



Chief Michael Wyse
Snuneymuxw First Nation
668 Centre Street
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RE: Snuneymuxw First Nation Lifts Shelter in Place

Uy' skweyul Chief Wyse,

Thank you for sharing your letter dated January 20, 2021. Your correspondence was shared at the January 27, 2021 public Board meeting.

On behalf of the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Board of Education I want to raise my hands in thanks to you and the Council. The Council's tremendously caring leadership during this global pandemic has been an example for all leaders to follow as we continue navigating through these changing times.

The Board acknowledges that your community has been significantly affected by COVID-19. We appreciate that your decision to implement a Shelter in Place was a difficult and necessary action to take for the safety of your community.

We also realize that the weeks following the lifting of the Shelter in Place has had its challenges. We want to assure you that the district has and will continue supporting all SFN students and the decisions brought forth by you and the Council.

Wishing you and the entire Snuneymuxw Nation health and wellness.

Hay ch q'a,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair



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Charlene McKay
School Trustee, Board Chair
Board of Education
Nanaimo - Ladysmith Public Schools
395 Wakesiah Avenue, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 3K6

Dear Charlene,

Re: Snuneymuxw First Nation Lifts Shelter in Place

Medical Health Officers from Island Health have informed Snuneymuxw First Nation that we are currently in the containment phase for the COVID-19 cluster in our community. Snuneymuxw Council met last night to assess the current situation and discuss steps going forward.

I am writing to notify you Snuneymuxw First Nation has removed the shelter-in-place order effective immediately, a measure that Council determined is in the best interests of the community. We have begun a phased re-opening for our Nation and provide this notification as our intention to re-open QQS School. Based on previous collaborations of this nature, I have communicated to staff and community that Principal Kevin Brand and SD#68 officials will communicate directly with students and families.

I would like to thank you for supporting our Nation in a significant way, helping to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of Covid-19. Your compliance and resources to support remote learning and re-locating students to the wood-bank location is appreciated. While the pandemic is not over, we can celebrate that we have, and will continue to, work together to be kind, be safe, and be calm.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Wyse