



RE: Safety protocols for children traveling to school by ferry

Dear Ms. Leonard:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the district's Return to School plan. Your letter was received by the Board of Education at a meeting held on September 23, 2020.

As you may already know, BC Ferries made the decision that two NLPS school buses would be allowed on the ferry to and from Gabriola Island, one run in the morning and another at the end of the school day. This decision allowed for all students to remain safely on the bus instead of using the lounge area on the ferry. While on the bus, students are to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.

This decision will be held in place during the unforeseeable future.

If you have questions, we invite you to visit the district's COVID-19 [webpage](#) or the BCCDC's FAQ [website](#).

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

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Subject: FW: Safety protocols for children traveling to school in NLPS by ferry
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CAUTION: External Message

Hi,

Has the issue of physical distancing and safety protocols for the children traveling to NDSS (and other schools in NLPS) by ferry been investigated and addressed by appropriate stakeholders (NLPS, BC Ferries, NDSS)?

I am concerned that there is going to be no ability for our children to establish safe physical distances with the current structure of the passenger lounges and the expected number of passengers on the 7:35 am ferry from Gabriola to Nanaimo and the 2:25 pm and 3:45 pm ferries from Nanaimo to Gabriola.

I appreciate your response to advise on what has been discussed to date as I have heard nothing in the information from NLPS on transportation that addresses this issue.

Regards,

Linda Leonard

Note: @Deborah Marshall, I could not find any appropriate email address to direct this to at BC Ferries. Could you please forward on to the appropriate person? Thank you.

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