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Re: Calendar Feedback

Dear BTPS Parents and Guardians:

BTPS is seeking feedback on our calendar. Each year, we review our [302.1AP Calendar Guidelines](#) which guides us in our development of our school calendar. In 2014 - 2015, we engaged parents, guardians and staff to create these guidelines in order to have predictability with the school calendar from year to year.

There are many essential elements which drive our calendar. We are governed by the required Alberta Education instructional hours for students, maximum number of days in the Education Act and assignable time for teachers. There are collective agreements for some of our employees. We also must adhere to the regulations for statutory holidays within our agreements. There are also provincial mandated exams which dictate student days at the end of each semester. BTPS is committed to providing professional learning for our staff in the best way possible to ensure we build capacity and improve student learning. We also look for balanced learning between semesters. Calendar development is quite complex and has many viewpoints.

We are seeking your feedback so that we are able to adjust our calendar to meet the needs of families, students and staff. Our calendar needs to be developed and shared in a manner that benefits balanced student learning, provides for effective long-range planning and meets all the required regulations and agreements.

The calendar supports us to fulfill the mission of the Board and to adhere to the expectations of the *Education Act*. With that in mind, we have some questions for you to ensure that we are able to develop a calendar that continues to support our family and staff needs.

This [survey](#) is open December 1 - December 12. We have a [video](#) and a [FAQ](#) to assist if you have questions. Your school principal will also be able to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking time to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Webb".

Michelle Webb
Deputy Superintendent, BTPS