



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

December 17, 2015

Dear Parent(s):

The Ministry of Education and stakeholders throughout the province are implementing BC's Education Plan to help transform education to better meet the needs of all learners. Changing a system as complex as the public education system takes time. To do it well involves extensive ongoing consultation, thorough research and exploration of possibilities, thoughtful decision-making and detailed planning.

Collaborative work done to date points us in a couple of new directions: A more flexible curriculum that prescribes less and enables more, for both teachers and students and a system focused on the core competencies, skills and knowledge that students will need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

In order to support teacher exploration and implementation of curriculum, the BC Ministry of Education, BC Teacher's Federation, BC Principals and Vice-principal's Association and the BC School Superintendent's Association have reached an agreement which will add the equivalent of four additional non-instructional days over the next three years.

For the 2015-16 school year, the two non-instructional days provided for the agreement have been scheduled by the Joint Planning Committee. Please note that students will not be in attendance on February 19 and April 25, 2016 as Local Learning linked to the new curriculum and other sessions related to changing teacher practice to better support student learning will occur.

A REVISED 2015-16 School Calendar has been attached for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Gillian Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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