

JANUARY 31, 2022

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

# ABOUT ME

# MY FOCUS

Student learning,  
well-being and success

Diversity, equity and inclusion

Truth and reconciliation

Learning and innovation

# **JANUARY REVIEW**



# NEW COVID CONDITIONS

# SNOW DAY



Malaika, Grade 6, Vancouver School District



**VS**B Vancouver School Board

**BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY**



**BLACK EXCELLENCE**



# MAKING CONNECTIONS AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



# COVID UPDATE

## 01

### Functional Closures

No functional closures since the start of the pandemic

Systems level approach:

- Daily review of staff and student absenteeism
- Reassignment and redeployment of staff

Thanks to the District teams daily work in keeping schools staffed and open to support students

# COVID UPDATE

## 02

### Rapid Antigen Tests

All districts in BC have been receiving rapid tests for staff

Staff will receive two kits starting today

Awaiting further information from the Ministry of Education regarding test kits for students

# COVID UPDATE

## 03

### Masks

Distributed reusable three layer masks with built-in nano filter to all staff (4 each) and students (3 each)

All sites also have ample supplies of three layer disposable masks

# COVID UPDATE

## 04

### Vaccination Clinics

As in the past VCH continues to provide regular and routine vaccinations for students in schools

The COVID-19 vaccine is now included as part of these in-school clinics.

Families are notified well in advance of the clinics and must give consent for students to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

# COVID UPDATE

## 05

### Ventilation

All schools have mechanical ventilation systems, including older schools

The District has taken steps to increase ventilation and improve air filtration by:

- Upgrading filters to MERV 13
- Refurbishing ventilation equipment
- Increasing run times
- Maximizing intake of outdoor air
- Ensuring windows can open

# COVID UPDATE

## 06

### Monitoring Air Quality

Air quality is assessed when:

- Maintenance identifies an issue
- Proactively testing sites when concerns are identified at other sites
- In response to school concerns

Issues identified at one site result in remediation at other sites with the same systems

Assessments of air quality utilize and measure a number of variables over several days

# COVID UPDATE

07

## COVID Spending

Information related to COVID-19 spending including facilities upgrades will be provided at the Finance Committee meeting on February 16

**QUESTIONS?**