

Dec. 31, 2021

Dear Parents or Caregivers:

As the winter break draws to a close we have important information to share about the return to school.

On Wednesday, December 29, 2021, government announced, per an Order from the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the resumption of all K-12 classes in B.C. will occur in a phased approach with all students returning to school on **Monday, January 10th**.

Return to school for students in K-12 education is being delayed in order to give public health and our schools additional time to assess the impacts of the Omicron variant on communities and schools, and to implement enhanced safety plans to support the safe continuation of in-class learning.

Schools will use this administrative time to assess the impact of the Omicron variant on student learning and staff over the winter break. The time will also be used to assess staffing needs. We will also be developing communications plans for families in the event of workforce issues or potential school closures.

We understand this is an inconvenient start to the year and appreciate your understanding as we continue to work through the changing landscape of the pandemic. The safety of students and staff remains our highest priority and we need to continue providing an environment that minimizes risk of transmission.

Buses will not be running as usual next week. Parents, who are essential health service workers (fire, police, and other essential workers) should contact their local school Principal if their child(ren) will be in attendance starting on Tuesday, January 4th -7th, 2022, so the school can make appropriate supervision plans.

Thank you.

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