



December 1, 2021

RE: Non-Essential Travel and Fuel Restrictions

Dear families, staff and the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' community:

On November 19, the Province of B.C. implemented [two temporary emergency Orders](#) as a response to the recent flooding and mudslides. The order was originally in place until the end of November, however due to the prolonged fuel supply shortage, the [order](#) was extended to Tuesday, December 14.

The Province of B.C. has requested that school districts continue to limit non-essential travel and take measurements to reduce fuel consumption. This may include field trips and extracurricular sporting events.

Our decision to limit non-essential travel was a difficult decision and one we did not take lightly. We understand how important school field trips and sporting events are for our student's social development and mental health, especially during a global pandemic.

Moving forward, we want to do our part to limit non-essential travel while acknowledging that it may not be practicable to cancel or postpone some events.

The following changes will be implemented starting today:

- Continue to encourage schools to postpone or reschedule events and/or games wherever possible.
- If schools and/or teams are not able to reschedule events and/or games and they must travel, we encourage the use of school buses or approved larger vehicles.
- Field trips can occur when we can use public transportation, walking or buses to transport students as a class, instead of volunteer parent drivers.

We ask that everyone do their best to reduce fuel consumption while the temporary emergency Orders are in effect.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We will provide updates that concern you as soon as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO