

## BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (HAIDA GWAII)

**TO:** The Guardians/Parents and Staff

**FROM:** Mitchell Stewart, Superintendent of Schools

**DATE:** March 11, 2022

**SUBJECT:** COVID 19 Parent & Staff Update

Dear Guardians, Families and Staff:

On Thursday, March 10, 2022, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced **when K** to 12 schools return from <u>Spring Break</u>, masks will no longer be required for students, staff and visitors.

The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice should be supported and treated with respect.

The School District COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 will be updated to reflect changes from the Provincial Health Officer orders announced today and updated public health guidance from BCCDC.

Another update to the guidelines is expected mid-April to align with the updated public health guidance more fully. This two-step transition will allow our schools, staff, students, and families time to prepare for the planned easing of measures.

Updated information is also available on the COVID-19 safe schools web page.

Have a restful Spring Break with family and friends.

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Mitchell Stewart Superintendent of Schools

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