

December 29, 2021

Dear students, staff, and families,

Our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, has ordered that school will not fully open until January 10th, at the earliest. However, as in the 2020-2021 school year, children of essential service workers and our inclusion families may attend.

The delay, of the start of school, will allow the province to better assess the impacts of Omicron – the latest COVID variant. It will also allow district and school staff to prepare to implement further health and safety measures and ensure the continuation of learning.

Key points, at this time:

- Staff return to work on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
- Children of health care workers, essential services, and those requiring inclusion and student support services, may attend school beginning January 4th.
- All other students will return on Monday, January 10th.

The Ministry of Education will be sending out further information over the next day or two. We will forward information once it is finalized. In addition, we will continue to send updates to ensure everyone is ready for a safe return to school.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8478289/bc-covid19-schools-december-29/>

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Perkins | Superintendent & Chief Executive Officer

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