



Letter from the Board of Education  
October 21, 2021

**RE: Board Correspondence – Old Growth Forest Field Trip**

Ashleigh Magill,

Thank you for your letter dated September 19, 2021. It was shared at a public meeting held on September 29, 2021.

On behalf of the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Board of Education ("Board") I wanted to inform you that your letter has been shared with the Superintendent and the Department of Learning Services.

The Board affirms the educational value of well planned and supervised field trip learning experiences. Such experiences enrich the curriculum and provide an opportunity for young people to apply their school learning in situations outside the classroom.

All such activities must have clear educational value, proper advance preparation, informed parental consent (consent given with full knowledge of the risks involved and the probable consequences of the proposed activity), adequate supervision and a high standard of care.

While there is a risk factor involved in all activities, field trips that have a high level of risk will typically not be approved. However, the Superintendent or designate has the authority to approve field trips that are considered high risk, such as out of province or international field trips.

If this trip is not available, students will always have the opportunity to advocate for social justice causes such as this and are encouraged to do so in a variety of ways.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to share your consideration with the Board.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay  
Board Chair

**From:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**Subject:** A request  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 10:20:33 AM

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**From:** Ashleigh Magill < >  
**Sent:** September 19, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Charlene Mckay <[Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: A request

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Or maybe even having them write letters and send photos if a trip is too much...

Thanks for listening!

On Sun., Sep. 19, 2021, 9:32 a.m. Ashleigh Magill, < > wrote:

Hi Charlene,

I'm reaching out to you with a request. It's an idea I had last night and you're one of the first to hear it.. its regarding the old growth protesting at Fairy Creek.

I'm not sure how much you follow what's going on out there, but it's a very sad image most days. That being said, I believe this is the first time there has been real hope to create change and to save the world in our own way.

I was wondering if it would be possible to have some sort of a field trip for the kids to join in the fight to protect these old trees. If the children came, the way its being handled might change, perhaps more would listen and support. Maybe the right media sources would grab it and run with it. It could be an educational trip to teach them about the trees or it could be anything you see fit.. but it just seems like what's being done is not enough, and maybe this could help.

Anyway, I'm not from the blockade or any sort of activist really. Just a concerned parent, and lover of nature.

Sending good vibes your way,

Thanks so much for your time.

Ashleigh Magill

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