



December 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: [COVID-19 Information Bulletin](#)

As we head into the winter break, we want to share some information and warm wishes with our school community. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the term to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe. We also want to acknowledge all of the students, staff and families for their efforts in adapting to our ever-changing landscape in education. The Transition Support Model, hybrid learning at secondary, and cohorts throughout the District, have all been systems we have adapted to with success. We recognize it has been a challenging year, but we are so proud of our team and community for helping make these changes feel somewhat normal for our students. For example, our schools are continuing on with the usual holiday festivities but in a different way to bring that sense of joy. Please take the time in this last week to celebrate these experiences and reflect back on the term with your child.

[COVID-19 School Exposures](#)

To date, our District has had 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 29 of our schools since September. It is always difficult for our schools to encounter a confirmed case. As stressful as it can be, the District is pleased with the understanding and support from our students, staff, and families. Health and safety of students and staff is our priority. We are continuing to take direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office.

As you may have heard, Fraser Health has recently changed the early notification process. In most cases, Fraser Health is now directing schools to send home two early notification letters. The first is a "not exposed" letter sent to the entire school community to advise them of a person who is a confirmed case. An additional "exposed" letter is sent home only to those who may be in the same class or cohort as the person confirmed with COVID-19. As always, transparency and protection of privacy are our priority. Moving forward, we will continue with this process through the winter break and into the new year unless otherwise advised by Fraser Health. Correspondence from Fraser Health regarding early notification during the winter break can be found [here](#).

[Communication During Winter Break](#)

As we shared in late November, the District would like our students, staff and families to be prepared for any unexpected changes to learning. At this point, we fully expect to return to school as scheduled on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. However, there is always the potential for an extended winter break or a transition to learning at home in January. The District will be communicating important information about learning on your child's school website or District website here: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/>

In the meantime, please be prepared to do the following:

- Be prepared for remote learning at any point
- Continue to read information from the District/school/teachers and follow instructions
- Gather personal learning materials which may be helpful for at-home learning

We know 2020 was a year of struggle and sacrifice, but there were also many bright spots. For example, our Langley Board of Education named the new elementary school in SW Yorkson, Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary, after a recently retired District Teacher who dedicated nearly three decades of her career supporting students and staff in our Aboriginal Program. We welcome this news and encourage you to learn more by reading the information release [here](#),

This has been an unprecedented year for BC's education system. We are welcoming a new Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside, who we look forward to working with in the new year. You can find her message to the school community [here](#).

As a District and community, together we have overcome challenges that were once unimaginable and that's all because of you. Thank you for caring for our students and staff. We are confident this kindness will carry through into the new year. Wishing everyone a healthy and safe winter break!

Sincerely,



Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

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这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。

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Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.