



**NANAIMO LADYSMITH**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Letter from the Offices of the Board of  
Education and Superintendent

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

**RE: Return to School – Phased Approach**

Dear NLPS families,

Today, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside announced a Winter Break Extension [Order](#), with the majority of students returning on Monday, January 10, 2022. School district employees will be returning to work as expected on Tuesday, January 4.

The Order will provide health officials and school districts time to assess the impact of the Omicron variant on staff and students and to plan and implement changes to the K-12 health and safety plans as well as revise protocols for potential school exposure notifications and contact tracing.

Students with special needs and children of essential service workers will be able to access space in schools starting Tuesday, January 4.

Please do not contact your child's school at this time. We will provide further details on the return to school plan in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay  
Board Chair

Scott Saywell  
Superintendent/CEO