



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Hadith. This week the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Officer announced changes to our safety protocols to help “bend the curve” of Covid19 cases. In the [press release](#) it was communicated that students in grades 4-12 will be supported and encouraged to wear a mask at school. These changes will be in effect starting Tuesday April 6th, 2021 when students return to school following Easter Monday.

School District 57 New Mask Protocols

- *Masks must be worn inside our schools and buildings by all students in Grades 4-12.*
 - *Masks may be removed inside only when students are eating or drinking*
- *Masks must be worn on school buses by all students in Grades 4-12.*

For elementary schools where students are not used to wearing masks indoors, staff will spend the first few days helping students to adjust to this change. We suggest you send your child to school in a clean mask, and with a spare mask, that they are used to wearing. Schools will have disposable masks available if students forget their mask.

Students will be able to remove their masks while outside during breaks, when eating lunch and while learning outside. As the weather improves, teachers will continue to look for opportunities to move their classes outside.

We are currently updated our Restart Safety Plan to reflect these changes.

We would like to emphasize that our schools remain safe spaces for our students and staff. These revisions to the protocols are based on the latest evidence and a review of school exposures to date in BC. We acknowledge the efforts of our school communities in following our safety protocols and helping us keep our learning communities safe for all.

Snachailya,

Cindy Heitman

Acting Superintendent of Schools, SD57

Respecting the beautiful unceded ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation.