Calendar Development Explanatory comments - updated April 2022

1   Legislation 163 requires classes to start after labour day, unless labour day is on the 5th or later then the Minister will order the student starting day(s). Last day of the school year must be no later than June 30th

2   Regulation 28 requires 950 hours of instruction. Decision several years ago was to provide 183 instructional days at 315min/day for 960.75 hours of instruction. Allows for 10.75 hours of non-instructional assemblies, activities etc. with students

3   Regulation 24 requires vacation at Christmas starting no later than Dec. 23 and ending no earlier than January 2; a spring vacation of no more than 5 consecutive days; and a summer vacation of at least 6 consecutive weeks

4   Regulation 23 requires no school on: Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Remembrance Day. When Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday following that day is to be observed as holiday

5   CUPE agreement stipulates that Easter Monday is a holiday for CUPE staff and so no school that day

6   There is no regulation for when the spring vacation occurs. SRPSD traditionally has two - one in February and one in April around Easter.

7   There is no limitation for when we put PLC days or the Days in Lieu of PTIs. We can place them where the needs of the system fit, but see note 9 and 10 for impacts of PLC day placement.

8   It is helpful (necessary) to balance the number of instructional days in each semester. This provides balanced instruction between classes that are in both semesters.

9   It is helpful to put a PLC right after the last departmental exam in Jan. and call that end of semester BUT a mid-week PLC is often not appreciated by parents. High schools can determine semester end individually and a PLC at end of January/Early Februalry helps with semsester turn-around.

10 It is helpful to have 1 of the "Days in lieu of PTIs" in each semester so we can better manage the contract of teachers who work in only one of the semesters