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PRESS RELEASE

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The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) has approved parameters for the development of local school calendars for 2009/10. The decisions which set out the calendar parameters were made by the Board at their meeting on November 14th after conducting surveys, meetings with community and education partner representatives and considerable discussion and debate. The following parameters were approved:

- Spring break for all Squamish and Pemberton schools will be moved from March 8th – 12th, 2010 to February 22nd -26th, 2010 (2nd week of Olympics)
- Pemberton, Don Ross, & Howe Sound Secondary schools will be closed for an additional week prior to the moved Spring Break (February 15 – 19)
- Spring break for Whistler Secondary School will be moved from March 8th – 12th, 2010 to February 22-26th 2010 and the school also be closed for an additional two weeks prior to the moved spring break and two days following the moved spring break, resulting in a total closure from February 8th to March 2, 2010
- Spring break for the Whistler area elementary schools will be moved from March 8th – 12th, 2010 to February 22-26th 2010 (2nd week of the Olympics).

Individual schools will be required to develop their local school calendars incorporating these parameters approved by the Board. Specific local school calendars for 2009/10 must be approved by the Board of Education prior to May 31, 2009 but the Board wishes to give early indications to parents, students, staff and community members regarding the operation of schools during the Olympic period. The Board is hopeful that these parameters will provide sufficient information to everyone at this time.

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