



4-Day School Week

The Livingstone Range School Division Board of Trustees will decide if implementing a 4-day school week is in the best interest of student success, budget efficiencies, and staff retention and recruitment.

WHERE DID THIS IDEA COME FROM?

- Comments from parents on a November 2020 school year calendar survey showed interest in an adjusted school week
- Results of a March 2021 survey where 41% of parents and 49% of staff were in favor of exploring a 4-day school week
- Comments from an October 2022 school year calendar survey where 68% expressed interest in a 4-day school week

HOW WILL A DECISION BE MADE?

The Board of Trustees will consider the effect on student engagement, will use budgeting models to look for projected efficiencies, and will gather stakeholder feedback. The Trustees will use this information to make the best decision in alignment with our Mission, Vision, and Core Values. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in February 2025. A final report will accompany the decision announcement.

WHAT DOES A 4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK LOOK LIKE?

We are considering a true 4-day school week where students are in class 4 full days each week. Typically this is a Monday-to-Thursday schedule, but where there is a statutory holiday during the week students will be in class four days that week (with Friday being a full day). Each day is lengthened by an average of 14 minutes to accommodate the Alberta Education requirements of annual hours. Teaching staff will work a fifth day approximately twice each month to effectively meet their professional responsibilities.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The Board of Trustees wants to understand and acknowledge stakeholders' perspectives and concerns. As part of our engagement plan the Division will reach out to these stakeholder groups between May and November 2024:

- Parents/guardians
- Staff
- Student leaders
- Elders and indigenous partners
- Union executives
- Parents/guardians of pre-kindergarten children
- Community members

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