

Calendar Survey: Video Transcript

Background

Hello, I'm Sandra Stoddard, the Superintendent of Elk Island Public Schools. Today, I'm excited to provide you with important context about the Division's calendar consultation.

To start, I want to share some background information.

In September, I presented a report to the Board of Trustees asking them to consider the significant research that highlights the positive impact of collaboration on student achievement.

Current research strongly supports the notion that regular, embedded collaboration positively affects both student achievement and teacher efficacy.

When teachers collaborate, they engage in critical reflection on their practices, share insights and challenge one another. This process ultimately leads to improved teaching methods and better student outcomes.

For those who wish to delve deeper, I encourage you to take a look through the summaries of this research available in the links below.

As you'll see, the evidence clearly indicates that ongoing, sustained teacher collaboration is one of the most influential factors accelerating student achievement.