



School District No. 59 (Peace River South)

January 21, 2026

To: Board of Education of SD59

From: Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction

Agenda Item: 2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar

The proposed calendar was developed in accordance with the requirements of the School Act and in consultation with Peace River South Teachers' Association.

The calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around start, end, and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break. This language includes that Winter Break starts on the Monday preceding December 26th and that Spring Break starts on the third Monday in March. In addition, the 2026-2027 proposed calendar reflects the collective agreement language that all days shall be scheduled between the Tuesday after Labour Day and the last Friday in June, unless the last Friday in June falls on or before June 25th, in which case the school year will end on June 30th.

Section 87.01 (7) of the *School Act* requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar for one month prior to submitting it to the Ministry. During the consultation period, a board must provide parents and board employees the opportunity to comment on the proposed calendar before it is adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 31st.

Written feedback must be sent to Jan Proulx at japroulx@sd59.bc.ca before February 26, 2026 to be considered.

Jan Proulx
Director of Instruction

SD59 CALENDAR FOR 2026/2027 DRAFT

July-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day STAT	2 Break	3 Break	4
5	6	7	8 Break	9 Break	10	11
12	13	14	15 Break	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Break	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Break	30 Break	31	

August-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	BC Day STAT	3 Break	4 Break	5 Break	6 Break	7 Break
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Break	2 Break	3 Break	4 Break	5
6	7 Labour Day STAT	8 NID Curriculum Implementation District	9 First Day for Students Start 2h late End 1h early	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation STAT			
				15 Instructional Days		

October-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving STAT	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 NID Pro-D District	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				20 Instructional Days		

November-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Remembrance Day STAT	11	12	13 End of Quarter Secondary Schools	14
15	16	17 Early Dismissal	18 Early Dismissal	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 NID Pro-D School			19 Instructional Days		

December-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 End of Term 1 Elementary Schools	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Break STAT	22	23	24 Christmas Day STAT	25 Boxing Day	26
27	28 Boxing Day STAT	29 Winter Break	30 Break	31 Break	14 Instructional Days	

LEGEND

13 Stat	Statutory or General Holidays
62 Break	Break Days (Winter, Spring or Summer)
8 NID	Non-Instructional Days (Prof Dev or Admin)

0 NIS	Not-In-Session Day (No School Activities)
178	Instructional Days

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January-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day STAT	2
3	4 Schools Reopen	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 End of Semester 1 Secondary Schools	30
31					20 Instructional Days	

February-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NID Pro-D School	2 Beginning of Semester 2 Secondary Schools	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Family Day STAT	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Early Dismissal	25 Early Dismissal	26	27
28					18 Instructional Days	

March-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 End of Term 2 Elementary Schools	13
14	15 Break	16 Break	17 Spring Break	18 Break	19 Break	20
21	22 Break	23 Break	24 Spring Break	25 Break	26 Good Friday STAT	27
28 Easter Sunday	29 Easter Monday STAT	30 Schools Reopen	31		12 Instructional Days	

April-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 NID Pro-D District	13	14	15	16 End of Quarter Secondary Schools	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					21 Instructional Days	

May-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	
2	3	4	5	6	7 NID Truth and Reconciliation	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day STAT	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				19 Instructional Days	

June-27						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 NID Pro-D School	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Last Day of Classes End of Sem 2 End of Term 3	30 NID Year End Admin Day		20 Instructional Days	

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Tuesday, September 8	Non-Instructional Day: Curriculum Implementation Day (Collective Agreement language - school year starts the Tuesday after Labour Day)
Wednesday, September 9	First Day for Students (arrival 2 hours late, dismissal 1 hour early)
Wednesday, September 30	National Day for Truth And Reconciliation STAT
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Day STAT
Friday, October 23	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (District)
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day STAT
Wed & Thurs, Nov 18 & 19	Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews
Monday, November 30	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Dec 21 to Jan 1	Winter Break (Collective Agreement language - Winter Break starts on the Monday directly preceding Boxing Day)
Monday, January 4	Schools Reopen
Monday, February 1	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Monday, February 15	Family Day STAT
Wed & Thurs, Feb 24 & 25	Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews
March 15 to March 25	Spring Break (Collective Agreement language - Spring Break starts on the third Monday in March)
Friday, March 26	Good Friday STAT
Monday, March 29	Easter Monday STAT
Tuesday, March 30	Schools Reopen
Monday, April 12	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (District)
Friday, May 7	Non-Instructional Day: Truth and Reconciliation
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day STAT
Friday, June 4	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Tuesday, June 29	Last Day of Attendance for Students
Wednesday, June 30	Non-Instructional Day: Year End Administrative Day (Collective Agreement language - if the last Friday in June falls on or before June 25, the year will end on June 30)

Notes

Kindergarten - required hours of instruction 853 minimum to allow for gradual entry in September

Elementary - required hours of instruction 878 minimum required 4 hours 56 minutes per day

Secondary - required hours of instruction 952 minimum required 5 hours 21 minutes per day

Total Instructional Days: 178

Elementary Terms

Term 1	Sept 9 to Dec 4 (58 instructional days)
Term 2	Dec 7 to Mar 12 (58 instructional days)
Term 3	Mar 30 to June 29 (62 instructional days)

Secondary Semesters

Semester 1	Sept 9 to Jan 29 (88 instructional days)
Semester 2	Feb 2 to June 29 (90 instructional days)