

Important Notice to Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff (2 pages)

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION 2015/16

Announcements about District-wide Closures and/or Delayed Openings of Schools

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[Chinese Simplified]

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[Chinese Traditional]

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[French]

Ceci est un avis important. Veuillez le faire traduire.

[Japanese]

これは重要なお知らせです。どなたかに翻訳してもらいましょう。

[Korean]

중요한 공지사항입니다. 이 내용을 번역해 주십시오.

[Persian / Farsi]

این اطلاعیه مهمی است. لطفاً از کسی بخواهید این اطلاعیه را برای شما ترجمه کند.

[Spanish]

Este aviso es muy importante. Pida que alguien se lo traduzca.

[Filipino / Tagalog]

Ito ay mahalagang patalastas. Mangyaring ipasalin ito sa inyong wika.

[Vietnamese]

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch.

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As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff of the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media. If weather conditions are questionable, announcements will also be made to say that schools are open.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

CBC AM 690 radio	Global TV
CHMJ AM 730 radio	CBC TV
CHQM FM 103.5 radio	City TV
CKNW AM 980 radio	BC-CTV
CJVB Fairchild AM 1470 radio	Fairchild TV
CKWX News AM 1130 radio	
CFOX 99.3 radio	

Announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the School District's website at <http://www.sd44.ca>. The North Vancouver School District will use the *SchoolConnects* system to contact parents/guardians in the event of an Emergency Release of students during the school day. Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible through *SchoolConnects*.

Student safety is our first priority and a shared responsibility. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. If for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements for their child. Students will not be penalized for absences due to weather conditions. The decision to attend school is the responsibility of each family.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, the school's start time is delayed, or students are dismissed early. This is a reminder that all students need to dress warmly and appropriately for winter weather conditions.

At this time, we encourage you to review your own preparations for winter weather and ensure that you are familiar with your municipality's snow and ice response procedures. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all North Vancouver schools. Your child's school will contact you about any changes to driving routes that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.

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Links:

[Metro Vancouver Weather Forecast – Environment Canada](#)

[City of North Vancouver – Snow and Ice Removal](#)

[District of North Vancouver – Snow Removal](#)

[North Shore Emergency Management Office](#)