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SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATIONS

The Commissioner in Executive Council, under sections 87 and 203 of the *Education Act*, S.Nu. 2008, c. 15, and every enabling power, makes the attached *School Calendar Regulations*.

Application

1. These regulations apply to the 2013 – 2014 school year and to subsequent school years.

Minimum Number of Instructional Hours

2. The following are prescribed as the minimum number of instructional hours for a school year:
 - (a) 485 hours for kindergarten;
 - (b) 997 hours for grades 1 through 6; and
 - (c) 1045 hours for grades 7 through 12.

Daily Maximum Number of Instructional Hours

3. The following are prescribed as the maximum number of instructional hours for an instructional day:
 - (a) 6 hours for kindergarten and for grades 1 through 6; and
 - (b) 6.5 hours for grades 7 through 12.

School Improvement Time

4. (1) A principal may use up to 45 instructional hours for a school year for school improvement activities which may include:
 - (a) community consultation;
 - (b) the integration of Inuit societal values and the principles and concepts of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into the education program;
 - (c) school program planning;
 - (d) long term planning;
 - (e) student transition planning including planning for students moving from one school to another, starting school, or leaving school;
 - (f) school-wide initiatives.

(2) Students are not required to attend school during hours used for school improvement activities.

Non-instructional School Days

5. (1) A district education authority shall include the following non-instructional days in its school calendar:
 - (a) two administrative days, one to be held in the first week of classes and one to be held in the last week of classes;
 - (b) two days for education staff orientation, both to be held within 30 days of the commencement of classes in the school year; and
 - (c) four days for the in-service training of education staff to be held on such days as the district education authority may decide.

(2) Despite paragraph (1)(c), the Minister may, on 30 days notice in writing, require that a district education authority amend the date for one or more of the days allocated by the district education authority in its school calendar for in-service training.

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(3) A non-instructional day shall have the same number of hours as the number of hours in an instructional day.

Professional Development Days

6. (1) On or before January 31 in a school year, the Minister may notify the district education authorities of the number of, and dates for, professional development days for the next school year, as determined under the collective agreement between the Nunavut Teachers' Association and the Government of Nunavut.

(2) If the Minister gives a notice under subsection (1), a district education authority shall include the professional development days in the school calendar for the next school year and if the notice sets out specific dates for a professional development day, the district education authority shall include those dates as professional development days in its school calendar.

(3) The Minister may, on 90 days notice in writing, require that a district education authority amend the date for one or more of the days allocated by the district education authority in its school calendar as professional development days.

Loss of Excessive Number of Instructional Hours

7. In determining under subsection 85(2) of the Act whether an excessive number of instructional hours have been lost because of unplanned school closings, a district education authority shall consider

- (a) the effect of lost hours on the short and long term educational needs of students;
- (b) contractual implications; and
- (c) cost implications.

School Closures

8. (1) The chairperson or the vice-chairperson of a district education authority, in consultation with the principal of the school, may close a school for reasons related to community-wide safety concerns.

(2) The principal of a school may close a school for safety reasons but if circumstances permit he or she shall consult with the chairperson or the vice-chairperson of the district education authority before closing the school.

(3) A school shall not be closed because of a communicable disease except on the advice of the Chief Medical Health Officer appointed under the *Public Health Act*.

(4) Nothing in this section prevents the principal of a school from making such decisions as he or she considers necessary to ensure the immediate safety of the students in his or her school.

Consultation on Draft Calendar

9. (1) Before finalizing the school calendar for a school year, a district education authority shall consult with the community and with the staff and students of the school or schools under its jurisdiction on a draft of the calendar.

(2) A principal shall assist the district education authority in the consultation under subsection (1) by consulting with the staff and students of his or her school with respect to a draft calendar when requested to do so by the district education authority.

(3) A district education authority shall make the draft calendar available to the public and allow at least two weeks for interested persons to make comments.

(4) A district education authority shall give public notice of the consultation stating

- (a) how copies of the draft calendar may be obtained;

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- (b) how comments may be made; and
- (c) the deadline for making comments.

(5) A district education authority shall consider all comments received by it before the deadline stated in the notice given under subsection (4).

Repeal

10. Section 17 of the *Transition Regulations (2012 to 2014)* is repealed on July 1, 2013.

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