

Letter of Understanding

Between the

Board of Education of School District No. 83

Ƙwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw

and

North Okanagan-Shuswap Teachers' Association (NOSTA)

Re: School Start Up Day for 2026/2027 School Year

Without prejudice and without precedent to either party, the following agreement is acknowledged. These terms apply solely to School District No. 83 Ƙwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw and are not binding on any other district:

1. This letter of understanding shall be in effect for the 2026/2027 school year only.
2. The parties recognize that the September 8, 2026 School Start Up Day is a non-instructional day included in the Board approved 2026/2027 School District No. 83 calendar.
3. It is recognized by both parties that two additional minutes of instruction have been added to each school day to accommodate this change.
4. For the 2026/2027 school year, the September 8, 2026 School Start-Up Day shall consist of four required time blocks totaling five (5) hours, with each school staff determining the order of the blocks collegially. The specific description of these blocks is outlined in the Joint Communiqué, which forms an informational attachment to this Letter of Understanding.
5. The parties agree that this day falls outside of the current Collective agreement, Article F.21, and agree to revisit this structure in advance of any future calendar changes to ensure that non-instructional days continue to meet the needs of both the District and the teaching staff.



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Jessa Clark, President,
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Association

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