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School calendar survey results are in

The Government of Yukon has published the results of the recent school calendar survey.

The survey received 1,690 responses, with 76 per cent of respondents identifying themselves as parents or guardians of students. Respondents expressed opinions on important school-related dates, including the start and end of school, Christmas, March and summer breaks, as well as the lengths of the school day and the school year.

The complete results can be found on our public engagement website, at engageyukon.ca.

The results are being reviewed and, along with the needs of the students and input from school councils and communities, will inform the development of school calendars.

Key dates for Whitehorse school calendars for the 2018–19 school year will be released by December 19, 2017. School Council non-instructional days will be added when they are confirmed before the end of February. Rural school calendars will be finalized with the school communities in January and February.

Quotes

"Over 1,600 Yukoners provided feedback on how to structure our school year. Thank you to everyone who took part. Your ideas and preferences will help us to ensure school calendars meet the needs of Yukon students while balancing the needs of the territory's school communities."

–Minister of Education Tracy-Anne McPhee

Quick facts

- School calendars are being developed for the 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21 and 2021–22 school years to help families and schools plan ahead.
- 76 per cent of respondents identified as parents or guardians of students, 21 per cent identified as school staff members and 3 per cent identified as students.
- 27 per cent of respondents indicated a preference for school to begin each year on the Tuesday after Discovery Day in August; 23 per cent preferred the last Monday in August and 21 per cent preferred the Tuesday after Labour Day.
- 50 per cent of respondents preferred a balance between the length of the school day and the length of the school year, while 37 per cent preferred a longer school day and shorter school year.
- The engageyukon.ca website was launched in October 2017 as part of the Government of Yukon's new approach to public engagement. The site offers Yukoners a directory of initiatives that are presently available for comment. Visitors will also find completed engagements, including details about what feedback was received and how it helped shape each initiative.

Learn more:

School calendar survey results (engageyukon.ca)

School calendar information from the Department of Education

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