

CSR's: PLEASE POST

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October 23, 2009

To: CSR's

From: David Cracknell, President

Re: District Calendar Survey

Shortly after the Thanksgiving weekend the District posted an e-mail to Principals and Teachers requesting they complete a survey on next year's school calendar. The Local received a number of calls from our members and as a result contacted the District on Friday, October 16, 2009 to express concerns.

On October 19 and 20 representatives of the Local met with District staff to clarify the meaning of the questions and on Wednesday, October 21 the District sent an e-mail of clarification.

The Local encourages you to complete the survey after reading the revised e-mail - keeping in mind that question one is asking you to agree to work more days. The extra PD days would be assigned time according to clause 11.1.

If you wish to go back early to extend weekends similar to the World Skills situation then you would answer no in question one and in the comment section indicate that you would agree to go back early *only* in exchange for days-in-lieu to extend long weekends.

Question two asks if you would like to start after Labour Day every year. However, there will be times when this day falls in the second week of September and as a result there would not be enough school instructional days to reach the minimum instruction time required by Alberta Education. In this case, other instructional days would have to be found by taking away from holiday periods.

A.T.A. Local #55 suggests you respond to the survey to express your thoughts on this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Local at 403-265-2678. Please continue to check our web-site for more information at www.ataloc55.ab.ca