

September 2, 2022

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ਇਸ ਈਮੇਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ।
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ।

يحتوي هذا المستند على معلومات مهمة حول مدرسة طفلك. يرجى ترجمته.

매우 중요한 공지문이니, 반드시 번역하여 내용을 숙지하십시오.

Hãy dịch nó sang tiếng Việt. Đây là một thông báo quan trọng.

Este documento contiene información importante sobre la escuela de su hijo/hija. Háganlo traducir por favor.

Dear Abbotsford School District families,

Welcome to the 2022/23 school year! As I mentioned in my [September blog post](#), this year marks my 35th year in education, and as with all our staff, I still look forward to the beginning of the school year with excitement and anticipation.

I hope you all have found moments over the summer to spend time with loved ones, recharge and enjoy this beautiful province we all call home.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

Earlier this week, the provincial government announced a one-time fund of \$60 million dollars to support children and families affected by rising inflation and associated cost of living challenges. The money is to be used to support families in need with school supplies, meals, and school-related fees. For the Abbotsford School District, this will result in a one-time allocation of \$1.9 million dollars.

Over the next few weeks, the Abbotsford School District will be consulting with leadership teams, schools, Indigenous communities and its District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) to determine how this money can best support the specific needs of families in the community. A summary report of the consultation findings will be brought forward to the Board of Education at the September 20th public meeting.

If your family is experiencing affordability concerns related to school start-up, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school principal. All requests for assistance are handled confidentially and with care.

→ [Read the News Release](#)

→ [Participate in our Consultation](#)

Updated Communicable Disease Guidelines

[Updated communicable disease guidelines have been released by the government](#). We will be reopening our schools with similar measures we had in place before the summer break. For your convenience, I have highlighted the key considerations below:

- **STAY HOME IF SICK** | Students and staff must continue to monitor their health daily to ensure they are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to [COVID-19 symptoms](#)) and should stay home if they are sick or unable to participate fully in routine activities.
- **MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS** | Masks are one layer of protection used to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The decision to wear a mask beyond when it is recommended by public health is a personal choice for staff, students and visitors. A person's choice will be supported and respected.
- **HAND HYGIENE** | Staff, students and visitors will be encouraged to practice frequent hand hygiene. You can find more information about appropriate hand hygiene from the [BC Centre for Disease Control](#).
- **RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE** | Families should continue to teach and reinforce good respiratory etiquette practices among children, including coughing or sneezing into one's elbow or tissue; throwing away used tissues and immediately performing hand hygiene; and not touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- **PERSONAL SPACE** | Everyone is encouraged to respect the personal space of others (the distance from which a person feels comfortable being next to another).
- **GET VACCINATED** | The evidence shows that vaccines are the most effective way to protect against many serious communicable diseases. Families should ensure they're up to date on [all recommended vaccines for communicable diseases, including COVID-19 vaccines](#).

Stay Connected with #AbbySchools

From day-to-day procedures to more significant events such as reviewing the school calendar, understanding our weather-related events or emergencies - our district and school websites are the number one source for accurate and timely information. Please ensure you are staying connected with us throughout the year online and via our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#))!

I look forward to joining staff, students and families in celebrating our full return to school next week on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Godden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Kevin Godden,
Superintendent of Schools