



CAMPBELL RIVER

School District 72

November 24, 2021

Dear parents/guardians,

As we near the end of November and look forward to the upcoming holiday season, I am writing to share some important updates and timely information given recent events across BC and COVID.

Field Trips and Non-Essential Travel

Campbell River School District is taking steps to reduce fuel use and support the province's two temporary emergency [orders](#) which restrict non-essential travel and prioritize fuel for essential vehicles. Until December 1, the school district is:

- Postponing field trips and student outings (except for trips that are accessible via public transit or walking);
- Postponing games and sporting events at all levels;
- Postponing all face-to-face meetings that require travel (except for already scheduled in-person student-led conferences); and
- Conducting meetings online wherever possible.

We encourage everyone to carpool and use public transit or alternate transportation (walk, bike, scooter) as much as possible to do our part to limit fuel use. We will provide updates on these measures as soon as new information becomes available.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences are being held at many of our schools tomorrow, Thursday, November 25. All families visiting a classroom must wear a mask and physically distance. If, for any reason you are not able to follow these guidelines or if you're not feeling well, please contact your child's teacher to set up an alternate meeting.

Federal Travel Rules and Holiday Travel

With the land border between the U.S. and Canada recently opening and the winter break on the horizon, if you are thinking of taking a family vacation there are some federal restrictions around COVID-19 that you should be aware of.

Unvaccinated persons, including children, who travel outside of Canada cannot attend school for 14 days following their return. This restriction also applies to:

- Daycares and camps;
- Settings with vulnerable people (i.e. long term care facilities);
- Large crowded indoor or outdoor settings (i.e. sporting events); and
- Crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking.

If you decide to travel internationally during the school year, please coordinate with your teacher and school beforehand to ensure that your child stays on top of schoolwork while they are away and for the 14 days following their return. There is not an option for virtual or hybrid learning.

It is the responsibility of parents and families to know and understand the [federal](#) and [provincial](#) guidelines and regulations before they decide to travel.

Sincerely,