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To All VSB School Administrators:

Please communicate this information with your school.

The Vancouver School District is launching **Conservation 20** to conserve natural gas use.

In October, a major natural gas pipeline near Prince George ruptured. The pipeline remains in partial service and supplies to the Lower Mainland will be limited throughout this winter. B.C. residents and businesses are being asked to conserve natural gas.

Our District can help! We use natural gas to heat most of our buildings, so reducing consumption will lessen the demand on these supplies. To do this, the District's Operations team is tightening our heating schedules to focus on the core teaching hours and reducing any non-essential usage.

Your school community can also help by participating in **Conservation 20!** Wherever possible, set thermostats to **20°C** and "keep the heat in, bundle up, and get moving." These simple conservation efforts will help reduce consumption and keep schools warm all day. To help spread the word about the campaign, you will receive hardcopy posters for your schools (find electronic version attached). Please post these and take part in this effort.

How will your school contribute? Share your Conservation 20 activities with us via social media using #VSBsustainability or email sustainability@vsb.bc.ca. For more information about the shortage and other ways to help, visit www.fortisbc.com/reduceyouruse.

We encourage all our staff to view the current supply shortage as a learning opportunity about the importance of using natural resources wisely. As a District, we can lead by example, and demonstrate the power of the combined actions in each of our hundreds of classrooms.

Sincerely,

Janet Fraser

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Board Chairperson

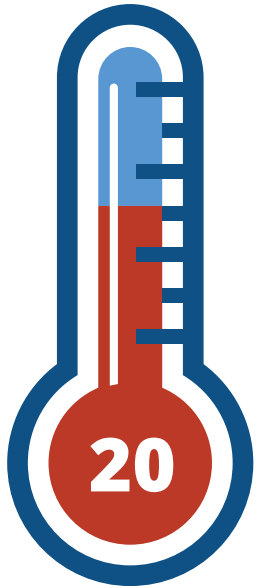
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Superintendent of Schools

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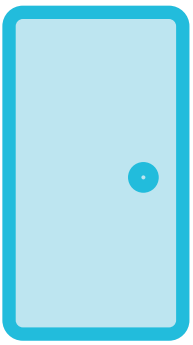


Did you know there is a natural gas shortage?

CONSERVATION 20

The Vancouver School District is doing its part to conserve — aiming to keep all school thermostats at **20°C** to help reduce natural gas use.

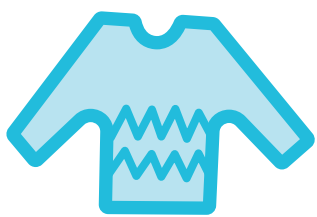
How can you help?



KEEP THE HEAT

Close windows and doors.

Reducing drafts will make your classroom cozy.



BUNDLE UP

School buildings may feel cooler so dress warmly.

GET MOVING

Be active to stay warm.



HAVE ANOTHER IDEA FOR YOUR SCHOOL?
Every action helps!

Show us your Conservation 20 activities on Twitter or Facebook with #VSBSustainability or email sustainability@vsb.bc.ca

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