



RE: Board Correspondence – Back to School Plan 2021

Dear Kelley Charters,

Thank you for your letter dated August 21, 2021. The Board of Education received it at a meeting held earlier this month.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank you for your letter advocating for the health and safety of our students by requesting a universal mask mandate for students.

All school districts in the B.C. must follow the advice set by the Provincial Health Officer, BCCDC and Ministry of Education. While students from Grade 4 to 12 are required to wear masks while indoors, including at their desk and on school buses, we continue to strongly encourage our younger students to wear a non-medical face mask while at school. The mask requirements may change in the future, at that point the district will work to align with the order of the province's medical health professionals.

The district will continue to provide updates to families via School Messenger, through their school and on the district's [COVID-19 webpage](#), where you will find the updated [communicable disease plan](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.

As always, we will remind students and staff about proper hand hygiene and staying home when sick.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair