



Memorandum to the Board of Education

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FROM: Peter Dubinsky, Superintendent
DATE: October 13, 2023
SUBJECT: 4-Day Week Update

For Information

Introduction

Further to the Board's decision to examine the possibility of a 4-day school week for all the schools in the district, the following steps have already been taken:

- The Board was provided with general information from the Ministry of Education and Child Care around the requirements for consultation and a timeline for decision making.
- Trustees met with each school PAC to have an initial conversation about a 4-day week option.
- The Board will meet with the Partner Group Advisory on October 16, 2023 to gather feedback and questions to consider in their decision-making process.

Next Steps

The following steps will now be undertaken:

- Trustees will hold open consultation sessions at each school from October to December to answer questions and receive feedback.
- Surveys will be distributed in November and December to specific partner groups (parents/caregivers, staff, students) and all feedback will be considered.
- District staff will compile all feedback and provide the Board with information from other districts who currently have a 4-day week, and a review of the 4-day week in the District's Southern Zone. Additional information and scenarios pertaining to a 4-day week in the District will also be provided.
- In January, the Board will consider all information and make a final decision at the January regular meeting of the Board.

Conclusion/Recommendation

That the Board conduct a fulsome consultation process and analysis to determine if a 4-day week schedule is appropriate for the entire district.