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HOWE SOUND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSES LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2009/2010

Howe Sound Board of Education today announced its proposed Local School Calendar for the 2009/2010 school year.

“The Board is proposing to reschedule the 2010 Spring Break so that it coincides with the last week of the Winter Olympics. In this proposal, the week of February 22-26 will be the new Spring Break. This is a change from the dates March 8-12 listed in the Standard School Calendar for that year,” said Board Chair, Dave Walden.

In addition, the Board is proposing to close secondary schools in Squamish and Pemberton, as well as Myrtle Philip and Spring Creek Community Schools for the week of February 15-19. This week coincides with the first week of the Olympics.

Whistler Secondary School will be closed two weeks prior to Spring Break, starting Monday, February 8, 2010.

“The world is coming to our doorstep,” says Walden. “It makes sense to change the school calendar to take advantage of the educational opportunities such an event provides for our students.”

The Board conducted surveys, held extensive consultations, and met with representatives from VANOC. As well, trustees met with RCMP security officials. “The proposal presented is based on the information available to us at this time,” said Walden. “We tried to strike a balance between competing interests. Board members hope that this proposal will find acceptance by the majority of our students, parents, staff and the general community.” Walden indicated that parents and employees are being asked to respond to this proposal before a final decision is made in October.

Results of the surveys which were conducted before the summer break will be posted on the District’s website (www.sd48.bc.ca) after the next Board of Education meeting on September 26.

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