



CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Conestoga Families,

As you know, it has been a significant journey for our students, staff, and families as we have navigated our district's building renovation project. Throughout this process, you have shown remarkable patience, understanding, and flexibility, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, several critical components of the project require additional time before we can safely open the Jr./Sr. High School for the new school year. As a result, the start of the school year for district will be delayed. *Conestoga Public Schools will move the first day of the 2026–2027 school year from **Wednesday, August 12, to Wednesday, August 26.** This will impact both buildings due to the logistical challenges of student transportation, nutrition services and staffing.*

We are currently finalizing updates to the district calendar and will share those details as soon as they are complete. At this time, we do not anticipate any changes to the last day of school, graduation, or scheduled holiday breaks. Any instructional days that need to be made up will be incorporated into the calendar by utilizing select Mondays throughout the school year. Rather than risk announcing a delay just days before school was scheduled to begin, we wanted to provide families with as much advance notice as possible. Jr/Sr HS activities will not be impacted.

We recognize this change may create challenges for many families, and we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. Our first responsibility is to ensure our students and staff return to a building that is safe, fully inspected, and ready to support teaching and learning from the very first day. Based on the current construction schedule, we fully expect all necessary work to be completed and all required inspections to be finished before students return on August 26.

We are committed to keeping you informed as plans are finalized. We understand families want to know which Mondays will become instructional days, as well as the dates for Open House, 7th Grade Orientation, Kindergarten Roundup, and other important back-to-school events. We are working through details and the new district calendar will be released when it's finalized. Thank you for your patience during this process.

The good news is that we are in the final stages of this exciting project. We are eager to welcome students and staff into beautifully renovated learning spaces that will serve our district for many years to come. Thank you again for your partnership, patience, and support throughout this renovation project. We are truly grateful for your understanding. We look forward to welcoming our students back on **Wednesday, August 26.**

Sincerely,

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