




NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

FROM: MJ Geiser, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: March 1, 2023

SUBJECT: FY24 School Calendars

Memo no. SB23-138
(Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

2.0 Community Engagement: Foster Collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.

2.3 SAC: Evolve the role of the School Advisory Council (SAC) as community leaders and advocates for children.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the School Board adopt the School Year 22-23 school calendars as proposed by each site's School Advisory Council.

Issue Summary:

Each year the School Advisory Council (SAC) in each community follows the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on calendar development and recommends a school calendar to the Board.

BP 6111 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The site administrator shall work with the School Advisory Council to prepare the calendar for each site. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the School Board school calendars for each site that will meet the requirements of the law as well as the needs of each community, its students and the work year as negotiated with district personnel.

Each school site calendar shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, orientation and teacher in-service days, number of teaching days, vacation periods and other pertinent dates. Each school site calendar shall include

- 191 days, designated as follows:
- 182 student/teacher days, including up to 9 in-service days
- 6 holidays: Labor Day; Inuit Day; Thanksgiving - 2 days; Christmas Day; New Year's Day
- 3 workdays

Background:

Working together, the site administrator and the local School Advisory Council (SAC) develop a calendar for the next school year. For FY24, the following information was provided for the calendar development:

- New Hire Inservice – Monday, July 31-August 3, 2023 (Held in Utqiagvik)
- District Inservice –

- August 10 & 11, 2023;
- September 27, 2023;
- October 25, 2023;
- January 17, 2024

School Advisory Council Decisions:

All sites will:

- set the school open, **three** end of quarter, and **one** school close dates. The school close date is also the end of the 4th quarter.
- need to schedule **two** Cultural In-service days. (Please work with Tenna Judkins, Director of Inupiaq Instruction, on scheduling this date.)
- schedule **two** site in-service dates.
- schedule **three** teacher workday dates.
- schedule the winter break dates.
- elect to either keep or remove the two vacation dates in March. March 14 & 15 for village sites and March 21 & 22 for Utqiagvik sites.
- select the parent-teacher conference dates for fall and spring.
- All secondary sites will need to identify their graduation date.
- K3, K4 and K may start one week after the first day of school and will end on the same day as the other grades at the site. Please note on the calendar if you site will take this option.

The School Advisory Councils’ (SAC) recommendations for 2023-2024 calendars are included for approval and adoption.

Chart of SAC Recommendations by School

School	1st day for teachers	1st day for students	Winter Break	Spring Break	Graduation Date	Last day for students	Last day for teachers
Aļak	7-Aug	14-Aug	19-Dec/3-Jan	n/a	2-May	8-May	8-May
Harold Kaveolook	10-Aug	17-Aug	15-Dec/2-Jan	11-12 Apr	10-May	21-May	22-May
Kali	8-Aug	15-Aug	20-Dec/5-Jan	15-Mar	10-May	14-May	15-May
Meade River	10-Aug	17-Aug	18-Dec/2-Jan	n/a	4-May	13-May	14-May
Nunamiut	8-Aug	14-Aug	18-Dec/3-Jan	15-Mar	8-May	10-May	11-May
Tikiġaq	8-Aug	14-Aug	20-Dec/5-Jan	11-15 Mar	10-May	17-May	18-May
Trapper	7-Aug	14-Aug	15-Dec/2-Jan	n/a	3-May	9-May	9-May
Utqiagvik	10-Aug	17-Aug	18-Dec/3-Jan	21-22 Mar	TBD	17-May	18-May

One calendar has been presented for the four Utqiagvik schools; they will work together to determine their conference dates as well as their promotion and graduation dates.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the FY24 School Calendars as presented in memo no. SB23-138.”

Moved By _____

Seconded By _____

Advisory Vote _____

Vote _____