

Superintendent's Report



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week has been like no other I have experienced during my time as Superintendent of the North Vancouver School District. The tragedy that unfolded at the Lynn Valley Village this past weekend left us all in shock, dismay and sadness. I know we will continue to hold the victims and their families in our thoughts and in our hearts.

The past few days have also shown the strength, resilience, kindness and strong bonds of community that exist across North Vancouver. I am proud to be part of such a warm, caring and supportive community, one that rallies together to come to the aid of fellow residents.

I encourage you to take time this long weekend to reach out and safely support one another as we continue to process the events that unfold around us. As a reminder, a link to agencies and resources available to assist you are included in my [letter to the community from March 28, 2021](#).

I also ask that we continue to adhere to the provincial restrictions and keep health and safety in mind at all times. It is imperative with COVID-19 cases at record-breaking levels in our community that parents/guardians keep their children at home if they are not feeling well. Preventing COVID-19 from entering our schools is a collective effort, and I ask everyone to please do their part.

Lastly, I encourage you to take a look at the *Good News Stories* section of this update. It is larger than previous issues, and I hope it serves as a reminder of all the good work that is happening in our schools and in our community.

Be well.

-Mark Pearmain



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Announcements

Notice of Trustee By-election 2021

The North Vancouver Board of Education is responsible for making the major policy decisions governing all aspects of education within the School District as mandated in the School Act.

The Board of Education is composed of seven elected trustees. The electors of the District of North Vancouver elect four trustees, and the electors of the City of North Vancouver elect three trustees.

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, a by-election for one District of North Vancouver school trustee will take place. The term runs for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 2022.

For more information about running in the by-election or for voting dates and locations, visit our [School Trustee By-election 2021 page](#) or the [District of North Vancouver By-election 2021 page](#).

Information

Help Shape the City of North Vancouver's Mobility Strategy

The City of North Vancouver is developing a Mobility Strategy to help guide how the City plans and make decisions about its transportation system today and for years to come. The needs and demands on City streets have changed significantly over the last decade, and a new plan is needed to better respond to issues and opportunities, and in ways that are aligned with the values and priorities of City residents, families and businesses.

From now until April 30, visit www.letstalk.cnv.org to learn more about this initiative and to share your feedback on initial ideas for a potential vision and set of goals and directions for the Mobility Strategy. The City will be using input provided to refine these initial ideas and develop a full draft strategy through the rest of the summer. Participants will be entered into a draw for a chance to win e-bike rentals and lunch for two from the Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Association.

Water Testing Results

Since 2016, the North Vancouver School District has been proactively testing drinking water consumption points for lead levels at all enrolling schools, with analysis provided by ALS Laboratories.

All schools have been recently tested in accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines, and test results have been reviewed with Vancouver Coastal Health. I am pleased to advise that all of the test results for lead in water have shown full compliance with Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality at all enrolling schools, with the exception of one fixture at Queensbury Elementary (a fixture whose primary function was not as a water consumption point).

Please click [HERE](#) for details of this year's water testing results and the steps the North Vancouver School District has taken to enhance access to lead-free drinking water in our schools.

Upcoming Events

Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 6

The next Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting takes place on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and share comments regarding the [2021/22 budget priorities](#). In addition, the NVSD partner groups will have the opportunity to present their top budget priorities framed within the context of the draft [2021-2031 Strategic Plan](#). Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 27

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the agenda and board package (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Good News Stories from around the NVSD

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow Blog](#) and [News & Announcements](#) section of our website to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- Collaboration through printmaking ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Indigenous teachings: benefitting students and staff across the school district ([CUPE K-12 President's Council article](#))
- Seycove Secondary's Social Justice 12 students inspire change
 - Part 1 ([NVSD blog post](#))
 - Part 2 ([NVSD blog post](#))
- This centuries-old red cedar log will be carved into a Welcome Figure for a North Van school ([North Shore News article](#))
- Reconciliation is child's play in North Vancouver with Indigenous-focused playground ([Vancouver Sun article](#))
- Levers turning on a new North Van robotics academy ([North Shore News article](#))
- Handsworth youth helping youth through Project Backpack ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Move On: Seycove students help African girls one bike at a time ([North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

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

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools