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September 28, 2021

**Mask mandate extended to kindergarten to Grade 3 students**

Good morning parents and families,

I wanted to inform you last night at the monthly Board meeting, trustees voted to extend the mask mandate to students in kindergarten to Grade 3. This extension will begin Monday October 4, 2021.

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority for the Vancouver School District. This extended mask mandate will provide an additional layer of protection to schools in the District in limiting the spread of COVID-19. As a Board of Education, we believe this was a necessary step to protect our students and staff.

Currently students from kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks in schools. Anecdotal reports from schools show majority of these primary students are wearing masks, and keeping them on.

With teacher encouragement, we have seen a high uptake of mask wearing in most schools. Teachers, administrators and support staff will continue to support student mask wearing through positive and inclusive approaches. They will work with students to foster proper mask usage including how to wear, take off and store masks.

As always, students will not be required to wear a mask if they do not tolerate it for health or behavioral reasons. A full list of exemptions can be found on [govsb.ca/covid](https://govsb.ca/covid).

The Vancouver School District's goal is to provide a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you in advance for your family's cooperation as we work together towards a return to normal.

Warm regards,



Carmen Cho  
Vancouver School District Board Chair