

# Superintendent's Report



**To: NVSD Parents and Guardians**

**From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District**

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## **Announcements**

### **A Joint Letter from the MOE and BCCPAC**

Please click [HERE](#) for a joint letter to parents and guardians from Minister of Education Rob Fleming and BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils President Andrea Sinclair.

### **A Letter from the Chair of Board of Education**

Please click [HERE](#) for a letter to parents, guardians, and staff from Board Chair Christie Sacré, on behalf of the Board of Education.

## **2019/20 School Year**

As the current school year draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the remarkable work of our students, families, teachers, support staff, and education leaders that has taken place under very challenging circumstances. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. Your dedication to supporting students continues to inspire student success. To capture some of the tremendous work that has happened over the school year, we have created a Year in Review document. Please click [HERE](#) to review information that highlights our priority areas.

I would also like to acknowledge the current level of social unrest happening not only around the globe but also here, close to home. People are hurting. We know families in our community--specifically members of the Black, Indigenous and Asian communities--are hurting.

There is no place in society for racism, intolerance or prejudice. The public education system, our schools, and our classrooms, play a critical role in fostering an environment where all feel welcome and safe, and where their varied history and lived experiences are reflected in our collective learning in a thoughtful and respectful way. As we continue to listen and learn, we have gathered resources to support staff, parents and guardians engage in conversations with children and youth about this important subject. Click [HERE](#) for more information, specific for families.

## **2020/21 School Year and COVID-19 Feedback Survey**

You are most likely wondering what the start of the new school year will look like. The answer to this question is largely dependent on the degree to which we all practice the behaviours needed to continue to flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Education has shared its hopes that the June restart will lead to a stronger school start in September. While we do not yet know what September will look like, we would like to assure you that we will be ready to start the new school year in whatever stage of in-class participation we find ourselves in. Furthermore,

we will be prepared to move quickly between the stages identified in the [K-12 Education Restart Plan](#), should we be required to do so.

As we fine-tune plans for what school and educational continuity will look like in the fall, we would like to hear from you. We have engaged [flex surveys](#) to gather your feedback and understand your experiences with respect to the last three months of the current school year. You should have received an email about the survey earlier this week. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking [HERE](#). The survey will be available until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, July 7th.

Thank you for your participation in the survey. I wish you all a great summer.

## Information

### 2020/21 Budget Update

The 2020/21 Budget was approved by the North Vancouver Board of Education at the June 23, 2020 public board meeting. The full budget is available for review in the Board package [HERE](#), pages 28 - 59).

While COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on the British Columbia education sector, the education of students remains of vital importance to the NVSD. The approved 2020/21 budget allows the NVSD to respond to the rapidly changing landscape created by COVID-19 in a thoughtful and prudent way. The budget maintains the short-term and long-term fiscal health of the organization and protects the core educational programming and forward momentum that staff have created and sustained and that families have grown to expect, appreciate and support.

We anticipate that by mid-fall/early winter, we will have a better sense of the longer term financial environment, which will then inform the development of the 2020/21 Amended Budget.

### Graduation Ceremony Highlight Videos

We are pleased to share [grad ceremony highlight videos](#) from all seven of our secondary schools. We have also added a new District highlight video [HERE](#). Grad students and their families were able to watch their school's graduation ceremony

in full on the evening of June 20, 2020.

We would like to thank everyone who made this unique grad celebration possible – school principals, vice-principals and grad committees; District staff; *GradsBC*, who produced the videos; parents, who found unique and innovative ways to celebrate our kids; and local companies, *Riggitt* and *Greenscape*, who added the special touches that made the day memorable for our grad students.

### **“Class of 2020” Photo Frames for Sale**

A limited number of “Class of 2020” photo frames are available for purchase until July 31, 2020 (or until sold out). Each frame will hold one 5 x 7 photo. For information on how to purchase and collect your photo frame, please click [HERE](#).



### **Central Registration – Summer Hours**

Families can still register for school over the summer months at Central Registration (2121 Lonsdale, 2nd floor). Summer office hours (July/August) are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

### **BC Summer Reading Club - Two Programs**

The BC Summer Reading Club is a free annual library program offered to children in grades K to 6. It emphasizes reading for fun, with weekly activities, children’s programs, book recommendations, and prizes. This year’s theme is “Explore our Universe”. Watch this [video](#) to learn more about the program, and see how many

faces you recognize!

\*NEW THIS YEAR\*. The City and District of North Vancouver libraries have launched a Teen Summer Reading Club for youth in grades 7 to 12. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **VCH Immunization Clinics are Open**

Vancouver Coastal Health has recently expanded the number of immunization clinics offering one-on-one appointments over the summer months. VCH encourages any student, and in particular Grade 6 students who had their school-based immunization clinic cancelled due to COVID-19, to book an appointment. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

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