



October 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Information Bulletin

As a District, we recognize that there is increased anxiety in our community due to the number of COVID-19 cases for children ages 5-11. With health and safety a priority for students and staff, we are sharing updated guidelines with families regarding mask wearing in our schools.

As announced by the province today, in order to add another layer of protection, all K-12 students will be required to wear a mask inside a school building, including while at their desks and on buses. Under the guidelines in the Health Order, there are mask wearing exceptions for students (read [here](#) page 20).

The expansion to the mask wearing mandate is in effect on **Monday, October 4, 2021**. The updated documents [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) and [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) are on our District website [here](#). You can also read the province’s news release [here](#).

It is important to note, there is no change for adults. All staff and visitors are required to comply with existing mask mandate guidelines. There is no change in mask wearing for pre-K programs such as StrongStart. Staff and families will continue to follow existing guidelines.

We understand the limited time for this change to take effect. We will be working with staff and families over the next week as we transition. We encourage all families to please send their child to school with a mask on Monday. As has been the case previously, all our schools have masks available for students who need them.

As announced by the province earlier this week, COVID-19 notifications for schools will be listed on regional health authority websites. You can see current school exposures on the Fraser Health Authority website [here](#). We have posted this link on our District COVID-19 webpage [here](#).

We understand this pandemic continues to impact our education system and pose challenges for our families. Our District is committed to supporting the health and safety of our students and staff during this ever-changing time. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

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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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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