

SD64 (Gulf Islands) Four Day Week Savings Based on 17-18 Costs

4 Day Week compared to 5 day week

Days in session = 155

Days in session if 5 day week = 182

Water Taxi

Current cost

**Cost for
Four
Days**

**Additional
Cost for
One Day**

840,000

210,000

Transportation Assistance Estimate \$170 per day

Current cost estimate

25,000

4,455

Boarding Allowance

Currently 3 days per week

77,500

25,833

Bussing costs

Bus drivers Cost for 155 days

456,027

79,437

Bus fuel Cost for 155 days

70,000

12,194

Bus maintenance costs

86,000

10,000

Bus supervision costs

33,000

5,748

Playground Supervision costs

EA hours

291,000

50,690

Custodial cost

Salary cost for 155 days

613,475

106,863

Supplies

40,000

5,000

Replacement costs

Sick leave teachers-TTOC cost for 155 days

250,000

43,548

Sick leave CUPE

EA's

56,000

9,755

Clerical

18,000

3,135

Custodial

40,000

6,968

Bus Drivers

20,000

3,484

Plant Services

Additional Operations and Maintenance cost

200,000

10,000

Utilities

Hydro

350,000

40,000

Propane

55,000

6,000

Additional cost to move back to 5 day week

633,111

The guiding principle when the four day school week was instated was to keep cost savings measures as far away from the classroom as possible. As shown above the majority of these savings are gained through reduced transportation costs. If we were to return to a five day week the resulting additional cost of \$633,111 would have to be realized on a school level. This amount is approximately equal to six full time teachers. In order to address that the district would need to review all non essential or elective course offerings and maximize class size based on current contract language. At the time it was felt that high school programs with low enrolment would be first to go and that continues to be true but any school with more than one teacher would need to be reviewed to ensure that they were all working to their maximum contract obligation. Another concern for the district is that if elective courses are removed from the high school then we may see declining enrolment at the school as students look elsewhere to gain all the courses they would like to ensure the best educational outcome. This is concerning because with each drop in enrolment we lose further funding and need to continue to cut programs. So we return time and time again to the fact that keeping cost saving measures out of the classroom is the best solution for our budgetary shortfall. As a rural district with unique geographic factors there just isn't enough funding to transport all our students to ensure they get equal access to educational opportunities five days a week.