

Hi Everyone,

We are all aware that one of the impacts of the severe weather last week has been fuel shortages, and specific measures introduced by the Provincial government to deal with these shortages.

In response to the provincial fuel shortage the Ministry of Education is asking all impacted school districts to make adjustments for the period from now until December 1st.

Some things that are happening immediately in West Vancouver Schools:

- District scheduled meetings that involve people travelling to them are being moved virtually, postponed, or canceled, with the exception for those that need to continue face to face and are required to take place between now and December 1st.
- Staff who regularly travel as part of their work are being asked to limit travel to only essential travel and work from their normal worksite or remotely.
- Staff at non-school sites that can work remotely are being asked to make this adjustment

As of this afternoon, we are not asking for already scheduled school events to be canceled, however field trips/sporting events and extracurricular activities that require travel both within and outside of the district will need to be deferred unless essential. We have heard that BC School Sports Provincials are going ahead as scheduled, which is wonderful news.

A few other points to note:

- Fuel exemptions are for essential vehicles only and with the exception of school buses this does not apply to our staff in the K-12 sector
- Restrictions on vehicle fuel do not impact heating fuel and the school district's ability to keep schools heated and in safe and efficient operation
- There are no plans to move to remote learning

I am encouraging all our students and families to consider different commuting options for this week, whether it is carpooling, transit, biking or walking where possible.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please reach out to your school principal.

We do know that the province's fuel supply is limited, and we encourage everyone to take the restrictions seriously, as we do our part to help.

I will be back in touch as soon as we have more information.

Thanks,

Chris

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools

