

November 26, 2015

Dear parents and guardians,

In late September, the Ministry of Education agreed to provide for two extra non-instructional days to the 2015/2016 school year. The Sooke Teachers' Association determined that **Monday, January 18, 2016** and **Monday, April 4, 2016** would be converted from days of instruction to **non-instructional days (NIDs)**. To decrease learning disruption, these days were chosen as they take place in different semesters.

These days will provide critical training to teachers and staff about the province's curriculum redesign. The new Kindergarten-Grade 9 official curriculum will begin September 2016 and the new Grade 10-12 curriculum is scheduled for the 2017/2018 school year. For more information about BC's new curriculum, please visit curriculum.gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Cambridge". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jim Cambridge
Superintendent of Schools
Sooke School District