

January 4, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Prairie South is currently developing the 2016-2017 school year calendar. We are asking for feedback on two calendars developed by Prairie South's Calendar Committee, which includes representation from the Prairie South Teachers' Association (PSTA), CUPE Local 5512, administration, school based staff, Board Trustees and School Community Councils.

The committee developed two calendars based on Board approved parameters that reflect locally negotiated staff agreements, Education Act Amendment Regulations, and professional development. We would now like to invite you to provide feedback.

Both calendars according to Education Act Amendment regulations, meet the government's mandate to ensure a minimum of 950 instructional hours.

[Extended Breaks \(click to view calendar\)](#)

- Eight (8) student days for Christmas Break
- Five (5) student days for February Break
- Six (6) student days for Easter Break
- Extended Victoria Day weekend in May

[Long Weekends \(click to view calendar\)](#)

- Extended Thanksgiving weekend in October
- Extended weekend in November
- Eight (8) student days for Christmas Break
- Long weekend in February
- Three (3) student days for February Break
- Long weekend in March
- Three (3) student days for Easter Break
- Long weekend in April
- Extended Victoria Day weekend in May
- Long weekend in June

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CalendarSurvey16> to complete the survey, which can also be found on Prairie South's website www.prairiesouth.ca. The survey will close at noon on Monday, January 18, 2016. Prairie South School Division values your feedback. Thank you.



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