



**Non-Instructional Days
2024-25 School Year Calendar
September 3, 2024**

On August 26th, Sunrise School Division received correspondence from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning noting the division had exceeded the number of non-instructional days in the 2024-25 school year for its Hutterite Colony schools.

Each year in April the school division submits a School Year Calendar Form to MEECL identifying 10 non-instructional days (teacher in-service, parent-teacher conferences, administration and pupil evaluation). Historically, Sunrise School Division has maintained separate calendars for its colony and non-colony schools. A calendar identifying 10 non-instructional days would be applied to all schools in the division. Additional non-instructional days would be identified for Hutterite Colony schools that would align with religious holidays.

Up until 3 years ago the division would submit one School Year Calendar Form to MEECL which would only include the 10 divisional non-instructional days. The additional non-instructional days for the Hutterite Colony schools were not recorded. Starting 3 years ago, MEECL asked Sunrise to submit separate forms for its colony and non-colony schools. No concerns with the additional non-instructional days for the colony schools had been identified by MEECL until the August 26th correspondence.

On August 27th McKinley Morton from MEECL indicated that MEECL was 'trying to tighten some process pieces' and that an official request for additional days for Hutterite Colony schools needed to be submitted to, and approved by, the Minister.

Action

On August 27th a letter was sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, Nello Altomare, requesting approval of the additional non-instructional days for Sunrise School Division Hutterite Colony schools.

The Board will be updated when the Division receives a response.