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To Superintendents:

I would like to provide some additional information further to the communication you received Thursday, October 6, 2022, about the calendar amendment to reflect the closure of schools for the National Day of Mourning on September 19, 2022.

As mentioned at that time, the Ministry will be updating the School Calendar Regulation to reflect the amendment by reducing the prescribed minimum hours of instruction by five hours.

There have been a lot of questions received to date about sending in amended calendars. To make things easier, we will amend all 2022/23 school calendars on file on your behalf. When the School Calendar Regulation is amended, Ministry records will be updated to reflect:

- The reduction of hours of instruction by five hours;
- The reduction of the Days in Session and Days of Instruction by one day.

Districts will be notified once the School Calendar Regulation has been amended. Calendar contacts should update their public facing calendars on district websites as soon as practicable. Please note that sending in the updated school calendar template is not required.

Districts for whom September 19, 2022 was listed as a non-instructional day are asked to send an email to EDUC.SchoolCalendars@gov.bc.ca indicating when the rescheduled non-instructional day will occur. Districts should make this information publicly available on their public facing calendars on district websites.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these amendments. Further questions regarding the School Calendar Regulation amendment, can directed to EDUC.SchoolCalendars@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister