



December 31, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Information Bulletin

I hope you all had a restful and meaningful winter break with your families. I look forward to taking on my new role as the superintendent and working with our parent community through this challenging time. As we approach the new year, we are sharing an important update regarding COVID-19 and expectations for the next two weeks.

The COVID-19 landscape is evolving, and as seen in the recent rise in cases across the province, we are learning the Omicron variant is more transmissible. We expect there will be more cases in the community and in our schools, but we will continue to do what we can as a system to prevent spread and reduce severe illness. The District is working closely with the Ministry of Education and Fraser Health on this fluid situation.

As you may know, the province announced on Wednesday enhanced measures and a delayed start to the return of school for K-12 students on **Monday, January 10, 2022**. As announced, schools will be open beginning January 4, 2022, to staff and **only** children of Essential Service Workers, diverse learners, and learners that require additional supports (designated or non-designated). If you have any questions, please contact your school principal. The news release can be found [here](#).

What will January 4th - 7th look like for students physically in school?

Teachers and staff will be on site caring for your child and providing literacy, numeracy, and social emotional learning-based activities. As per Ministry Direction, no new curriculum is expected to be delivered during this week. All COVID-19 health and safety guidelines prior to winter break such as mask wearing will remain in place.

School staff will be working this week to implement plans and transition to enhanced measures as outlined in the updated health and safety guidelines [here](#). Schools offering food programs or additional supports will remain in place but at limited capacity.

What will January 4th - 7th look like for students at home?

Students at home during this week will not receive any instruction or remote learning activities from the school. Students will be able to return on Monday, January 10th with enhanced measures in place as outlined in the updated health and safety guidelines [here](#).

Will transportation be available during January 4th - 7th?

District bussing will continue for riders who normally use the service and are expecting to attend school, based on the criteria mentioned above. With recent weather conditions, riders are advised to review their pick-up and drop-off locations/times as usual. COVID-19 protocols such as mask wearing remain in place.

Will on-site childcare operators such as daycare and before and after school care be open?

Families have been asked to get in touch with their childcare provider to confirm. School District personnel are not responsible for the operations of on-site childcare services.

