

November 22, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday, November 19, the [province announced temporary restrictions](#) on vehicle fuel (gas and diesel) purchases and travel in areas impacted by flooding to ensure the movement of essential goods and services. These restrictions are in place until midnight, November 30.

The provincial government is asking British Columbians to do their part to heed these temporary restrictions. School districts are also being asked to reduce vehicle fuel usage to the greatest extent possible, while keeping students and staff safe and maintaining access to in-person instruction and educational continuity (**i.e. schools and school district sites will remain open**). Restrictions on vehicle fuel do not impact heating fuel and the school district's ability to keep schools heated and in safe and efficient operation.

How do these temporary restrictions affect the North Vancouver School District (until midnight, November 30, 2021)?

- As schools and school district sites will remain open, students will continue to come to school, and school district staff will continue to report to work. Where remote work options are possible, staff will work with their supervisor to discuss those options.
- Staff and students are encouraged to carpool, use public transit or alternate means of transportation, where possible.
- All non-essential travel both within and outside the school district is to be deferred, if possible. If travel is deemed essential, participants should look at other options, including carpooling, public transportation and alternate means of transportation.
 - Non-essential, face-to-face meetings should be held virtually.
 - Events that require travel should be deferred, or held virtually.
 - Field trips that are local or within walking distance can continue, but those that require travel should be deferred.
 - Sporting activities can continue, but we ask coaches to encourage carpooling.



School buses and school district maintenance vehicles and fleet cars are not subject to the fuel restrictions at this time. They will continue to access gas at either commercial cardlock stations or retail gas stations.

You can expect to hear from the school district before December 1, and as updates are made available from the provincial government. You can also expect the school district to be able to respond to any emergent issues as required. In the interim, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage reach out to your school principal.

This year has been a challenging one for British Columbians. We have been asked on several occasions to do our part and heed provincial orders, restrictions and guidance for the greater good. As we have seen each time, individuals and communities have come together and shown incredible resilience and more importantly, care for one another. Thank you for your continued efforts in support of students, staff and the greater community.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools