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December 30, 2021

Update: return to school start date

Vancouver School District staff and families,

First off, I hope everyone had an opportunity to have a restful holiday and enjoyed some time with friends and family.

Yesterday afternoon Education Minister Whiteside and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Henry announced plans for a delayed start to school in January for most students in response to the rising spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Classes will resume for most students, including adult education students, on Monday, January 10 rather than on January 4 as originally planned.

Schools will be open next week (Tuesday, January 4 to Friday, January 7) to provide support for vulnerable students, students with special needs and children of essential workers who require support. Once we have worked out the details more information will be provided to families about school plans for these students next week. Please note that online instruction will not be provided to students next week.

Starting January 4, all school and adult education staff will be back on site to prepare for the full resumption of classes for all students on January 10. This will include reviewing COVID-19 procedures and protocols at each site with a specific focus on ensuring measures are in place to maximize physical spacing, limit school visitors, and reduce crowding.

Schools in the District continue to emphasize existing layers of protection as advised by health officials. Mask wearing and frequent hand hygiene will be in place and reinforced by educators. Staff will also continue to:

- clean high touch surfaces frequently (once per day)
- post directional signage to manage traffic flow and prevent crowding
- reinforce daily self-health checks, and ensuring students and staff stay home if they are feeling sick
- increase outdoor learning opportunities wherever possible

More information about the return to school will be shared with you as it becomes available in the coming days. As I near the end of my term as Interim Superintendent, you will receive future updates from Helen McGregor as she starts her role as Superintendent on January 1, 2022.

The District recognizes the importance of in-person learning and the crucial role it plays in children's intellectual and social development. As such, I ask that you continue to follow [B.C.'s health and safety guidelines](#) in school settings, adhere to the [B.C. Restart Plan](#) outside of school settings, and if eligible, [get your vaccine](#) as we work together in limiting the spread of COVID-19.

For more information, read the [B.C. government's news release](#), or see the updated [K-12 Education Recovery Plan](#).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jan Unwin'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Unwin
Interim Superintendent