



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (HAIDA GWAI)**

**To:** Parents & Guardians  
**From:** Superintendent Mitch Stewart  
**Date:** December 30, 2021  
  
**Subject:** **Delay - Return to School For K-12 January 10, 2022**

Dear Families and Staff:

We hope you are having a good holiday season. We are pleased to be able to connect with you again as we know many of you have questions about what January 2022 will look like.

You may already know that as announced by the Province yesterday, per an Order from the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the resumption of all K-12 classes in B.C. will occur in a phased approach with all students returning to school on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Return to school for students in K-12 education is being delayed in order to give public health and B.C. schools additional time to assess the impacts of the Omicron variant on communities and schools, and to implement enhanced safety plans to support the safe continuation of in-class learning.

During this time, schools will be open for limited numbers of students in particular needs and support Essential Service Workers.

Schools will use this administrative time to understand and assess the impact of the Omicron variant on students, teachers and staff to determine their workforce needs; implement continuity of learning planning; develop communications plans for families in the event of school closures; and to consider transportation in the event of workforce issues.

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Mitch Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools  
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