

Letter of Understanding
between the
Board of Education of School District No. 83

Íwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw

and

North Okanagan-Shuswap Teachers' Association

Re: Minutes of Instruction and Length of the School Day - 2026/2027


This agreement was necessitated by changes to the Ministry of Education's Calendar regulation, and the parties have agreed that Article A.9 (Legislative Change) applies to this situation and that the Collective Agreement has been impacted by these changes. Clauses that have been impacted include D.28 Duration of the School Day, and D.4 Preparation Time.

It is understood that these terms of settlement apply only in School District No. 83 (Íwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw) and are not binding on any other district. Without precedent or prejudice to either party, the parties acknowledge the following agreement:

1. This letter of understanding will be in force for the 2026-2027 school year only. Should additional information or direction come from the Ministry during the 2026-2027 school year, the local parties agree that A.9 (Legislative Change) will apply.
2. In recognition of the uniqueness of the Kindergarten program, the District and NOSTA will jointly develop a gradual entry plan for Kindergarten which utilizes up to 25 hours of instructional time. This amount of time is currently above the minimum hours required by the Calendar Regulation. The school staff or School Staff Committee may provide recommendations to the Principal about the use of any remaining hours or minutes, to be used for such things as early dismissal for reporting purposes and parent teacher interviews.
3. The parties agree that early dismissal on the first and last day of the instructional year will be adjusted to ensure that the required hours of instruction are scheduled.

- K-7 and K-8 minutes of instruction in Elementary Schools shall be 303/day. The maximum length of the school day shall be 318 minutes/day, not including lunch intermission.
- Grade 6-8 minutes of instruction in Middle Schools shall be 312/day. The maximum length of the school day shall be 322 minutes/day, not including lunch intermission.
- Secondary minutes of instruction shall be 329/day. The maximum length of a school day shall be 339 minutes/day, not including lunch intermission.
- For the 2026-2027 school year, no elementary school shall commence instruction before 8:00 a.m., or continue after 3:30 p.m.

Signed this 12 day of June, 2026.



Michelle Gullou, Assistant Superintendent
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Jessa Clark, President, North-Okanagan
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