



Memorandum to the Board of Education

Meeting in Public`

FROM: Peter Dubinsky, Superintendent
DATE: September 16, 2022
SUBJECT: 4-Day Week Update

For Information

Introduction

Per the direction of the Board of Education, district Staff were asked to gather information and data on process for examining the possibility of a four-day per week school calendar (a “4-Day Week”).

Background/Information

Staff have undertaken the following:

- Information has been requested from the Ministry of Education and Childcare on what procedures and other requirements there might be should the Board want to examine the possibility or move to 4-Day Week.
- Staff have consulted with the two school districts in BC that currently have a 4-Day Week: School District No. 51 (Boundary) and School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands). These districts have provided relevant qualitative and practical information about the process each district went through before their Board’s decided to proceed with the change in calendar, as well as information about the results in these districts of a move to a 4-Day Week. Both districts have stated a willingness to provide greater information about the processes the followed, analyses that were performed and post-change surveys.
- An examination of the historical and local context in the district as to how BES and EES transitioned to a 4-day week and the process that was undertaken to implement the 4-day week.

Conclusion/Recommendation

At the next meeting of the Board on October 18, 2022, staff will present a report as to the options the Board has to explore the possibility of a 4-Day Week in the district.