



August 27, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Information Bulletin

My hope is that all of you were able to spend summer break with your loved ones in a healthy and safe way and are ready to return to school. The District and all our staff are looking forward to welcoming back our students to the classroom. It has been a challenging two months for the community with extreme weather, wildfires, the impacts related to discoveries of unmarked graves at Residential Schools, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We acknowledge heading back-to-school is an exciting time but may also cause anxiety for some. Along with health and safety, I want to assure families that our District will be prioritizing mental health support for our students and staff throughout the school year. Our goal is to continue creating safe learning spaces for our students to thrive and have a positive start to the year.

Ahead of September, the District is sharing an update with the community regarding COVID-19 protocols. The District continues to take direction from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office. As you may have heard, earlier this week the province announced guidelines as part of the updated K-12 Education Recovery Plan which is found [here](#). You can find the province’s news release on our District website [here](#) as well as the BCCDC’s Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools [here](#). We encourage the community to review these documents. Below are important highlights to help students and families get prepared for school start-up.

What You Need to Know

<p>The following will continue in September:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask wearing for all K-12 staff, students grades 4-12, visitors, when indoors and on buses (with exceptions) • Mask wearing for K-3 is encouraged when indoors and on buses but remains a family/caregiver choice • Encouraging eligible students and staff to get vaccinated • Daily Health Check – please use the province’s K-12 Health Check • Staying home when sick • Daily attendance record keeping for students, staff, and visitors • Enhanced cleaning • Proper hand hygiene • Upgraded ventilation – all District sites including portables have been upgraded to MERV 13 filters and meet provincial standards
<p>The following will return in September:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra-curricular activities and sports * • Gathering and events (e.g., assemblies) * • Visitors and community use (e.g., parent volunteers) * • Food Services (e.g., PAC hot lunch) * <p>* Please note additional regional health and safety measures may be put in place by Fraser Health which could impact these activities</p>

What You Need to Know (cont'd)

<p>The following will NOT continue in September:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohorts/Learning groups • Physical distancing of 2 m – staff will continue to find creative ways for spacing in classrooms • Staggered start and end times • Transition Support Model – Distributed Learning programs through U-Connect and Langley Education Centre remain in place
<p>The following is pending:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 notifications – the District is waiting for confirmation from the province regarding if it will continue and what the process will be

It is important to note, regional and local public health orders may be in place which could require additional health and safety measures for our District, a group of schools or an individual school.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th

Traditionally, the District has recognized Orange Shirt Day to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by Residential Schools, and to honour the survivors of Residential Schools and those who have not returned. Over the summer, the federal and provincial governments made announcements to formally recognize September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As a result, **all District schools and sites will be closed to students and staff on Thursday, September 30, 2021, as it is a statutory holiday.** Our schools will continue taking part in activities and learning opportunities regarding Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day during that week.

The District encourages all students, staff, and the community to take the time to listen, reflect, and honour those we have lost and the survivors, families, and communities who continue to grieve. As advised by the Ministry of Education, the hours of instruction will be reduced for this year and no extra day will be added to the calendar. The District and school will be making amendments to school calendars to reflect the change. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please connect with your administrator or supervisor.

In addition to regular school start up plans, District staff will be spending the next few days reviewing all the new COVID-19 guidelines, training administrators, and implementing the measures prior to September 7th. We will continue to update the community as soon as new information is made available. Health and safety remain our priority. We started this pandemic focused on care and connection. I want to assure everyone that this will continue throughout the school year.

Sincerely,



Gord Stewart
 Superintendent of Schools

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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.