

October 28, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: Langley Board of Education Reviewing Vaccine Mandate for Staff

The Langley Board of Education strongly encourages all eligible students, staff and community members to get vaccinated. In alignment with public health, the Board believes vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19. With health and safety continuing to be our priority, the Board is committed to doing everything possible to protect and support all students and staff. We will also be carefully considering the potential for a vaccine mandate in our school system. There is a significant amount of information for trustees to consider.

The Langley Board of Education is reviewing the provincial advisory committee set of [K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies](#) which was distributed to school districts on Friday, October 22, 2021.

With respect to the guidelines, the Board has asked District staff to conduct a feasibility study regarding a vaccine mandate for staff.

The Board has also received information from Fraser Health outlining the pros and cons, as well as the implications of a vaccine mandate for staff. We are sharing our learning with the community and want families to know the following:

- Vaccine mandates will increase the vaccine coverage within the school setting.
- Vaccine mandates are being required in high-risk transmission settings, and schools are deemed low risk settings.
- A vaccine mandate for staff may not have an impact on minimizing transmission in a community with already high vaccine rates. Langley is considered to have a high community vaccine rate among those who are eligible.
- A vaccine mandate may potentially impact operations such as staffing, programs, services and student learning.
- Students, rather than staff, are the primary driver of in-school COVID-19 exposures, therefore, a vaccine mandate may not have a significant impact on minimizing transmission.

The Board will consult with public health experts, employee partner groups, and the District Parent Advisory Committee on this labour relations issue. Moving forward, the Board will work with District staff to determine the feasibility of a vaccine mandate for staff. We care about staff and want to ensure that we take the time to review all considerations and are thoughtful in our process when making a decision that impacts our entire system. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



Rod Ross, Chairperson
Langley Board of Education

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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.

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