

To: NVSD Parents and Guardians
From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

COVID-19 Survey

The following is a message from the Government of BC and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BC CDC).

BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, our future is a population health survey to understand citizen experiences, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This survey is the first of several activities that will strengthen our pandemic response and our understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 to date (social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness).

The survey:

- is open to all British Columbians, 18 years of age and older.
- takes 10 – 15 minutes to complete, and can be done online on any tablet, computer, or mobile device.
- is available in English and Chinese, as well as a Punjabi survey translation guide.

The survey is open until May 31, 2020 and can be found [HERE](#).

We encourage you to complete the survey and help others in your life complete it too. Participants without online access or needing language assistance can call 1-833-707-1900, seven days a week between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

School Re-opening Update

Earlier today, Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry held a news conference to announce a province-wide approach to the optional return to in-class instruction for students in K to 12, and starting on June 1st. Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the official news release. Details about the North Vancouver School District's plan for the expansion of in-class instruction will be sent out next week.

Registration

Distributed (Online) Learning Registration Opens Today

Starting May 15 and through to June 25, students can register for an online course and take the course through the spring and into the fall, while working at their own pace.

This year, we are pleased to offer students four new courses: Philosophy 12, Social Justice 12, Apprenticeship Mathematics 12, and Explorations en Sciences Humaines et Sociales 11. Please click [HERE](#) for details on new course offerings.

Many of our Distributed / Online Learning teachers will be available in July to provide students with academic support, including exam supervision. While teachers will not be available in August, our online learning courses will remain open to students who wish to continue working on assignments.

For detailed information about our course offerings and to register, please visit www.sd44.ca/school/distributed.

Summer Learning Online Registration is Open until June 19, 2020

Summer Learning offers a variety of innovative, inquiry-based programs to support students in fulfilling their personal learning goals. This year, to ensure alignment with the Provincial Health Officer's recommendations for social distancing, our Full Credit courses and Academic Foundation courses will be offered in July 2020 using either an online or blended delivery model. For detailed information about course offerings and to register, please visit: www.sd44.ca/school/summer

Information

2020/21 School Calendar - District-wide 2020/21 Pro-D Dates Confirmed

The North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs) has confirmed their selection of the three district-wide Professional Development (Pro-D) dates for the 2020/21 School Calendar. The Collective Agreement in place between the NVTAs and the School District provides the Teachers' Association the right to select the three dates each year on which all schools across the district collectively schedule the same Professional Development Day date.

For the 2020/21 school year, the three district-wide Pro-D/non-instructional dates are: Friday, October 23, 2020; Friday, February 26*, 2021; and Monday, May 10*, 2021. The two remaining school-based Professional Development dates will be selected by the NVTAs Staff Committee at each school and will be confirmed by the end of May. Each school will publish their complete, school-specific calendar by May 31st. Please click [HERE](#) for further information on the school district calendar. (*This date differs from the "Example" Pro-D date on earlier versions of the 2020/21 School Calendar.)

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

As shared in a previous Superintendent's Update, to respect guidelines and orders around physical distancing and public gatherings provided by the Provincial Health Officer, public board meetings will continue to be livestreamed and recorded, with the majority of staff and trustees participating by teleconference. Partner groups and the public will not be able to attend meetings in person but will have the opportunity to provide input in advance of the meeting. Details around participation will be posted [online](#) along with the corresponding board package the Friday before the next Public Board Meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Innovative Teaching Practices

In the absence of my regular updates involving school visits, I would like to continue to share with you some of the innovative practices our educators, administrators and staff at the North Vancouver School District are using to

ensure our community of students and families feel connected and supported while learning.

Argyle Secondary. Argyle Secondary Band Director Diana Chan recently challenged her student musicians with exploring different ways in which they could continue to make music while at home. Diana put together a [video](#) highlighting how some of her students, ranging from grades 8 to 12, have used their time to practice, improvise, record and produce their own music.

Larson Elementary. Larson Elementary Science Teacher David Barnum created a [video](#) to take his students on a virtual field trip where salmon fry--that students had been raising and learning about in the classroom--were released into their new home in North Vancouver.

Seycove Secondary. Seycove Secondary Choir Director Melodie Langevin creates weekly videos to not only provide her students with virtual music lessons but also inspire her students to keep singing, be creative and have fun. Click [HERE](#) to view a video lesson with Brooklyn Nine-Nine as the theme.

Translation Options

To view this update in a language option of your choice, please review and enable the message translation options available through your email provider. While not exhaustive, we have provided links to popular email providers: [Microsoft Outlook](#) and [Gmail](#).