

MEDIA RELEASE

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Prairie Spirit approves 2015/16 school year calendar

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education formally approved the calendar for the 2015/16 school year at its regular Board meeting on Monday, April 13.

Teachers will begin the school year on Monday, August 24, while students will start on Tuesday, September 1, prior to Labour Day. The provincial government passed new legislation late last fall that allows an earlier school start date in exceptional years when Labour Day falls after September 5.

“We believe the calendar will maintain our focus on student learning while also supporting students, staff members and families,” said Larry Pavloff, Board Chair.

Each year, the Prairie Spirit school year calendar is created through a collaborative process including input from the Board of Education, Division administration, teaching staff, out-of-scope support staff, unionized support staff and parents.

The Division’s Calendar Committee produced two calendar options and invited all staff to vote for their preferred calendar option. The results of this vote were shared with the Board.

The Ministry of Education requires that all school divisions publish their school calendars by May 1 each year. Prairie Spirit’s calendar is available on the school division website at www.spiritsd.ca.

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Prairie Spirit School Division serves over 10,000 students in 45 schools and 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.

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