

2026-2027 School Calendar Proposal

Recommended Calendar for the Board to Approve

New Process:

Google Form Invite to all staff and a separate form to all parent/guardians.

Open Question on Survey

The data provided above was taken from the last question of both surveys. The last question was optional and asked for feedback on the new process. Some spoke to that question, while others used it as an opportunity to provide additional open comment. Where applicable, these responses will be woven into the presentation.

Staff Feedback on New Process

73 staff responded, 58 appreciating the new format and/or the ability to provide feedback. 9 indicated they preferred being given two full calendar options and picking their preferred calendar. 14 of 118 parent/guardian responses expressed appreciation for being able to provide input. 2 respondents said we should be consulting teachers (we did).

Alignment with other Divisions

8 of 73 responses from staff emphasized the importance of aligning with other local divisions, while 11 of 118 responses from parent/guardians made this same comment. One of those 11 wanted alignment with MHCBE, except for November break. Another comment from those 11 was wanting us to align with Calgary and Edmonton Divisions.

Note: In the information provided in the survey, will add that Easter and February breaks are maintained as per usual.

Staff Participation:

352 Responses were submitted

ATA - 236

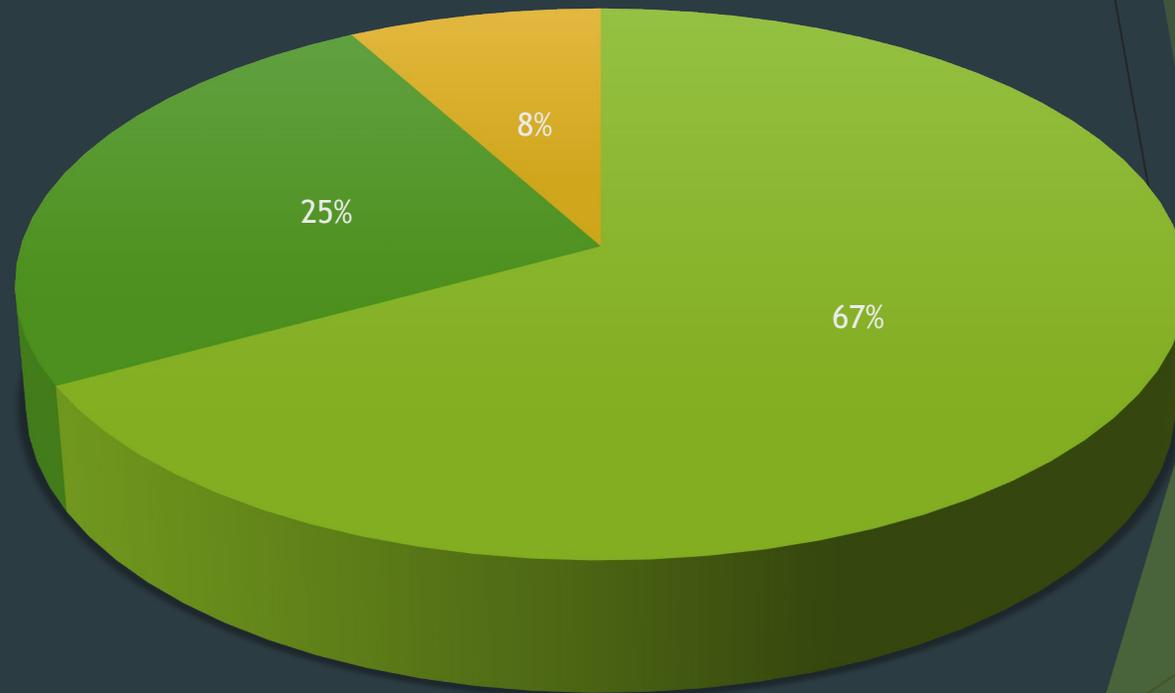
CUPE - 88

Non-Organized - 28

Parent/Guardian Participation:

946 Responses were submitted

Staff Participants



■ ATA ■ CUPE ■ Non-Organized

Preferred Start-up Plan

Note: Only staff was asked to respond to PD day start up question as this wouldn't impact families.

Majority Favor 3 PD Day Start

76% of staff preferred starting the year with 3 professional development days, indicating strong consensus.

Minority Support 4 PD Day Start

Only 15% of staff supported beginning with 4 professional development days, showing limited interest in this option.

Some Staff Had No Preference

9% of staff did not indicate a specific preference, suggesting most had a clear choice in mind, or potentially were non-ATA to which the question is less relevant.

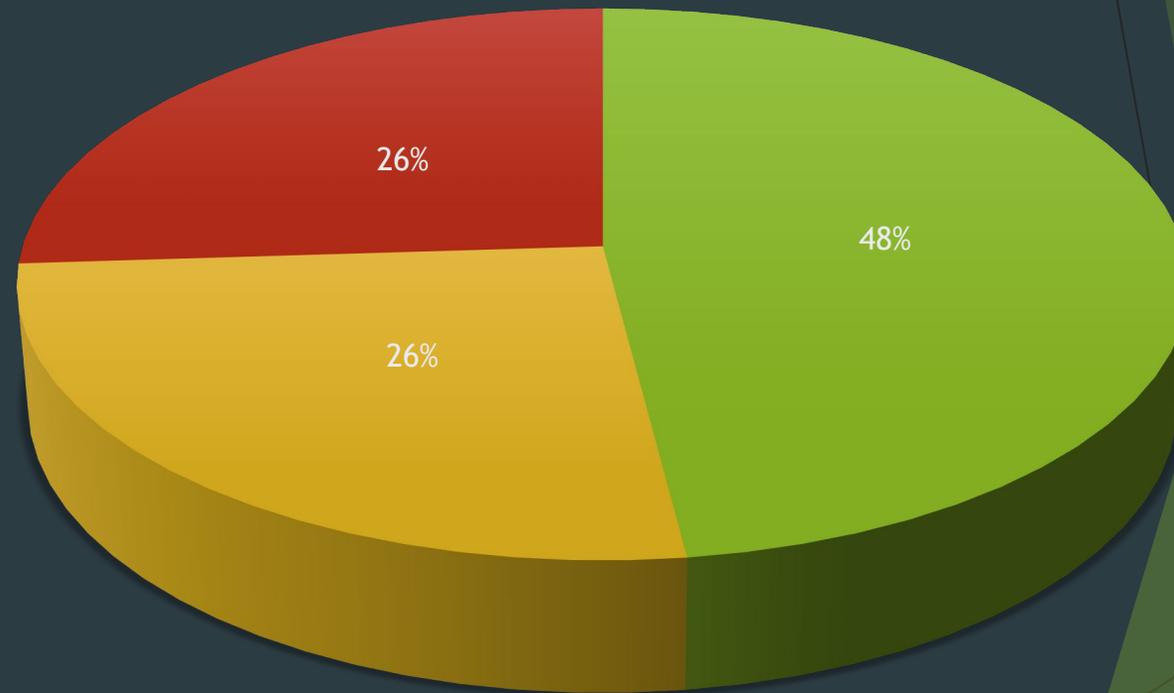


Open Comments from Parents

(118 responses from 946 submissions)

- ▶ 7 responses for school to start after Labour Day weekend
- ▶ 8 responses for less PD days
- ▶ 11 responses appreciating that PD days were on Fridays and/or connected to long weekends

Parent/Guardian Response to Start-up

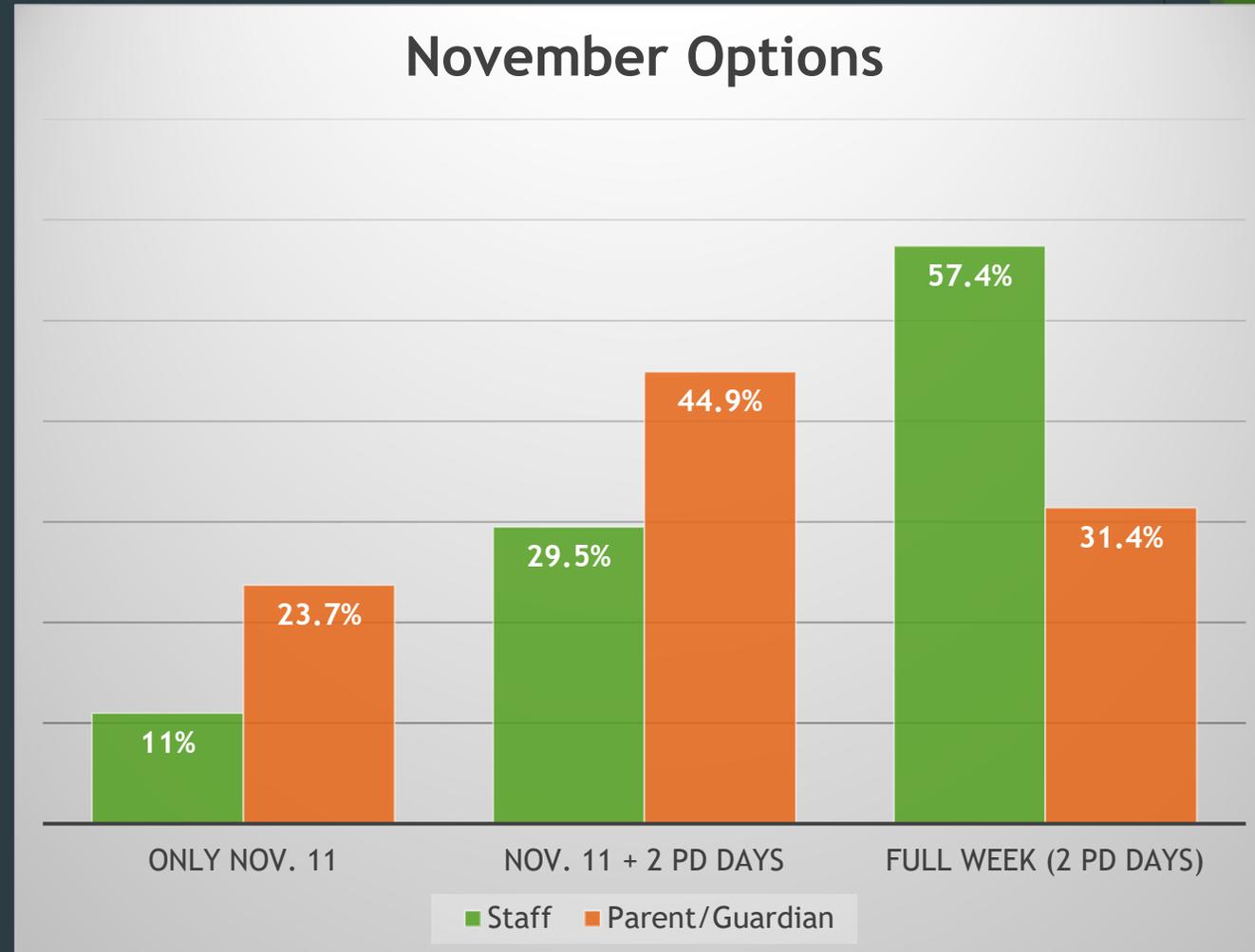


■ Sept. 1 Start ■ Aug. 31 Start ■ No Preference

November Plan - Remembrance Day falls on a Wednesday.

Open Question Feedback:

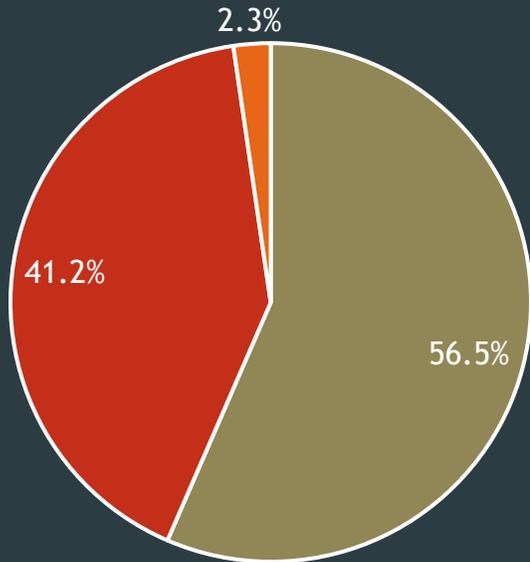
- 4 staff and 3 parents indicated Nov. break was needed by staff and students
- 20 parents spoke to concerns over childcare, and the inequity for families that can travel.
- 6 “other” suggestions by staff - whole week off non-operational, others suggesting 3 days non-operational.



Winter Break

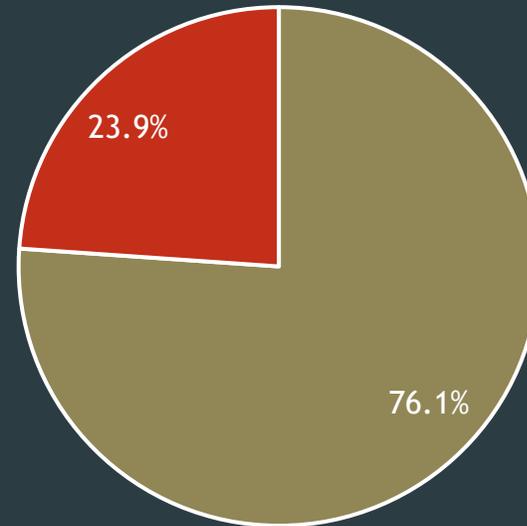
6 staff and 8 parents share real concern about a Winter Break that would be very different from surrounding divisions. Concerns over daycare alignment and holiday travel.

Winter Break: Staff



■ Dec. 18pm - Jan. 3 ■ Dec. 23pm - Jan. 6 ■ Other

Winter Break: Parent/Guardians

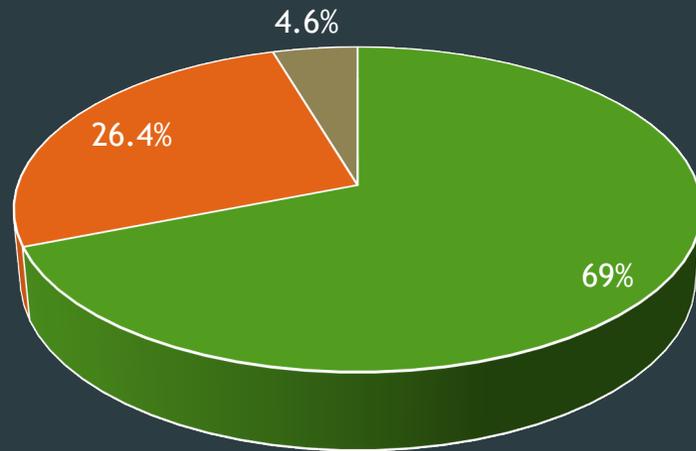


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End of Year:

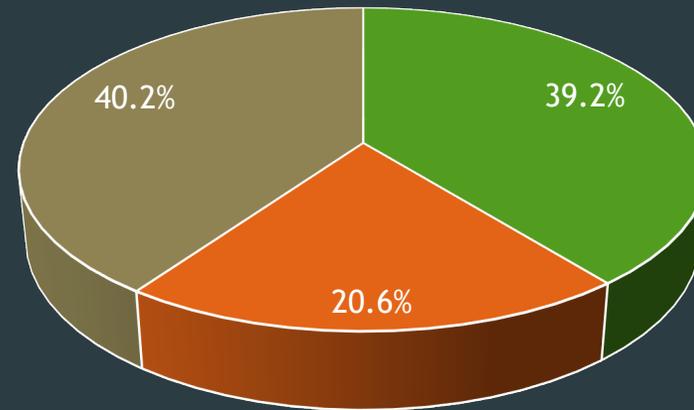
Note: June 28 is the final diploma, don't like 1 or 2 day week.

End of Year: Staff



29-Jun 30-Jun Other

End of Year: Parents/Guardians



29-Jun 30-Jun No Preference

Other Comments

- ▶ 4 staff wondered whether there would ever be a revisit of Sept. 30 as a non-operational day.
- ▶ 7 staff made a suggestion of having the first day back after winter break being a PD day so staff didn't have to come in and prepare over the holiday.

Proposed Calendar

- ▶ November Consideration.

Medicine Hat Public School Division 2026-2027 School Year Calendar



August 2026							September 2026							October 2026							November 2026																		
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Semester 1	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	3	0
September	21	20
October	21	20
November	20	18
December	14	14
January	20	19
Total Semester	99	91
Semester 2	Operational Days	Instructional Days
February	17	15
March	19	19
April	20	19
May	20	19
June	21	19
Total Semester	97	91
196 Instructional Days		
182 Instructional Days		

- Division Wide Professional Learning (PL) Days – No School for Students (February 18, 19 is Teacher’s Convention)
- National Truth & Reconciliation Day: Instructional day focused on learning about indigenous culture and truth & reconciliation
- Holidays – No School
- Student start & end days (Feb. 1 – Start of Second Semester)
- PL Day: No School for ELP – Gr. 9 ONLY
- PL Day: No School for Gr. 10 – 12 ONLY