

Board Will Not Require COVID-19 Vaccination for District Staff

Statement from the Burnaby Board of Education

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After careful consideration of information provided by public health and discussions with partner groups, the Burnaby Board of Education has decided not to require COVID-19 vaccination for staff in the Burnaby School District.

As we have in the past, we relied on guidance from our local health authority. We considered [information shared by Fraser Health](#) with us last month where they assured us that the high level of vaccination in Burnaby means schools can operate safely without a mandate. In making this decision, we also reviewed the [K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies](#) provided by the Ministry of Education, BC Public School Employers' Association and the provincial advisory group.

We continue to encourage all staff who can get vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so. This was also reflected in our [joint letter with partner groups](#) – the Burnaby Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 379, the Burnaby Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association and the District Parent Advisory Council – that was sent to all staff last month.

We thank everyone in our school communities for all they have done and continue to do to support the health, safety and well-being of students, staff, families and each other.