

January 8, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

We would like to begin by welcoming everyone – whether in the building or online – back to school this week. However you marked the season, we hope you had a joyful, restful and safe holiday. As we get back into our routines following the winter break, we are writing to remind you of the important things we can do for one another to help keep our schools healthy and safe places to be. While 2021 brings much hope for the beginnings of a return to normalcy, we must continue to work together to manage the risks of COVID-19 in our school communities.

### **Daily Health Check, Masks and Protocols**

Simple but important actions continue to make a big difference as we look out for one another. We ask that you follow the advice of public health and avoid gathering with anyone outside of your household out of school or work hours, including directly before and after school. It is critical that students and staff continue to do the daily health check to determine whether they should come to school or work each day. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, follow the advice of medical officials and get tested. The health check for students, including translations, is [here](#) on the district website. Please continue to stay home when you are sick, wash your hands frequently, and maximize physical distance from others. Parents can help support physical distancing by reinforcing the importance of doing so and modelling it themselves when on and around school grounds. Additionally, we know that wearing a mask is one more way we can protect ourselves and those around us; there are times [when masks are required](#). We are asking for your support once again in encouraging those who can wear a mask to do so, especially when physical distancing cannot be maintained. We'd be sincerely appreciative of parents' support in reinforcing the importance of these actions with their children.

As a district, we have multiple health and safety processes and protocols in place: all strictly adhering to the standards and guidance provided by the Provincial Health Officer, Ministries of Health and Education, the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Fraser Health Authority and WorkSafe BC. Keeping our learning environments healthy and safe is a shared responsibility, and we remain grateful to everyone in our school communities for being vigilant and doing their part.

### **Support of Parents and Guardians**

While the precautions we've outlined above are well known, as we get comfortable in our routines a reminder can be helpful. Parents, you have our gratitude for reinforcing the importance of these measures with your children. Our individual actions help protect everyone, including those students and staff in our buildings who have underlying health conditions.

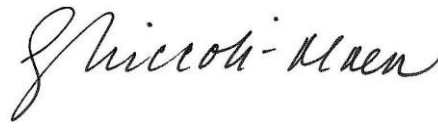
We thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we have worked together over these many months. Reflecting on the 2020-21 school year so far, we are inspired by the resolve and creativity of our school communities. On behalf of the Burnaby Board of Education and the Burnaby School District, we extend our deepest thanks to all. There is no doubt that together we are and will continue to get through this.

Please take good care of yourselves, your loved ones and each other.

Sincerely,



Jen Mezei, Board Chair



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS**  
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**重要資料**  
請找人為你翻譯

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どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

**알려드립니다**  
이것을 번역해 주십시오

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG**  
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ**  
ਬਿਰਧਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੇਖਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**  
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**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند**  
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON**  
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan

يرجى ترجمة هذا  
معلومات هامة

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ**  
Переведите это, пожалуйста.