



December 30, 2021

Dear Pacific Rim families,

Yesterday, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside announced a Winter Break Extension Order, delaying the resumption of classes until 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.

While instruction will not resume until January 10th, children of essential service workers working in the Health Care sector and students with special needs will be able to access space in schools starting Tuesday, January 4. Further information will be communicated once the details of ESW support is finalized.

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.

With respect,

Greg Smyth
Superintendent of Schools