



Letter from the Offices of the Board of
Education and Superintendent

November 22, 2021

RE: Travel and Fuel Restrictions

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

On Friday, November 19, the Province of B.C. implemented [two temporary emergency Orders](#) as a response to the recent flooding and mudslides. The two Orders are designed to restrict non-essential travel in some areas and to prioritize fuel for essential vehicles. These Orders will be in place until the end of November.

On Sunday, November 21, we received confirmation from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Transportation that educational staff are deemed essential service workers to ensure we can safely maintain the operation of our schools during this time.

As school districts in B.C. plan ahead, the following principles will guide our work:

1. Keeping students and staff safe, as well as those in the broader community;
2. Maintaining access to in-person instruction and educational continuity; and
3. Reducing fuel usage within the sector to the greatest extent possible to contribute to the provincial fuel and travel restriction measures.

Today, the school district implemented the following measures to ensure it does its part to eliminate non-essential travel and reduce fuel consumption for the duration of these Orders.

- Instruct staff who are able to work from home to do so;
- Encourage carpooling or utilizing public transit;
- Encourage [Active School Travel](#) (E.g. walk, bike, scooter);
- Cancel in-person events (E.g. sports and extracurricular);
- Cancel in-person meetings (E.g. Board and Committee);
- Cancel field trips (with the exemption of walking field trips); and
- Cancel school activities that require parents/caregivers to drive the student (E.g. before and after sports).

The Province's fuel supply is limited, and we implore the community to take these restrictions seriously and to do their part to limit fuel consumption.

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

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

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Superintendent/CEO