



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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PRESS RELEASE
BOARD OF EDUCATION PROOF OF VACCINE PROCEDURE

The Board of Education of SD50 has voted to implement a COVID-19 proof of vaccine procedure which is consistent with this coordinated sectoral approach and is in alignment with the guidelines and resources that resulted from the processes undertaken to date. Regardless of implementing the vaccine procedure, the Board is unanimous in its support for vaccinations as being the safest and most effective way to reduce the risks of COVID-19 as well as to enhance the health and safety measures that are maintaining healthy school environments for students and staff.

Motion passed on January 12th, 2022:

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct Superintendent Stewart to create, implement, and amend as necessary, a Proof of Vaccination Regarding COVID-19 Operations Procedure to help protect the health and safety of both staff and students in accordance with the following:

The procedure will be consistent with the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies and the BC Public School Employers' Association Template Operations Procedure.

Appropriate employee representatives (including unions and joint health and safety committees), District Parent Advisory Council, First Nations, and community partners will be consulted.

The procedures will ensure that the School District complies with its obligation to accommodate individuals who are legally entitled to accommodation for medical reasons or under the Human Rights Code of British Columbia or Canadian Charter of Rights of Freedoms.

The procedure will ensure the School District's privacy obligations are met.

That the finalized procedure and communication plan be implemented by April 1, 2022, if feasible, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Mitchell Stewart
Superintendent of Schools

Dana Moraes
Chair, SD50

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