

## **2021-22 School Calendar Discussion**

The attached calendar is based on the RI Department of Education (RIDE) school calendar and consistent with the school vacation days/weeks and the four statewide professional development (PD) days (shaded in blue). Statewide PD days, two prior to the start of the school and two during the school year, count towards the required 180 days through asynchronous learning (one-way communication such as assignments or videos that are posted by teachers, completed by students, and uploaded for teacher feedback at a later date). Activities will be assigned in advance for students to complete independently so teachers can focus the entire day on professional learning.

Four district PD days have also been included. Two scheduled on the statewide PD days, and two (shaded in grey) later in the year.

The selection of dates for district PD days is intended to supplement the state PD days to provide a timeline for professional learning days that supports teacher participation in the following activities, in alignment with our Strategic Plan goals:

- LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training involving 50 K-2 teachers and specialists
- Ongoing professional learning for implementation of new ELA and math curriculum
- Grade/school/district level analysis of beginning, middle, and end of year assessment data
- K-12 training to support social emotional learning and diversity and equity work.