

March 30, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

We would like to welcome everyone – whether in the building or online – back to class this week. As we return to our routines following Spring Break, we are writing to both share information and remind you of the important things we can all do to help manage the risks of COVID-19 in our school communities.

### Masks and Vaccinations

Yesterday the Provincial Health Officer updated public health orders for all of BC. Among the changes are amended guidelines for schools around wearing masks. It may take several days for the new public health guidance to be updated, however, we anticipate it will be similar to the recent mask order for the Surrey School District. It requires all staff and students in Grades 4-12 to wear masks at all times inside the school, and strongly encourages all Kindergarten - Grade 3 students to do so, as well. We also anticipate that the order will identify some exceptions. While we have not received specific details of the changes, we have been advised that we can expect them soon. At that point we will share more. In the meantime, we are providing this advance notice so that there is time to discuss this with your child.

Over the break we were also pleased to learn that K-12 staff in school districts are being prioritized to receive vaccinations in the coming weeks. We have not yet heard any details about when and how this will apply to our district. Once we are made aware of Fraser Health’s vaccination roll out plan, we will let you know.

### Protocols and Your Support

With cases of COVID-19 rising in BC, the coming months will no doubt continue to challenge us all. We must each stay vigilant about protection measures; in addition to mask wearing, please continue to wash your hands frequently, maximize physical distance – even outside – and follow [province-wide restrictions and advisories](#). We remain sincerely appreciative of parents’ support in reinforcing these actions with their children. It is critical that students and staff continue to do the Daily Health Check each morning, stay home when sick, and get tested if they have symptoms of COVID-19. The health check, including translations, can be found [here](#) on the district website.

As a district, we have multiple health and safety protocols in place – all strictly adhering to the standards and guidance provided by provincial authorities and public health. We continue to engage with the Ministry of Education and Fraser Health. We will communicate with you any new health and safety information we receive from them, including having our principals distribute letters about school exposures on behalf of Fraser Health.

Keeping our learning environments healthy and safe is a shared responsibility, and we remain grateful to all of you for your continued support and vigilance. On behalf of the Burnaby Board of Education and the Burnaby School District, we extend our deepest thanks to all.

Sincerely,



Jen Mezei, Board Chair



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent

 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION <b>BURNABY</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</b></p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p><b>重要資料</b> 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p><b>알려드립니다</b> 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p><b>बहुषी नान्दवारी</b> बिहना बरवे विसे संकेत दिस द्या भुल्लेना बरदारच ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخوانید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p><b>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON</b> Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>یرجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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