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Dear Families:

During the 2017-2018 school year, schools around the province worked with a new model for professional learning for teachers which was intended to centre the opportunities on individual school needs. With this model, a number of professional learning sessions were held in the afternoon, which meant students were dismissed from school at the end of the morning session.

The school districts sought feedback from administrators, teachers, PSSCs and high school students on this model, and while there were several identified benefits, there were also challenges expressed. Having considered the full range of feedback, it has been decided that for the 2018-2019 school year, we will combine activities so that there will be no early dismissals.

Please note the 2018-2019 school calendar contains the same amount of time dedicated to professional learning as in previous years; however, the sessions will be conducted over full days. The 2018-19 school calendar can be found on the ASD-S website at: www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

We thank those of you who provided feedback and we look forward to a great year ahead. Hope you and your family have a wonderful summer. Thank you for all you do to support our schools.

Yours truly,

[Zoe Watson]

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