

April 20, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

#### Re: Information Bulletin

With less than three months left in the school year, it's that time of year for our schools to be busy planning various field trips, events and celebrations. We are so encouraged to know that in our current state, we can run these activities in a more traditional way. The District welcomes this gradual change to what we experienced before the pandemic.

# **COVID-19 Guidelines Update**

The District continues to take direction from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and works closely with Fraser Health. As of this week, schools are operating under revised guidelines which can be found <u>here</u>. These guidelines support the continued transition to sustainable communicable disease management. The District will continue to share updates as they become available. Below is a summary of key changes.

### **Health Awareness**

Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person with a communicable disease coming to school when they are infectious. A daily health check is no longer required for students, staff or visitors upon entering a school or bus. As the District shared earlier in the year, individuals can continue to use this daily health check resource <u>here</u> to support their own health awareness. Please continue to stay at home when sick to help keep our community healthy and safe.

## **Personal Practices**

Students, staff and visitors will focus on their own practices such as health awareness, practicing proper hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and wearing a mask or face covering based on personal choice.

### **Space Arrangements**

Spaces will be arranged to best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches.

## School Gathering and Events, including Graduations:

Gatherings and events on District sites can return to 100 per cent capacity. This change means schools can hold graduation commencements and year-end celebrations in the same way as prior to the pandemic. Schools will be communicating details related to any potential events in the coming weeks.

# **Our Growing District**

Throughout this pandemic, the District has continued to work on our Strategic Plan goals. As many are aware, we continue to welcome more students and families to our school communities. Last week, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced the purchase of a new site for a potential middle and secondary school on the Willoughby Slope. The location is at 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 210 Street, in the Smith neighbourhood. See graphic *here*. The Ministry also announced the start of a partial seismic replacement project at Vanguard Secondary. You can find the news release *here*. This is exciting news for our future learners. We look forward to these positive changes in our community.

As we transition into a recovery phase, we want to assure everyone that the District prioritizes health and safety. We acknowledge individuals are at different places in response to coping with the pandemic, and we ask everyone to be respectful and understanding of one another. Thank you to students, staff and families for your ongoing support. Let us all continue to work together.

Sincerely,

Mal Gill 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.