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RE: 2025/26 and 2026/27 Calendar Survey

The Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) wants to hear from parents, students and staff to help plan the school calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/27. Community members are invited to review the 2025/26 and 2026/27 draft calendar options on RVSEngage.com and share their thoughts through a short survey which launches today and closes at 4 p.m. on June 17.

“Developing a school calendar is an important process that must take into consideration many differing factors and collecting feedback from our RVS families and staff is a key part of the process,” said Board Chair, Fiona Gilbert. “Learning what is valued by our school communities will help determine how best to design the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school year calendars in support of student learning and success.”

Beginning in 2025/26, RVS is considering a new fall break in November intended to support staff and student well-being. Feedback will help the Board to understand if this would be a desirable change for RVS school communities.

Each year Alberta school divisions must provide 475 hours of instruction for Kindergarten students, 950 hours of instruction for Grade 1 – 9 students and 1,000 hours of instruction for Grade 10 – 12 students. School must also end by June 30. It is up to local school divisions to determine how best to organize the school calendar to meet these requirements. All statutory holidays must also be included in the calendar.

The key differences between each option for each school year are highlighted below.

2025/26 Calendar

The differences between the calendars are: when classes begin in the fall, whether there is a fall break in November, if an Organizational Day is held in January and when the last day of classes is in June:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
First day of classes – Aug. 27	First day of classes – Aug. 27	First day of classes – Sept. 2
Weeklong break in November	Weeklong break in November	Long weekend in November
Organizational Day – Jan. 28	No Organizational Day – Jan. 28	Organizational Day – Jan. 28
Last day of classes – June 24	Last day of classes – June 26	Last day of classes – June 26
Organizational Days – June 25, 26	Organizational Days – June 29, 30	Organizational Days – June 29, 30
178 school days	183 school days	182 school days
8 professional learning days	8 professional learning days	8 professional learning days

2026/27 Calendar

The differences between the three draft calendars are: when classes begin at the start of the school year, whether there is a fall break in November and the scheduling of an Organizational Day in January:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
First day of classes – Aug. 31	First day of classes – Aug. 31	First day of classes – Sept. 2
Weeklong break in November	Weeklong break in November	Only Remembrance Day
Organizational Day – Jan. 27	No Organizational Day in January	No Organizational Day in January
179 school days	180 school days	182 school days
7 professional learning days	7 professional learning days	7 professional learning days

More information, including the survey, is available on [RVSEngage.com](https://www.rvseengage.com)

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