



DRAFT School Year Calendar 2016/2017 Consultation

Every year, school boards across Ontario must submit school year calendars to the Ministry of Education. According to Regulation 304, school boards must develop a school year calendar for elementary and secondary schools that includes 194 school days (including seven Professional Activity Days) between September 1 and June 30 with up to 10 days designated as examination days for secondary schools.

Currently, HWDSB is involved in the process of developing its calendars (Elementary and Secondary) for the 2016-2017 school year.

The school year will begin for students and staff on Tuesday September 6, 2016 following Labour Day.

In line with other school districts within our area, HWDSB is planning for a modified December Winter Break that places the last day for students prior to the Break on Friday December 23, 2016 with students returning to school on Monday January 9, 2017.

We are seeking public input regarding the DRAFT calendars (Elementary and Secondary) and would appreciate your participation in this survey. It should take about five minutes to complete.

**Please complete this survey by 4:00 PM on February 25, 2016
All mailed surveys must be received by this date.**

Please mail the completed survey to:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Attention: Dr. Rossana Bisceglia or Ann McKerlie (E-BEST)
PO Box 2558, Hamilton, Ontario. L8N 3L1

Based on stakeholder input, the calendar will then be finalized by the Board of Trustees and submitted for approval to the Ministry of Education.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Gillies, Superintendent of Student Achievement at 905-527-5092, extension 2361 or jgillies@hwdsb.on.ca.



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Part A - About You

1. Please indicate which group you belong to (check only one):

- Parent/Guardian
- Community Group/Member
- HWDSB Student → if yes, Elementary or Secondary?
- HWDSB Staff Member

2. If you selected “Community Group/Member”, if applicable, please complete the following.

a. Your organization or affiliation (if applicable):

b. Your position in the organization (if applicable):

c. If you’re completing this survey in a group, please indicate the number of individuals in the group that have provided this feedback: _____

3. Do you have children in an HWDSB school?

(Please note: if you are completing this questionnaire on behalf of a community group please enter 'Not Applicable' – please do not enter the number of children your group members have collectively).

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

a. If yes to above, please indicate the number of children you have in an HWDSB school:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

b. Please indicate whether your children attend Elementary and/or Secondary school:

- Elementary
- Secondary
- Both



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Part B – DRAFT School Year Calendar (Elementary)

Please comment on each of the significant key dates for the DRAFT **Elementary** School Year Calendar. The PA Day Focus is determined by Executive Council as directed by the Ministry of Education.

ELEMENTARY	DATES	Agree	Disagree	N/A	Comments
Start Date for Students	September 6, 2016				
End Date for Students	June 29, 2017				
PA Days - Focus					
Continuous Learning and Improvement Health & Safety Training	September 23, 2016				
Ministry Directed Education Priorities	November 4, 2016				
Ministry Directed Education Priorities	December 2, 2016				
Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting	January 27, 2017				
Continuous Learning and Improvement	March 3, 2017				
Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting	June 9, 2017				
Continuous Learning and Improvement; Transitions	June 30, 2017				



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Part C – DRAFT School Year Calendar (Secondary)

Please comment on each of the significant key dates for the DRAFT Secondary School Year Calendar. The PA Day Focus is determined by Executive Council as directed by the Ministry of Education.

SEMESTER 1	DATES	Agree	Disagree	N/A	Comments
Start Date for Students	September 6, 2016				
End Date for Students	January 25, 2017				
Examinations	January 26 to February 1, 2017				
PA Days - Focus					
Continuous Learning and Improvement Health & Safety Training	September 23, 2016				
Ministry Directed Education Priorities	November 4, 2016				
Ministry Directed Education Priorities	December 2, 2016				
Student Transitions and Promotions	February 2, 2017				

SEMESTER 2	DATES	Agree	Disagree	N/A	Comments
Start Date for Students	February 3, 2017				
End Date for Students	June 21, 2017				
Examinations	June 22-28, 2017				
PA Days - Focus					
Continuous Learning and Improvement	March 3, 2017				
Student Transitions and Promotions	June 29, 2017				
Continuous Learning and Improvement; Transitions	June 30, 2017				



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Part D – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please enter any additional comments that you would like to share about the DRAFT School Calendar 2016-17.

Thank you for your time and help in this matter.