



RE: Board Correspondence – Travel and Fuel Restrictions

Dear Colleen Broekhuizen,

Thank you for your letter dated November 24, 2021. It was shared at a Board meeting held on December 15, 2021.

I appreciate you sharing your message and I understand how these measures may affect some of our students. It was not an easy decision and one I did not take lightly. The measures were developed following direction B.C. school districts received from the Ministry of Education on November 21. As of last week, districts on the Island and Lower Mainland put similar measures in place.

As you know, the cancellation and postponement of extracurricular activities, such as sport and associated events, were one of many measures the school district announced in attempting to limit non-essential travel and allow fuel supplies to be redirected to essential vehicles.

In an effort to have students participate in these important activities, we lessened the restrictions so that students are able to attend most sporting events and field trips.

It was important that the school district do its part to ensure school buses, emergency, public and shipping vehicles have the necessary fuel to supply B.C. with the goods and services we all require.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

From: [Karen Matthews](#)
To: [Karen Matthews](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to families: Travel and Fuel Restrictions
Date: December 6, 2021 4:53:29 PM

From: Colleen Broekhuizen <>
Sent: November 24, 2021 8:45 AM
To: Charlene Mckay <Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca>; Superintendent <Superintendent@sd68.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Letter to families: Travel and Fuel Restrictions

CAUTION: External Message

Good Morning Charlene and Scott,

I just wanted to take a moment to express my disappointment and frustration with SD68's decision to restrict travel for extracurricular events. I have three school aged children who all enjoy the extracurricular activities you have now postponed with the stroke of a pen. This decision seems really short sighted and is disproportionately affecting children. I understand that in a time of crisis we all have a role to play and I'm not saying that youth sport or field trips should be put ahead of any public safety measure, however the decision to restrict these activities seems to go above and beyond what the Public Safety Minister has outlined in the Ministerial Order. By putting further restrictions in place you are either misinterpreting the Order or are undermining the Public Safety Order itself.

Please reconsider this decision and effectively immediately allow school age children to resume extracurricular activities that are so important to mental health and support physical activity.

Thanks for your time.

Colleen Broekhuizen

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From: [Karen Matthews](#)
To: [Karen Matthews](#)
Subject: FOIPPA Amendments 2021
Date: December 2, 2021 8:29:07 AM

From: CITZ Deputy Minister, CITZ:EX <CITZDeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 29, 2021 10:13 AM
Cc: IMIT Policy CITZ:EX <IM.ITpolicy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOIPPA Amendments 2021

CAUTION: External Message

Good Morning:

I am pleased to let you know that government has recently passed amendments to B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). Apart from some minor changes in 2019, the Act has not been updated since 2011 and technology and peoples' expectations have changed substantially since that time, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With royal assent on November 25, these amendments will help B.C. keep pace with new technology, ensure timely access to information, strengthen privacy protections and improve services for people in B.C.

Highlights of the amendments include:

- Updated data-residency provisions so public bodies can use modern tools while continuing to protect the personal information people entrust to us.
- Enhanced public-sector privacy protections and increased accountability by implementing mandatory privacy breach reporting and increasing penalties for offences.
- Introduction of an application fee for non-personal FOI requests.
- Demonstration of the Province's commitment to diversity, inclusion, reconciliation and equity by increasing information sharing with Indigenous peoples, adding Indigenous cultural protections and replacing non-inclusive language.

We have also developed some resource materials to support public bodies to understand the changes which can be found [here](#).

We are hosting information sessions for public bodies' executive leaders, and more detailed sessions for privacy and information management practitioners in early December to provide an overview of the changes, implementation requirements and where to find support resources. Please visit www.gov.bc.ca/privacytraining for more information and to register.

If you have any questions in advance of the sessions, please contact IM.ITPolicy@gov.bc.ca

Thank you for your support on this important update to B.C.'s information and privacy protection legislation.

Sincerely,

Shauna Brouwer
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Citizens' Services
