



NLPS News  
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## TOPICS

Website Has a New Look  
Health & Wellness Resources  
Weather Related Information  
VIU Hosts Information Session

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**WEBSITE** – Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools has a new look for its home page. Check out the new feature page. Quick reference links are now housed on the right-hand side of the photo/story feature. Should you have ideas for feature stories and photos, please email [communications@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:communications@sd68.bc.ca).

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**NEWSLETTER** – The Health and Wellness team released February's newsletter which has some great tips. There are also other useful resources available [here](#) as we work towards building a healthier workplace.

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**WEATHER** – When deciding to close schools or cancel busing on days of inclement weather, decisions are always made with student safety in mind—it's our top priority.

As you know, the weather forecast can change drastically overnight, so decisions are always made early in the morning. With such a large geographic area, the conditions at individual school sites may vary, and this is also a consideration.

The decision is made after staff tour the district between 2 and 6 a.m. and report road conditions to the Superintendent. Historically, the official decision is announced between 6:45 and 7 a.m., however, we've heard that students, their parents and staff would benefit from earlier notifications, especially those that take school or public transportation. Moving forward, the district will make every effort to make the first announcement between 6 and 6:15 a.m.

Announcements can be found on the district website, the Apple or Android mobile app, Facebook, Twitter, and local radio stations.

Schools will remain open, except under extreme circumstances. By doing so, all students have the option to attend. Closures can be a real hardship for many families, therefore it is the district's priority to take every reasonable step to have schools open and students engaged in learning.

Parents, as always, may choose to keep their child at home if they don't feel it's safe to travel to school.

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**INFORMATION SESSION** – The Faculty of Education from VIU hosts a Master's in Educational Leadership Information Session on Wednesday, February 22. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in the library at NDSS.

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