019
 - January 31, 2020
 - April 24, 2020
 - June 5, 2020
 - 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.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES MECHANICAL RENOVATIONS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees has awarded a contract for renovations to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Chatham.

The next phase of improvements to the building includes a continuation of the removal of the existing brick veneer and replacing it with a new exterior wall assembly at the rear of the school (west elevation).

Interior renovations will include construction of a new mechanical room to support the introduction of mechanical equipment upgrades. Mechanical work will include a phased installation of a building sprinkler system, new heat pumps, ventilation systems, fluid chiller and associated mechanical services. The incoming power service will be enlarged to support new HVAC equipment. New exterior lighting in parking areas will also be added. This project will be funded by our annual School Condition Improvement allocation.

The contract has been awarded Aveiro Constructors Limited of Dorchester at a cost of \$1,847,000.

“This is the next phase of improvements to the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School building, which will eventually become the new home of French Immersion in Chatham,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “The Monsignor Uyen Catholic School community will relocate to the Fatima site, following the opening of the new north Chatham Catholic elementary school, which is currently under construction on McNaughton Avenue, W.”

The value of the contract for the next phase of work at the Fatima site necessitates Board approval, in accordance with *Sec. B Policy - Purchasing*.