

# Lethbridge School Division

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Dear Parents of G. S. Lakie and Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle Schools,

Re: Student Instructional Hours and Non-Operational School Days

It was brought to my attention that a shift in scheduling this year, some of which is transportation linked, impacted the number of instructional hours in the year in most of our middle schools. To compensate for the excess instructional time at G. S. Lakie and Senator Joyce Fairbairn, it has been decided that Friday, May 21 will be a non-operational day (the school will be closed on that day). We tried to find a date that would be least impactful to families in a negative way.

I can assure parents that this is not typical practice and schedules can usually be moved to align with required instructional hours delineated in the *Education Act*. This is an unusual circumstance that we will be watchful for in the future.

Regards,

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Dr. Cheryl Gilmore  
Superintendent