



# The Leader

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

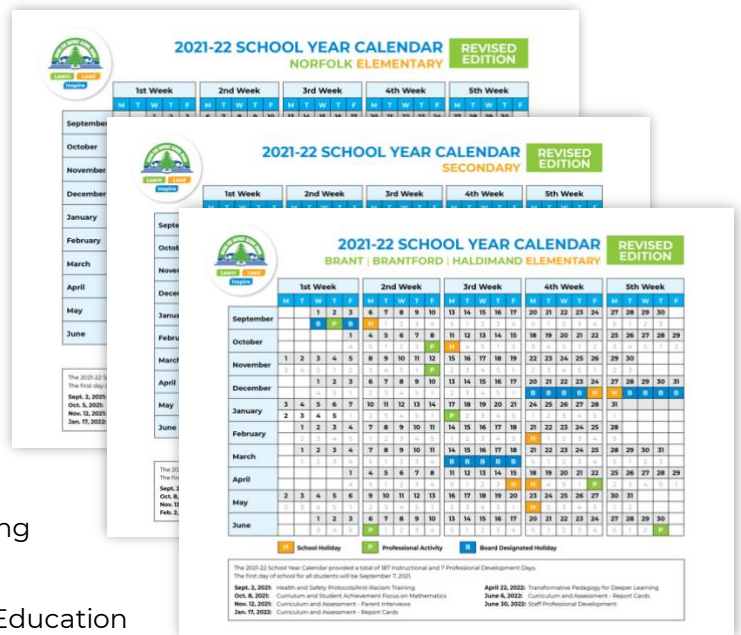
### Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

February 7, 2022

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3ovPaE3>

### School Year Calendars

Trustees recommended for approval the Draft Proposed School Year Calendar for the 2022-23 school year (Elementary and Secondary). The draft calendars were prepared by the Grand Erie School Year Calendar committee, and were developed in collaboration with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic School Board. The 2022-23 School Year Calendar includes 194 instructional days and three Professional Activity (PA) days per school year dedicated to provincial education priorities, and up to four additional PA days per school year. The three mandatory PA days must be focused on teacher’s professional learning with respect to the following current provincial education priorities as outlined in Achieving Excellence: achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being, and enhancing public confidence.



Once formally approved by the Ministry of Education later this year, the calendars will be shared with all stakeholder groups. The full report can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3ovPaE3>



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### Director's Report Highlights

#### Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. The 2022 theme for Black History Month is "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day," which focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada.

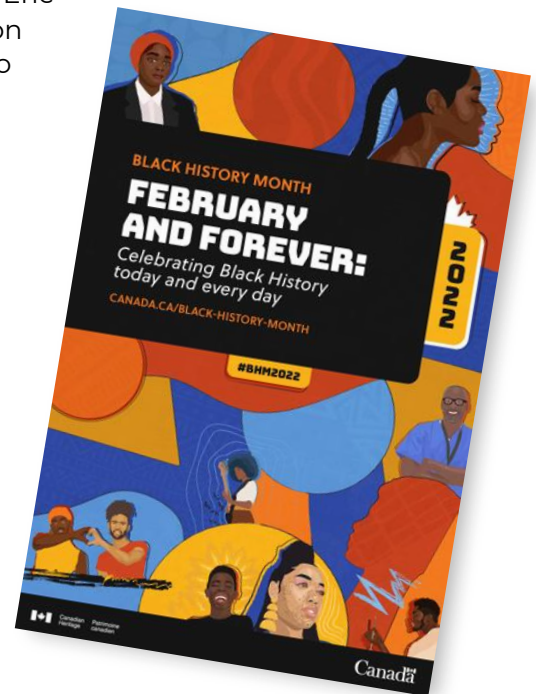
Honouring Black History Month is a great opportunity for all of us in Grand Erie to Learn, Lead and Inspire with intention, incorporating Black histories, voices, and perspectives year-round. We would like to highlight one of our community partners, Unite Against Hate, which has created some resources to share with our Grand Erie community. Unite Against Hate is a social-profit organization that provides anti-racist education resources and support to Brantford and surrounding areas. A short video has been developed that can be used in classrooms to spark conversations about not only Black history, but also anti-Black racism and prejudice. The team has also created a digital binder, Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy-Equity Framework for Equitable Education, to access resources for Black History Month and Anti-Racism. Thank you to Atala Andratis, Equity Coach K-12, and Christine Bibby, Safe and Inclusive Schools Lead, for their leadership.

<https://www.uniteagainsthate.ca/>

<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/pch/documents/campaigns/black-history-month/2022/toolkit/bhm-2022-poster-en.pdf>



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### Proposed Boundary Change

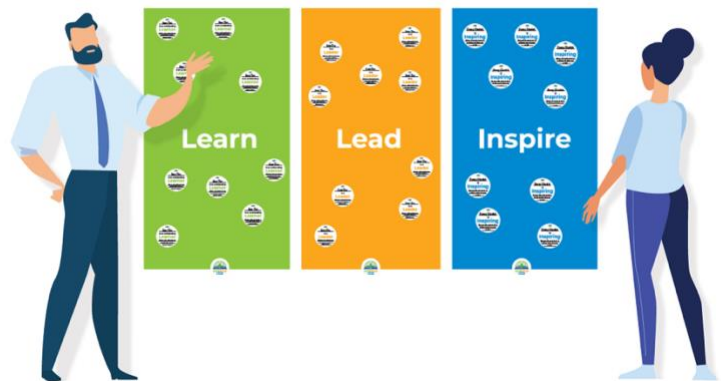
Grand Erie is hosting a Virtual Public Meeting on February 10 to answer questions and take input from the Banbury Heights and Branlyn Community School communities on a proposed modification to boundaries for these schools. We want to support the best possible learning experience for students, and this change will help balance student enrolment and building use.

### New Campaigns to Learn, Lead and Inspire

In the coming months, staff and students will see more ways we Learn, Lead and Inspire as we roll out two new campaigns to support engagement with Grand Erie's vision.

There will be new posters featuring images of Grand Erie staff and their own words about what our vision looks like as they live it daily.

We are also launching a recognition campaign that will give everyone simple ways to recognize colleagues or students for learning, leading and inspiring – and as it develops, impactful ways to see and share this recognition across the district.



### Additional Items

**The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:**

- SO-18 Environmental Education Stewardship
- SO-20 Assessment, Evaluation and Report
- HR-107 Maintaining Employee Safety While Working with Students
- HR-121 Injury/Incident/Disease Investigation and Reporting
- P-106 Home Instruction



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### Additional Items

The following Policies were recommended for approval:

- F-02 Budget Development Process
- SO-08 Community Partnership

Trustees also received the following reports:

- SO-008 Community Partnership
- OPSBA Report

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### Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this multi-year plan is the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging for each learner.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Plan.

#### Learning

- Supporting Learning in Second Semester:  
<https://granderie.ca/board/news/supporting-learning-second-semester>

#### Well-Being

- Some Sports and Extracurriculars Resuming at Schools:  
<https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/some-sports-and-extracurriculars-resuming-schools>