



Vancouver School Board

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September 25, 2019

Dear parents and guardians,

As you are likely aware, Climate Action Strikes have been taking place globally and include student rallies planned for September 27th, in Vancouver and in other locations. Generally, such rallies are not school or District sanctioned events and school is in attendance unless it is a Pro D day or as part of an approved field trip. However, following the unanimous support at our Board meeting of September 23rd, all Vancouver schools will follow usual procedures with respect to student absences this Friday, should you wish your child to participate in the event.

The regular procedure in secondary schools provides that absences be excused for secondary students with written consent of a parent or guardian. The procedure in elementary schools is that students are released only into the care of a parent or guardian.

Some classes may participate in the Climate Action Strike, coordinated with Sustainabiliteens Vancouver, through a field trip. Your permission to participate is a requirement for any such excursions organized by your child's school.

In addition to field trips, many schools have planned activities to engage students about climate change – this week and beyond. In line with the curriculum, our District supports the ongoing learning opportunities for teachers and students about climate change including projects, research and online engagement. In addition the Board has an approved [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#). There are also a variety of [teacher and student-led sustainability initiatives](#) planned throughout the year.

Should you decide to permit your child to attend the Climate Action Strike on September 27th, parents/guardians of elementary-aged children are advised to speak directly with teachers and provide a permission note directly to the teacher or main office and personally pickup your child on Friday.

Parents/guardians of secondary-aged children should provide a permission note to your child who will take that permission note to teachers of classes that they will be absent from on Friday. Once shown to all the teachers, the student must then submit the note to the main office.

I hope this information is helpful to you. We, as a Board, also passed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency. With the steps taken in our schools, in Board policy and students' advocacy, I join my fellow Board members in support of our collective efforts to address climate change.

Respectfully,

Janet Fraser
Board Chair
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