

October 1st, 2021



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and the Ministry of Education announced updates to our K-12 School Safety Guidelines to include the use of non-medical masks for students in K – 3 classes.

While the use of masks for K-12 is “required” inside the schools, Dr. Gustafson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, recently reminded us that the intention of the mask mandate in B.C. is “to get most people to wear a mask most of the time”.

When you talk to your children about the guidelines in their school, please reinforce that their health and well-being is at the centre of our work and that we do not have black and white rules, we have only guidelines. Principals and primary teachers will work hard to ensure that this new guideline supports our children and does not negatively impact their experience at school.

We are also reminded that the other things that we do for protection continue to be effective and important.

- Stay home when sick or showing any symptoms.
- Wash hands frequently and maintain good hygiene practices.
- Physical distance to the best extent possible.

We have updated our website <https://www.sd19.bc.ca/> with links to the most recent information.

As we head into the Fall, on behalf of the Revelstoke Board of Education, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We know that parents can be faced with difficult decisions at the best of times, and the pandemic has certainly added another layer of complexity.

Please continue to connect with your school principal, your child’s teacher and/or me directly (mhooker@sd19.bc.ca) with ideas, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mike Hooker
Superintendent of Schools