

**MEMO**

**To:** Families  
**From:** Ed Walsh, Associate Director of Education (Programs and Human Resources)  
**Subject:** Masking Policy; COVID-19 Protocols  
**Date:** March 11, 2022

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Dear Families,

On March 2, 2022, during the Provincial Government's COVID-19 update, the Chief Medical Officer of Health indicated that masking in K-12 schools will continue until **at least** Thursday, April 14, 2022, which brings us up to the Easter Break.

A further announcement will be made prior to the return of classes on April 25, 2022.

The District is committed to following the medical advice and guidance of Public Health experts regarding COVID-19 protocols in an effort to reduce transmission within the school environment, including on school buses. As such, masking in schools and on buses remains in place.

Masking requirements for schools are also outlined on the Provincial Government COVID-19 website at: [Masks - COVID-19](#).

Meanwhile, moving forward, we will continue to follow the guidelines as outlined in [The 2022 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#), including, but not limited to:

- cohorting to the degree possible;
- maintaining physical distancing to the degree possible;
- avoiding large gatherings/assemblies at the K-6 level;
- limiting visitors to school during the school day, and
- continuing to utilize the daily school screening questionnaire.

We recognize that many of our students, staff and families are anxious to return to pre-Covid school operations. The District looks forward to that day as well, and we hope to announce a lifting of these restrictions in the near future.

We thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and support.