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Hi folks,
Attached is the final NR, speaking notes, and MRFs QA for today.
Let me know if there are any questions.
Best,
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Speaking Notes
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

Federal funding for B.C.'s K-12 COVID Response
Press Theatre

September 3, 2020

1:00 p.m.

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

- Good afternoon... I am grateful to speak to you today from the territory of the Lekwungen-speaking people of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.
- As many of you are aware, the Federal Government has announced it will provide \$242.36 in funding support school restart plans in our province.
- And today I'd like to give you more details about what this means for B.C.'s K-12 schools.

PROVINCIAL RESPONSE

- But before I begin... I'd like to recognize the hard work being done throughout our province to ensure kids have a safe, ready and welcome return to school next week.
- Schools are going to look different this year... schedules are going to be different... classrooms are going to be different.

- And all of this has required a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes.
- Thank you to the teachers and education assistants who have been in schools getting their classes and lesson plans ready... who have been consulting with their school's health and safety officers... so the kids in their classes are supported.
- Principals, Vice-Principals and school administration... have been communicating with families to make sure they know about their new schedules... understand learning groups... and what to expect in the classroom.
- A big thank you to school support staff... who are doing everything needed to keep schools clean and safe for students and staff...
- Not to mention school district administration staff who have worked tirelessly all summer to develop safe return plans... who have been connecting with parents throughout the province to find out their needs... and how best to ensure students get back to learning.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING

- All of this work is being done because our province is taking the best... science-based public health advice as we plan to welcome students back to school.
- To support schools during this pandemic... we have provided a new, one-time Provincial investment of \$45.6 million in COVID-specific funding to ensure our schools are safe for students and staff.
- This Provincial funding is in addition to the record levels of funding school districts are already receiving...with \$546 million of new money in B.C.'s Budget 2020 for K-12 education.
- This investment has meant that school districts like Nanaimo-Ladysmith (SD68) are able to ensure that every classroom has a sink or wall mounted hand sanitizer station.
- They have also purchased an electrostatic sprayer to clean and sanitize surfaces for every school... and they have increased their custodial staff by 25%.
- In Central Okanagan (SD 23)... they have also invested in 53 electrostatic sprayers... one for each school... they've purchased 40 hand-held units for cleaning buses... and they are supplying

hand sanitizer to over 1000 classrooms throughout the district.

- This is in addition to purchasing 40 handwashing stations for portable classrooms.
- In Richmond (SD38)... they have purchased 1,200 hand sanitizing stations and 55 portable handwashing stations to install in classrooms without sinks...
- Richmond is also adding 25 full-time custodians... and more casual custodians are being recruited as we speak.
- This is incredible work being done to keep schools safe and I'm only touching on some of the highlights.
- Once again... I want to extend a thank you to school district staff and school leaders for working on these improvements.

FEDERAL RESPONSE

- To build on this work... we have also been talking with the federal government about the need for more resources for our schools.

- And we appreciate the Federal Government's response for B.C.
- Our province's schools will receive up to \$242.36 million in one-time, COVID-related federal funding for the 2020/2021 school year.
- B.C. will receive the first half of the payment in September... and funding will be allocated to public school districts based on enrolment.
- We are initially allocating \$101.1 million to public school districts... \$7.96 million to independent schools... and we are reserving \$12.1 million for emerging COVID-related issues between September and December 2020.
- This reserve amount will be allocated for the sector before the end of December.
- We will then receive up to an additional \$121.18 million in January, which will be allocated out at that time.

DISTRICT

- B.C. is a diverse province and there isn't a one-size-fits all approach to how districts and independent schools will implement their K-12

restart plans.

- It's going to look different depending on the needs of each community.
- As we've seen from school districts' restart plans... we know it is local solutions that work best for individual students.
- With the support of the Ministry, many districts have already developed, or are developing, additional remote options as reported in their K-12 restart plans.
- For instance... school districts like Vernon (SD22) and Bulkley Valley (SD 54) and Cariboo-Chilcotin (SD27) have developed remote learning options for First Nations students who want it...
- School districts like Sea to Sky (SD48) are expanding their existing Distributed Learning programs so they can accommodate more students...
- Coast Mountain (SD 82) Stikine (SD 87) and North Vancouver (SD44) are offering remote learning programs for immunocompromised students.

- While Surrey (SD36), Burnaby (SD41) and Vancouver (SD39) are creating a blend of both remote and in-class options for secondary schools.
- This new Federal funding will support school districts to implement these programs.

... to hire more teachers and support staff to support students whether they are learning remotely or in the classroom...

...to purchase more software licenses and electronic course materials or text books...

... to help supply computers or tablets for the families who need them...

... and to create additional wi-fi hubs in remote and Indigenous communities... or provide internet access for families.

- This funding will also allow schools to expand their health and safety measures... improve ventilation in buildings... purchase more PPE... install plexiglass barriers and hire even more custodial and support staff.
- Every dollar of the federal funding announced today will benefit students in B.C.

MAJORITY RETURNING TO CLASS

- I can tell you that districts have already reached out to families in their communities... to find out if their child will attend school classes starting September 10th...or if they need an alternative learning option.
- We've heard some positive results from these surveys, emails and phone calls.
- For instance, in Langley (SD35), New Westminster (SD40), Cowichan Valley (SD79) and Southeast Kootenay (SD5)... they are reporting that almost 90% of those who have responded so far have indicated their kids will be back to school for in-class learning.
- And we're hearing this echoed from other districts... where they're seeing the majority of kids returning to the classroom.
- A reminder that... if families haven't heard from their school by now... I encourage them to reach out to their school.

CONCLUSION

- As the first week of school approaches... we want staff, students and their families to feel confident knowing we're doing everything possible to ensure schools are as safe as they can possibly be... just as we have from the beginning.
- I'm incredibly grateful for the exceptional team of dedicated education professionals supporting B.C. students during these challenging times...

...and, once again, I'd like to thank everyone for your continued flexibility and patience as we get ready to safely accommodate most students back into the classroom full-time.
- I am now happy to take your questions.

Key Messages

- **We want to see as many students as possible return to school next week benefitting from a face-to-face connection with their teachers.**
- **We have been talking with the federal government about the need for more resources for schools, so we're appreciative of the additional support.**
- **This funding builds on the work we've already done to support a safe restart for B.C. schools, with \$45.6 million new COVID-19 specific funding already invested to ensure students and staff are safe.**
- **This is on top of the \$546 million in new K-12 funding in B.C.'s budget for this year.**
- **B.C. has strict health and safety measures in place, with new funding for 1.5 million non-medical masks, additional handwashing stations, physical barriers and cleaning supplies, as well as hiring more custodians, loaning technology and supporting students with complex needs.**
- **This funding is allowing schools to expand health and safety measures, purchase more PPE and increase capacity for remote learning.**
- **I understand the anxiety many families are feeling about their children returning to the classroom and for some, in-class learning may not be an option.**
- **Many districts are developing additional remote options and this funding will now allow school districts to implement these programs.**

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- **This new funding will support remote learning by helping districts hire and train more teachers, purchase software, course materials and technology, and support internet access for families.**
- **By working collaboratively with leaders in our province's education system we are making sure students and staff are safe, ready and welcome when they return to school in September.**

Questions and Answers

Federal Funding

Q1: Students are back in class next Thursday. Can any of the federal money be spent in time to ensure a safe return to school?

- This funding builds on the work we've already done to support a safe restart for B.C. schools, with \$45.6 million in new COVID-19 specific funding already invested to ensure students and staff are safe.
- With this funding in place, districts will be investing it in a way that best benefits students in their communities.
- This can include hiring additional staff, mental health support, increased hygiene amenities, expansion of remote learning programs, and transportation.
- For example, the Richmond School District has hired 25 additional custodians and purchased, 1,200 hand sanitizing stations, while the Central Okanagan School District has invested in over 53 electrostatic sprayers – one for every school.
- I'm confident district and school staff will be working diligently and efficiently to direct these resources where they're needed most and prepare the system to manage through this pandemic for the entire school year.

Q2: Are you expecting all districts and schools to use this funding to expand their remote learning programs?

- Under my direction, school districts have surveyed their parents to understand if they require a remote learning option.
- My expectation is that schools will use the funding in a way that best meets the needs of local students.
- Many school districts are developing remote options and this funding allows them to implement these programs.
- This could mean hiring and training more teachers and support staff for remote learning, purchasing software, course materials and technology, and

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supporting better access to internet for families.

Q3: Will you direct every dollar of the federal funding to school districts?

- Every dollar of the federal funding will benefit students throughout the province.
- With this funding now in place, districts can expand on investments already made through our \$45.6 million of funding for enhanced cleaning protocols, purchases of PPE and increased capacity for remote learning.
- Funding from both levels of government allows us to provide more resources to districts so they can invest even further in these areas, to continue providing ongoing learning opportunities in a safe way.
- We will then receive up to an additional \$121.18 million in January, which will be allocated out at that time.

Q4: Can school districts spend this money on ventilation?

- The Ministry has provided school districts with new technical guidelines and checklists developed by industry experts to help adhere to these guidelines.
- All school districts have confirmed that they have assessed their ventilation systems and made improvements in line with recent federal guidelines.
- With additional funding from the government now in hand, school districts can choose to make HVAC and ventilation improvements if they decide that will further benefit the health and safety of students and staff.

Q5: Are you just downloading more work onto school districts and independent schools? What do you say to the criticism that you continue to move the goal posts for school districts' return to school plans, and that it's all coming too late?

- There is no change to B.C.'s return to school plan.
- On the advice of the Provincial health officer and the BCCDC, we have robust health and safety guidelines designed to provide students and staff with a safe learning environment next week.
- Local boards of education are our partners in education and know their communities best.
- While some districts may decide that more resources need to be put into cleaning supplies, others may choose to invest in additional staff.
- Rather than prescribing exactly how new money should be spent, we are giving districts the opportunity to direct these funds in a way that works best for students in their own communities.
- These funds are welcome by school districts and independent schools to assist in managing through this pandemic over the school year and make additional investments to support student learning and health and safety protocols.

Teacher Concerns

Q6: How will this funding address teachers' demands for smaller classes to allow for physical distancing and density in schools?

- B.C has made record investments in education that has resulted in average class sizes that are the smallest in a generation – with more educators and other supports in the classroom.
- School districts can invest this new funding in learning space improvements like plexiglass or other barriers.
- Students should be spread out as much as possible, and students are being placed in learning groups to minimize contact.
- Masks, as well as physical distancing, will be required at all times for staff and older students when they are outside of their learning groups.
- Classrooms are going to look different. For middle and secondary schools, desks and tables may be arranged so students are not facing each other.
- As Dr. Henry and her team have advised, bell schedules and time-tables may also need to be adjusted depending on school populations and configurations.
- Class size averages in B.C.:
 - 18 students for kindergarten (cap is 20)
 - 19.5 students for grades 1 to 3 (cap is 22)
 - 23.3 students for grades 4 to 7 (cap varies)
 - 22.4 students for grades 8 to 12 (cap varies)

Q7: Will students who opt into remote learning remain connected to their school and will space be available to them if they return in person?

- Under my direction, districts are developing and implementing remote learning opportunities to ensure students who need time to transition back to school are supported, and can remain connected to their schools.
- While catchment decisions are up to districts, I expect all school districts to be flexible and find solutions that support students in their communities.

Q8: Are you concerned about teachers taking job action due to what they say is an unsafe work environment?

- We appreciate all the hard work teachers are doing to get ready to teach in schools that will look different next week.
- All schools are following WorkSafe BC guidelines as part of their health and safety plans for students and staff.
- I understand Teri Mooring has said that job action is not being considered at this time.

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- We will continue to work collaboratively with leaders in our province's education system to ensure students and staff are safe, ready and welcome when they return to school in September.

Tweet from Teri Mooring:

"I'm not so sure about this. What I did say, is that we are continuing to work with government using a solutions-based approach, as we have all along, to make the changes we see as necessary. And that there is still time and now money (\$242M), to do so."

Q9: Will districts be hiring more counsellors to support students?

- Now, more than ever, we need to prioritize the health and wellbeing of our kids.
- We know there will be a lot of young people who have experienced stress and anxiety in their lives as a result of this pandemic.
- School counsellors are a vital resource to support students' mental health.
- One of the areas that districts can spend this new money on is mental health supports for students and staff.
- We have also developed resources for the education sector to use, including a teacher planning guide that contains a range of mental health resources to support kids.
- And we have hosted some training with a lens on trauma informed systems for returning more students into schools.
- Additionally, just yesterday Minister Darcy announced a \$2-million boost to school-based wellness supports for students, families and educators as they work together to get through this challenging time.

Remote Learning

Q10: Are all students eligible for remote learning through their local school?

- Our hope is that parents and families will feel assured that schools are safe and ready to welcome them back next week.
- For some families with medical and health concerns, that isn't an option.
- To better support families who need additional, transitional time to return to in-class instruction, the Ministry has given school districts the flexibility to work with families to provide remote learning options that keep children connected to their regular school communities.
- School districts have contacted parents to determine their needs, and have begun working with them on solutions.
- This support will ensure students maintain their learning while absent from school and will give some parents time to gradually return their children to the

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classroom.

Q11: What can parents expect these remote learning options to look like? Will it be the same as it did in June?

- There isn't a one size fits all approach that will be provided across the province. It will be different in every community.
- All districts have released their back to school plans and have been contacting parents to discuss options moving forward.
- Districts are engaging with parents to determine their needs.
- With the support of the Ministry, many districts have developed, or are developing, additional remote options.
- This new federal funding will support school districts to hire more teachers and support staff, and implement these programs

Q12: How are teachers supposed to teach remotely and in-person at the same time? Will you hire more teachers?

- Teachers have asked us for remote learning options to support a more gradual return to school.
- School districts will be working with their local unions to ensure teachers have the resources they need to deliver remote education to students without being overworked.
- We expect districts will choose to use federal funding to hire more staff.

Q13: Do districts have time to design remote learning options?

- Some districts have already developed or expanded remote learning programs and we have given school districts the flexibility and certainty to find options that work for families.
- This includes the authority for all school boards to expand remote learning programs to additional grades, as well as the tools they need to increase their existing programs to meet demand.
- For instance, school districts like Vernon, Bulkley Valley and Cariboo-Chilcotin have developed remote learning options for First Nations students.
- School districts like Sea to Sky are expanding their existing Distributed Learning programs so they can accommodate more student.
- Coast Mountain, Stikine and Prince Rupert (SD52) are offering remote learning programs for immunocompromised students.
- While Surrey, Vancouver and Victoria are creating a blend of options for secondary schools with large student populations so they can study both in the classroom and remote.
- This new federal funding will support school districts to implement these programs to hire more staff, purchase more software and course material,

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help supply technology, and support internet use in remote communities and for low-income families.

Q14: Will students who learn from home lose their spot in their schools or programs?

- Our expectation is that school districts will be flexible with families who don't feel comfortable sending their children to school at this time.
- Some districts have developed transition plans that give time to students to transition to in-class instruction.

Masks

Q15: A principal at Heritage Woods Secondary School in Port Moody introduced stricter mask policies for students but has retracted it because he couldn't override the PHO policy. Why can't districts set their own rules around masks?

- The choice to wear masks in school outside of these requirements is a personal one.
- Masks will be required at all times for staff and students in middle and secondary schools when they are outside of their learning groups, in common areas like hallways and in confined spaces such as buses.
- We respect everyone's choice to wear a mask.

Comox Board Chair

Q16: Why did the Comox Valley school board chair resign?

- I have reached out to the former chair to understand his reasons for resignation, and they are personal to him.
- I have full confidence in the board to continue making decisions that support local families.
- Ministry staff are in contact with staff at the district to offer support wherever it's needed.
- Right now we are all focused on the safe restart of school.

Dr. Henry Advertisement

Q17: What is your response to the criticism from the BCTF about the recent ad with Dr. Henry?

- The purpose of the public service ad with Dr. Henry is to give parents and students more information about the return to school by directing them to a website (backtoschool.gov.bc.ca) with resources and more information.

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- Students will be expected to wash their hands, stay home if they are sick, and spend most of their time with the same group of kids and teachers.

Q18: Why did Dr. Henry agree to be in the ad?

- Dr. Henry took an opportunity to meet with kids and answer some of the many questions she was getting from students.
- For Dr. Henry, it was important to address some of the things that will be new and different and explain, from a public health perspective, what the return to school would look like in September.
- In conversation with students, Dr. Henry tells the students to expect lots of handwashing, spending most of their time with the same group of friends and teachers, to wear masks sometimes, and to stay home if they are sick.
- Importantly, she reminds everyone to be kind, be calm, and be safe.

Q19: How much are you spending on your ad campaign – isn't that money that could be re-directed into classrooms?

- We needed parents, students and staff to be informed of the health and safety measures for this exceptional school year, so they can make an informed decision about returning to school.
- So, we launched a provincewide information campaign to give parents assurance that sending their kids back to school is safe.
- The total cost for the Return to School info campaign is \$1.24 million.
- The campaign will also use free, social media channels and the government website to amplify the message.

Return to School

Q20: What do you have to say to the parents who are afraid to send their kids back to school? And the teachers worried about returning to work?

- I understand parents and teachers are concerned about the return to school next week.
- I have two young children returning to public school myself.
- I've had a chance to look at my children's school district plans and while back to school will look very different this year, I'm confident that their district has come up with a plan to welcome students back safely on September 10th.
- And I've been speaking to parents who have now had a chance to look at their individual districts plans and heard from their local school and many are feeling more comfortable about the measures in place to keep our children safe.

Q21: Will schools be shut down if there is a COVID case?

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- If public health confirms a case of COVID-19 in a school, the school and district will be notified, and contact tracing will begin.
- If a child has been exposed to a confirmed case, parents or guardians will be notified and that child will be required to isolate at home for 14 days.
- Public health officials will work closely with the school to determine if further actions should be taken, and the school will support student learning while they are in self-isolation.

Q22: How are you sending students back to school when there is a lawsuit arguing schools are unsafe?

- We have been served and we will not be commenting on any matters that are before the courts.
- We continue to be guided by the health and safety advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry and her public health team.

Q23: Will parents have alternate options to learn from home while in French Immersion?

- We have heard from some parents with questions about distance education options for French immersion students.
- Ministry staff are actively reaching out to school districts to gain an understanding of what's being planned for French immersion programs and we'll use this information to see how we can support this program of choice.

Q24: How will TTOCs work this year? Will they be expected to teach at multiple schools, or will there be single-site protocols like in long-term care?

- In most cases, TTOCs will not be assigned to a designated learning group, so they will need to maintain physical distance from students and other staff, and be required to wear a mask if they cannot maintain physical distance.
- However, if a TTOC is assigned to a school for an extended period of time they could become a part of a learning group and won't need to physically distance.
- The Steering Committee and Health & Safety Working Group developed specific guidelines for itinerant teachers and TTOCs to support districts with this issue.
- Each district also confirmed that they will have training and orientation in place for all TTOCs so that they are aware of health and safety guidelines.
- Some school districts have already created innovative solutions to ensure TTOCs have the option to interact with fewer groups of people.
For instance, the Vancouver School District is offering TTOCs the option to choose a school quadrant, so they will only be on call for a select group of schools.

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Q25: How are before and after school care providers expected to adhere to learning groups?

- We understand parents' concerns about the number of people their children come into contact with at school.
- Licensed child care providers have not been required to reduce capacity or shut down at any time during the pandemic.
- We have asked school districts to work with their on-site child care providers to support keeping kids in learning groups, where possible, as they develop their specific operating guidelines.
- School districts can use the federal funding to hire additional staff to support before- and after-school care, open up more space and cover the cleaning costs for before and after school care so groups can be smaller, and ensure students can remain in their learning groups.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Education

New federal funding builds on plans for a safe back to school

VICTORIA – Building on the Province’s \$45.6-million investment to support a safe restart for B.C.’s schools, additional funding from the federal government will allow schools to expand health and safety measures, purchase more personal protective equipment (PPE) and increase capacity for remote learning.

“Our province is taking the best, science-based public health advice and planning to have as many children as possible back in classrooms this fall, which is why we have been talking with the federal government about the need for more resources for our schools,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. “We are appreciative of this additional support to provide more resources to districts and independent school authorities, so they can continue providing ongoing learning opportunities in a safe way.”

To support B.C.’s COVID-19 response for K-12 education, the federal government is providing \$242.4 million in one-time funding for the 2020-21 school year, with the first half of the payment expected to be received in September. Funding will be allocated to public school districts based primarily on student enrolment. B.C.’s Ministry of Education is initially allocating \$101.1 million to school districts, \$8.0 million to independent schools and reserving \$12.1 million for emerging COVID-19 related issues between September and December 2020. The ministry is expected to receive up to an additional \$121.2 million in January, which will be allocated out at that time.

On Aug. 26, Fleming directed school districts and independent schools to contact all families in their school communities to confirm if they planned for their child to attend school classes in September or if they would need remote learning options. Over the past week, schools have reported that the majority of students are returning to full-time, in-class instruction. However, some families are looking for remote options or transition programs.

The funding will support school districts to hire and train more teachers and support staff for remote learning; purchase additional software licences, electronic course materials and textbooks; purchase computers or tablets; and create Wi-Fi hubs and internet access in remote and Indigenous communities.

School districts and independent schools will be able to spend the funding in the following areas, based on local needs:

Learning resources and supports

- Implementation of online and remote learning options
- Hiring additional teachers and staff
- Training for staff

- On-call teachers costs and other on-call staff
- Mental health support for students and staff

Health and safety

- Increasing staff and covering salary costs for additional hours needed to meet health and safety guidelines in schools
- Improving air systems in schools, such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements, portable air scrubbers and increased utility costs
- Increasing hand hygiene, including additional handwashing and hand sanitizing stations, installing touchless faucets or additional supplies
- Installing plexiglass and other barriers, providing outdoor learning spaces, and adapting classrooms and school buses to minimize physical contact
- Purchasing additional cleaning supplies such as sprayers or fogger machines for frequent cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces
- Purchasing additional masks, face shields or other PPE as needed

Transportation

- Cover additional transportation costs to have fewer students on buses and/or to accommodate new school schedules and additional routes
- Supporting alternative transportation strategies, such as assisting with gas costs for parents who transport their children to school

Before- and after-school child care

- Opening up more space and covering the cleaning costs for before- and after-school care so that groups can be smaller and to ensure students can remain within their learning groups
- Additional staff to support before- and after-school care during the pandemic

These one-time provincial and federal COVID-19 funding investments build on the record levels of funding schools are already receiving, with \$546 million of new money in B.C.'s Budget 2020 for K-12 education.

Quick Facts:

- The federal government has committed to provide provinces and territories \$2 billion in new federal funding to support the adaptation of the education sector to ensure a safe return to class in the fall.
- B.C.'s Ministry of Education has developed a five-stage approach to operate schools, depending on risk of transmission and guidance from the provincial health officer. This helps school districts know what to expect if there is a significant change to school operations required as part of B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Learn More:

For more info on back-to-school plans, learning groups and health and safety guidelines, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

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Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for September 3. Updates are in RED.

Thanks,

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Emergency Management BC Communications Sit Report Daily Summary

Date: September 3, 2020

*Please note, given the dynamic nature of emergencies, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.

COVID-19 Overview

- Number of confirmed cases in BC: 6041 (89 new)
 - 2012 Vancouver Coastal Health
 - 3155 Fraser Health
 - 178 Island Health
 - 450 Interior Health
 - 167 Northern Health
 - 79 people who reside outside Canada
- Active cases: 1175

- Deaths: 210 (1 new)
- 34 are in hospital (11 in ICU/CCU)
- Recovered: 4644

Wildfire Overview

There are currently 32 active wildfires burning in B.C., including three Wildfires of Note.

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

RDEK: Doctor Creek wildfire

A fire of about 7000 hectares is burning about 25km southwest of Canal Flats. The Regional District of East Kootenay originally issued an evacuation order for approximately 10 properties in the Findlay Creek area but have now reduced the evacuation order to 5 properties, with a downgrade to an evacuation alert for the other 5 properties. For information regarding evacuation alerts or orders please monitor communications from the Regional District of East Kootenay. The fire is still burning Out of Control.

RDCK: Talbott Creek wildfire

This 446-hectare fire in the Slocan Valley is approximately 3.5 km northwest of Hwy 6 and about 30 km north of Castlegar. An evacuation alert has been issued for 305 properties. For information regarding evacuation alerts and orders related to this fire, please monitor communications from the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

RDOS: Christie Mountain wildfire

Firefighting crews continue to respond to the 2122-hectare Christie Mountain wildfire. The fire is considered 'held'. All evacuation orders and alerts have been lifted, and the state of local emergency has been rescinded. For the latest evacuation information regarding alerts and orders please monitor communications from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and the City of Penticton.

Updates today

- Provincial releases
 - Education: New federal funding builds on plans for a safe back to school
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0062-001652>
 - MAH: Maximum allowable rent increase set at 1.4% for 2021
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0103-001653>
 - FLNR: Public urged to remain vigilant as fire season continues
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FLNR0055-001646>
- Federal releases
 - Government announces over 1000 new projects to support seniors impacted by COVID
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/09/x.html>
 - Tronosjet Manufacturing Inc. receives funding to develop testing swabs for COVID
<https://www.canada.ca/en/national-research-council/news/2020/09/tronosjet-manufacturing-inc-receives-funding-from-government-of-canada-to-develop-testing-swabs-for-covid-19.html>
 - Statement from Chief Public Health Officer
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-3-2020.html>

News Conferences

Minister Fleming Availability (1:00 p.m.)

Minister Fleming:

- The federal government announced 242M to support restart – will provide details on what that means
- Schools will look different this year – adaptations required incredible amount of work behind the scenes
- Thanks teachers, principals and vice principals, school administrators, school support staff
- BC is taking the best science-based public health advice to welcome students back to school
- Have provided a one-time 45.6M investment for this
- Provides examples of how funding is being used in various school districts
- To build on this work, have been speaking with feds on need for more resources
- First half of payment in September
 - \$101 million for public schools
 - \$7.97 million for independent schools
 - \$12.1 million will be reserved for emerging issues

- allocation based on enrolment
- The rest of the money – \$121.8 million – will come in January.
- Many districts are already developing additional remote options – schools will look different based on needs of communities
- Remote learning options may be available in some districts for Indigenous and immunocompromised students,
- Also developed resources for mental health supports for students and staff
- Will also allow schools to expand health and safety measures
- As first week approaches, we want staff, students and parents to be confident in safe return

Dr. Henry and Minister Dix Availability (3:00 p.m.)

- 110th in-person briefing today.
- Written brief tmrw @ 3 p.m.

Cases

- 89 new cases, total 6,041.
 - 2,012 Vancouver Coastal Health
 - 3,155 Fraser Health
 - 178 Vancouver Island Health
 - 450 Interior Health
 - 167 Northern Health
 - 79 ppl who reside outside of Canada
- 1,175 active cases
- 34 in hospital, 11 in ICU/CCU
- 1 additional death in long term (Fraser Health) – total 210.
- 2,801 isolated, under active public health follow up
- 4644 ppl fully recovered

Outbreaks

- 2 new health care outbreaks, each just a single person.
 - Care home in FH and hospital in VCH
 - Maple Ridge health care outbreak over.
 - 11 active outbreaks total.
 - 730 ppl
 - 443 residents, 287 staff
- No new community outbreaks.
 - Ongoing exposure events w transmission across B.C. – **pls continue to check HA and BCCDC websites for updates.**

Dr. Henry modelling update:

- *Weekly profile of cases: increased number of cases/day:*
 - 547 new cases in the past week.
 - Median age has gone down – was in 50s, now to 41.
 - Hospitalizations up slightly, rate remains low.

- Has come down from midst of first wave where about 20% of cases ended up in hospital.
- As of last week – 4 new deaths.
 - Median age remains high, reflecting virus most lethal to elders and seniors.
- 4,253 removed from isolation.
- *Geographic distribution map – updated:*
 - Active cases in areas that had not previously had cases.
 - Reflects that the virus is circulating.
 - All communities at risk, important to continue to take measures to protect ourselves and others.
- *Epidemic curve by reported date (lab test):*
 - Substantial increase over last couple of weeks.
 - Also substantial increase in tests conducted.
 - 4-5,000 tests on average today.
- *Likely source of infection:*
 - Vast majority of cases linked to known exposure events in local area.
 - Will present more info on what these settings are.
 - Some ppl coming in from int'l travel, incl. TFW and other returning Canadians.
- *Counts/proportion of COVID-19 cases by ten-year age groups:*
 - Shows us that in the last few weeks, the virus is spreading amongst younger people.
 - Much transmission among social networks.
- *Proportion of cases by exposure setting and age:*
 - Colours reflect the proportion of cases per age group infected in which setting.
 - Households, community settings, private parties/events, restaurants/bars/lounges, workplaces (incl. health care, industrial camp, food processing).
 - Three different time periods:
 - January 1- May 18
 - Putting in some restrictions, travel etc.
 - May 19 – June 23
 - As we started BC's Restart
 - A few more settings with increased exposures.
 - ***June 24 – September 1
 - What stands out: for young children and older people, it is still the same. Most exposure events in households.
 - In the middle: differing settings where people are exposed – within working age adults, exposures in workplaces, agricultural plants.
 - We've also seen transmission between workers in restaurants, offices, warehouses.
 - In those places, transmission generally happens among co-workers not taking usual precautions.
 - Yellow – younger adults – seeing clusters related to restaurants, bars and lounges as well as private parties and events. (Kelowna cluster, for example)

- *Number and incidence rates by health authority in last week per 100,000 population:*
 - Allows us to compare to other jurisdictions.
 - In most of BC, community transmission rates very low.
 - Focus in Lower Mainland – Vancouver.
 - Rates higher there – 15.7 (FH) and 18.6 (VCH) compared to under 2 in Interior and VIHA.
 - Bottom line: we are seeing virus circulate but are finding balance to keep it that way.
- *Number of COVID cases in hospital by day:*
 - Still remains low, reflecting that young people are generally not being hospitalized.
- *Number of cases in ICU:*
 - Still low, don't want it to climb.
- *Cases per 1 million population (Provincial-Territorial and National):*
 - B.C. remains low – QC, AB and ON above us.
 - Canada's and B.C.'s curves remain flattened.
- *Lab testing:*
 - Highest number of tests per day happening now since start of pandemic (4-5,000)
 - 10% uptick in tests this week.
 - Per cent positivity – for every 100 tests done, approx. 2 are positive.
 - Mean turnaround time – 27.8hr - up 4.2% from last week.
 - Lab capacity remains good, we have good capacity for fall.
- *British Columbians' mobility:*
 - We are gradually coming back to levels pre-pandemic in some places we're going – retail, recreation, pharmacies.
 - Remain low in transit and workplaces, but there is a steady increase there, too.
- *Dynamic compartmental modeling:*
 - Reproductive rate remains below 2.
 - We are watching this as it gives us an idea of how well we're doing stopping the chains of transmission.
- *Dynamic compartmental modeling – scenarios.*
 - Right now at 65% of normal (roughly)
 - We still have it in our hands/actions to bend the curve back down.
 - This is what we need to focus on right now.
 - We're at the limit, precipice.
 - We need to take actions to show we can move into the fall and keep the curve low.
- *In summary:*
 - Model shows there's variation because our rates are low.
 - Also illustrates the importance of reducing transmission in every case.
 - Data tells us that for the most part, in recent weeks, we've found the balance to keep essential services and business going and protecting more vulnerable.

- As we prep for cold and flu season ahead, we need to keep the balance, maintain vibrant/healthy communities and keep new cases low.
- We should not be spending time with people we don't know without taking precautions.
- One way to think about activities in weeks ahead – think about numbers of contacts you have.
 - The fewer people, the better.
 - **If you know you have more interactions ahead, ie. work return – you need to reduce your contacts in other areas.**
 - Need to find that personal balance.
 - Different interactions require different precautions – consider own COVID safety plan for family, for business.
 - If you're going back to work in open plan office, you need to remain in your own team.
 - Maintain your distance, but the same people you're with on an ongoing basis, 1M is probably ok for most interactions. 2M is better.
 - **Stay home if you're ill.**
 - If parents are helping care for children – will have to spend less time with groups outside of your circle.
 - Starting university? Keep safe by avoiding in-person social events with large groups of people.

Dr. Henry comments

- We've talked a lot about giving 2 metre distance and wearing masks.
 - 2M is ideal for uncontrolled environments and people you don't know.
 - For work colleagues, classmates, distance can be 1M because these are controlled situations.
- Close, sustained face-to-face contact with ppl outside your household should be avoided.
- Staff get-togethers or coffee – transmission can occur. These are risky endeavours, riskier than other settings.
- I understand this is not straightforward.
- Being outside is safer than inside.
- People walking past each other isn't leading to transmission.
- Reminds children not to touch each other on playgrounds – this is working - rather than telling them to stay metres apart.
- Our situation is because most people are taking the precautions that we know work.
- This weekend in particular, choose to go small, stick with your household, and use those layers of protection.
- Make sure we are united in our singular focus to stop those chains of transmission and keep curve flat.

Minister Dix

- Condolences to families and loved ones of those who passed.

- Notes the extraordinary work of public health over the last day – tests, isolation, monitoring.
- *May 7 – surgical renewal commitment update:*
 - On Tuesday released 2nd monthly progress report (June 26 – July 23)
 - By July 23, delivered surgeries to 11,249 pts, almost 66% of the 17,154 pts whose surgery was postponed.
 - Performed 904 more surgeries than in the same time frame last year.
 - Operating room hours increased by 6%.
 - We performed 7,368 urgent surgeries, a 4% increase over the same timeframe last year.
 - We doubled the non-urgent surgeries for pts waiting longer than two times their target wait.
 - In this period, we hired nurses, anesthesiologists, medical device reprocessing techs.
 - www.gov.bc.ca/surgical renewal.
 - Weekly surgical update.
- *Update on PJH ann't for more contact tracers:*
 - Will continue through fall – enable public health to allow them to complete usual duties and pandemic duties.
 - **Number of contact tracers increased to 608 (from 500)**
 - 2,657 people have expressed interest.
 - More than 600 have met qualifications, many hired or in application stage.
 - Retired nurses, physicians to assist public health care system.
 - Demonstrates strength of system.
- Recognizes Dr. Henry and DM Stephen Brown for their excellent work, compassion PHO has.
 - Honoured to work with her and stand here with her.
- Things we've achieved with resumption of surgery, visits to LTC w/o increase in transmission, allowing ppl to get back to work.
 - These are all of our achievements – everyone in B.C.
- We know pandemic will be with us in the year/years to come.
- We have to continue to be all in.
- This long weekend, our task is to stop the spread.
 - Physical distancing, hand hygiene, staying home if unwell, wearing a mask saves lives.
- Wishes for a safe long weekend – more briefings next week.

There was an EMBC all-agency communications coordination today at 11:30 a.m. The following updates were provided:

Potential Issues, Concerns

ENV

- BC parks will start towing cars along highway near park – 25 km south of Squamish

Communications Partners Details

Full Update:

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre Update – Jordan Turner

- On the schedule today:
 - BC Wildfire reminder to be careful with fire use over labour day weekend
 - Dr. Henry and Minister Dix – availability at 3pm
- Other Emergencies:
 - No major updates – 3 wildfires of note

Health

- 104 cases
- 1127 active cases
- 33 hospitalized – 14 ICU
- 0 additional death – 209 total
- 1 new health care outbreaks – Surrey Memorial
- No new community outbreaks
- Message focused on going into fall and reducing cases
- Giving more concrete examples on what people can do
- Modelling update today

BCCDC

- Slides for modelling presentation – same URL but new title “epidemiology and modelling presentation.”

Health Canada

- Updated advisory list of hand sanitizers
- Advisory of risk of buying ultraviolet lights for home use
- Updated public health management cases associated with COVID

ENV

- BC parks will start towing cars along highway near park – 25 km south of Squamish

GCPE HQ

Don Z

- When’s the next update on the ticketing – order? Planning to do it on a weekly basis with police dept – asked to do Friday to Thursday and then gathered by Tuesday. Can have numbers by end of week and release by next week
- ENV – who’s lead on towing? It would come through ENV. Any ministries impacted or just you? Have let MOTI know but mostly about enforcement. RCMP should be aware.

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Hi Liza,

Each health authority issues advice based on the conditions in their area. For example, Vancouver Coastal Health is discouraging vigorous phys ed classes outside. It is essential that all schools continue to follow their COVID safety plans and diligently screen staff and children for symptoms of COVID-19.

Thanks,

Shannon

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Yes - it's just now there is guidance for schools that windows open and outside are safest for during covid 19 which is

the opposition of what is safest during poor air quality.

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I'll ask around with school districts.

When I was working at Island Health - the local healthy authority along with Ministry of Environment - were co-leads on air quality notifications. And those notifications were directed at all ages - especially For People with underlying medical conditions.

Meribeth

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Covid cases associated with schools

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This was as of yesterday afternoon. After this was compiled there was another Surrey school that had a case that was considered a low risk exposure.

There have been four exposure events in Fraser Health and one in Interior Health. At this time there are no outbreaks and there has been no transmission within the schools. In all of the below cases the transmission happened in the community.

Interior Health

Stanley Humphries Secondary School

A member of the Stanley Humphries Secondary School community in Castlegar has tested positive for COVID-19. They are isolated at home with support from public health officials.

Interior Health has directly contacted any individuals who may have been exposed to provide direction and support.

Fraser Health

Khalsa Elementary School

There was a COVID-19 exposure at Khalsa Elementary School (Old Yale Campus) in Surrey on September 1st and September 4th. Five non-teaching staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals are currently in self-isolation at their homes. Neither students nor parents were exposed at the school during these times.

Panorama Ridge

A COVID-19 exposure occurred at Panorama Ridge Secondary School in Surrey on Tuesday, September 8th. No students were present at the site that day. One staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person is currently in self-isolation at their home.

Out of an abundance of caution, Fraser Health Public Health notified close contacts who have been instructed to self-isolate.

Delta Secondary School

On September 11, the school was informed one student has tested positive for COVID-19. This person is currently in self-isolation at their home.

Fraser Health Public Health has identified and informed close contacts who are instructed to self-isolate.

Johnson Heights Secondary

A COVID-19 exposure occurred at Johnson Heights Secondary School in Surrey on September 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. One staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person is currently in self-isolation at their home.

Fraser Health Public Health has identified and informed close contacts who are instructed to self-isolate.

FW: Media Availability: Dix/Henry - COVID-19 update

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Lots about stick to six, this is the closest to our needs

Reporter: Ontario has taken the next step to bring back some of those restriction on gatherings. And I think they have reduced them to 25 for outdoor gatherings. Going forward, if numbers don't go down, are you looking at imposing stricter restrictions?

Henry: The short answer is no. We have tried to pick a reasonable number, and to give people advice about what that actually means. And we have closed down places where it's not possible for them to be viable without people breaking the rules. So we are sticking with our numbers, but we also are -- as we just talked about -- appealing to people to make it fit. It doesn't mean that 50 is okay. If you're in a small place, it may mean that six is okay, or two, or having a small number of people over.

If it's outside you still need to maintain those safe distances, because what we're seeing is when you have lots of people together -- inside or outside -- and when they're close together, and talking together, and dancing, or kissing, or sharing food, we see this virus take hold. And it can spread very quickly in those settings. So people were concerned -- where are we seeing transmission? And that's what we're seeing now.

The places that we can modify, most importantly, are those social interactions where we're speaking loudly, where we're having close conversations, especially if they're indoors. And that is where this virus can spread really quickly.

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FYI
Summary of this afternoon's BCTF livestream

Subject: BCTF call summary

BCTF call (Terri Mooring, Rich Overgard and Carol Gordon.

Started by highlighting a link with health and safety survey they are sending out.

They aren't pleased with the safety measures in place. Not enough masks, poor garbage removal. Also mentioned the smoke and bad ventilation.

Says they are pushing for less classroom density, more remote options and safety protections - face shields.

Terri: they have heard concerns about classroom set-ups and conditions in schools. They are working at the local level with the health and safety teams and local union contacts. If there are concerns to connect with local contacts.

Seems to be some confusion amongst districts between BCCDC and Ministry guidelines. They appear to water down the school setting guidelines. Sought clarity from Ministry.

The ministry guidelines stand – nothing has changed except the health check. The health check is shorter now. Not sure why.

New saliva test – news they learned via twitter not through the ministry.

Carol update: steering committee and working groups continue – teachers can share their concerns there. Continue to let ministry know the mask mandate needs to be followed through on.

Q) What legal avenues are there?

Terri: says they will be sending out emails for people in government (trustees, MLAs etc) on issues impacting teachers. More info to come on "legal avenues" and the context in which they are operating. More to come – stay tuned.

Meeting with BCPSEA re COVID leave policies. Seeking more flexibility.

Some locals are negotiating sick days for TTOCs. At least one district is doing this.

Covered what to do if there is a Covid case. Protocols. For teachers it would be a Worksafe claim.

Covered music education – how to safely conduct music classes. Mention tips in the Guidelines.

Asked about funding count deadlines: Terri mentions the flexibility government is giving districts. Terri says she will follow-up on what this means.

It's important teachers reach out to their site based health and safety reps. With concerns. There are also health and safety committees that are bound to deal with health and safety issues. Speak to your principal if needed. The joint occupational health and safety committees should be used – the committee can be used for barriers.

The health and safety guidelines will dictate how school safety conditions are implemented.

Rich O asks: A councillor is wondering if they can ask for barriers because they are encountering a high number of students.

Rich: What can teachers do to tell parents about ensuring things are safe in the classroom? Can you refuse to work because it isn't safe?

Terri: work with your health and safety reps – contact your principal. Contact your local union. Can go to joint health and safety committee with concerns.

Terri: Work with the local safety committee on getting barriers, noted they are pushing for more face shields for teachers. Also seeking more councillors to support teachers on knowledge of trauma.

Terri: explains that the BCTF can openly criticize the provincial government since they are not the employer. But be careful about your local district. But teachers have the right to speak to parents. For example, teachers can let parents know that students over 10 are recommended to wear masks in the federal guidelines.

But thankfully there has been no in-school COVID transmission yet in B.C. Just from outside.

She expects more cases but emphasised the need to limit this. They will continue to call for more remote learning and smaller classes.

Carol from working groups then covered the guidelines that were released on contact tracing.

Terri mentioned she is pleased that there will be public info on positive cases. Need to balance individual privacy – ensure proper contact tracing occurs.

Went on to discuss the different options for online learning – said there needed to be more time and the info on cohorts came too late. Made planning hard. Wanted more time from the Ministry. Said this put a lot of pressure on the steering committee.

Ended with a discussion on the increasing numbers in cases. Terri said she doesn't think schools will close unless there is transmission within a school or schools. This is why they are calling for more safety measures. All safety equipment and cleaning supplies need to be there and they are working to ensure it will be there.

250-208-9130

From: [Horgan.MLA, John](#)
To: [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)
Subject: FW: LACK OF VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HOMES
Date: September 18, 2020 10:16:42 AM
Attachments: [EMAIL CONFIRMATION RECEIPT - From John Horgan MLA Langford-Juan de Fuca CONSTITUENCY OFFICE.msg](#)

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX ; Jon Malach ; Jessica Malach
Subject: LACK OF VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HOMES
READ AND LEARN AND ACT. WE VOTE!
<https://globalnews.ca/news/7326251/coronavirus-canada-schools-air-ventilation/>

EMAIL CONFIRMATION / RECEIPT - From John Horgan, MLA, Langford-Juan de Fuca CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: September 17, 2020 11:41:35 AM PDT

Greetings and thank you for writing. This message is to simply acknowledge receipt of your email and provide you with important information on how best to receive assistance.

If you are writing to me as the Premier of British Columbia and do not reside in the Langford-Juan de Fuca constituency, please re-direct your email to: Premier@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca>>. You can also contact my office at the BC Legislature by calling 1-250-387-1715 (please leave a voice message), or writing to me at:

Premier John Horgan

Province of British Columbia

PO Box 9041 STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

My constituency office receives thousands of emails per month, so to ensure my local constituents can best receive assistance from my community office staff, please ensure you reply back and provide your daytime phone number, address and postal code. My constituency staff will be pleased to assist you on issues that pertain to British Columbia provincial government agencies. Please note that if your matter is time-sensitive, please call my office at 1-250-391-2801 - (please leave a voice message).

If you are not sure if you live in the constituency of Langford-Juan de Fuca, please enter your postal code into the MLA Finder at: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/members>. If you reside in another constituency, please contact your noted MLA directly.

If your issue falls under the jurisdiction of the federal government, please connect directly with your Member of Parliament (MP) who can best address federal issues on your behalf. To locate your MP, please enter your postal code in the following link: <http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members>

PRIVACY NOTE - All information provided to my office remains confidential. If you require my constituency staff to seek assistance from provincial government agencies and you have specific privacy concerns about sharing your details with the appropriate government staff, please contact my constituency office immediately with further instructions.

More information about my constituency office, including hours of operation, news and services, can be found at: <http://johnhorganmla.ca/>.

NOTE: Many of you have recently contacted my office with concerns and questions about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Please know that all levels of government are working collectively and taking action to address the spread of the disease, protect public services and mitigate challenges to businesses and our economy. To access up-to-date information, resources and best practices, please go to: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>. If you are sick and have COVID-19, or think you may have it, use this self-assessment tool to help determine if you need further assessment or testing: <https://covid19.thrive.health/>.

Thank you again for your email, and for taking the time to share your ideas, concerns and insights with me.

Sincerely,
John Horgan, MLA
Langford-Juan de Fuca
122 - 2806 Jacklin Road
Langford, BC V9B 5A4
250-391-2801

From: s.22
To: [Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Horgan, MLA, John LASS:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Dix, MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fleming, MLA, Rob LASS:EX; sheila.malcolmson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](#)
Subject: Time to flatten the 0-19 year old infections curve
Date: September 25, 2020 8:42:04 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan, Ministers Dix and Fleming, MLA Malcolmson, and Dr. Henry,

I hope you are well on this gloriously sunny day!

Today, I bring you an easy question and some stunning statistics. First, the question: Why isn't more being done to flatten the curve of Covid infections in the 0-19 age group? This spring, when you called on us to flatten the curve, we, as a province, jumped into action and did it, and were the envy of the world. Now we're calling on you to help flatten the curve among children by reducing class sizes to allow for safe physical distancing.

The curve for 0-19 year old infections is looking more like the most challenging sections of The Chief than the flat line we desire. From Jan. 28 to Sep. 8 (when schools were mostly closed) children made up just under 8% of the total cases. Yesterday, that number was a staggering 28%! In the past 17 days we've had half the number of 0-19 cases as in the entire 7.5 months preceding it. That is astonishingly high and showing absolutely no signs of slowing down. I have attached a graph showing the average infection rate from Jan. 28 to Sep. 8 and then the daily infections since Sep. 8. A picture is, indeed, worth a thousand words.

When the elderly were being infected in similar numbers, the government made sweeping changes (and provided the funding to match it) and did a commendable job of flattening the curve. You deserve credit and kudos for that. However, now there is a very similar crisis unfolding among the children that requires more than loose, ineffective cohorts and a bottle of hand sanitizer. The numbers show that this is not enough. You know as well as anyone that the more time that elapses until decisive action is taken, the more difficult it will be to flatten the curve.

I hope you will consider this in your future plans for keeping children in this province safe and healthy.

I wish you a pleasant evening.

Respectfully,
s.22

From: s.22
To: [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; adrian.dix@bcndp.ca](#)
Cc: bryn.smith@bcndp.ca
Subject: consideration for children's needs through COVID
Date: October 20, 2020 2:07:14 PM
Attachments: s.22

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Hon. Premier Horgan, Hon. Carole James, Deputy Premier; Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health; Hon. Rob Fleming, Min. of Education
cc: Bryn Smith, Surrey-White Rock NDP Candidate

PLEASE see attached 2-min. video where a child speaks eloquently for her youth-group.

Can COVID scenarios be improved to better accommodate the needs of children? I ask - or jump to **(**)** and **(***)** if you have no time to look at this:

(1).If parents' tests reveal not infected/not infectious *today*, how does that guarantee that 6 hours later they are not infected/infectious by some mysterious means (as this virus is proving to be)? The results do not come back instantly. The test could be positive 6 hours later. *How useful is testing?*

(2).Are the children being too restricted? "*Children need to socialize and they need to learn (school)*" - quote from board certified Frontline Doctors.

(3).What are the stats and how relevant, how concerning, are stats showing children infecting other children? Children infecting adults? Child mortalities *from COVID*.

(4).Allow parents to keep children home if they so choose, to home-school them if they so choose. However, if the teacher remains behind a plastic screen in the school room, and masked teacher's assistants or mother volunteers float the room, shall that not protect the children and the teacher *sans masks*, from infecting each other?

(5).To enlarge the range of options for children, could children be not restricted from contact *with each other* provided no family member in the home is sick with COVID? What if children were restricted *only* from contact with teachers and elders over age 60 (or so) and people with pre-existing conditions, to protect those most vulnerable adults?

(6).How are children faring during and after recovering from COVID? Are

children's COVID infections leaving them with debilitating consequences or are they pretty much completely normal once they've recovered? Can we have stats of childhood full recoveries vs ongoing health issues, and deaths, please? Just those category alone? Does that statistic support stringent lockdowns for children?

(7).What is the lesser evil – considering children have social needs, and needs to learn, as a part of good health?

() See the 2-min. video.** Then, please use your resources of very smart people, even some very bright teenagers, to "Think Tank" and come up with a better plan than social isolation for children. Parents need relief, too.

(*)** I have posted this to my current Surrey-White Rock MP, Kerry-Lynne Findlay and asked that the federal government support the provinces in this area. Meanwhile, as a lifelong voting supporter of the provincial NDP, I wonder if you would you consider this useful for your current NDP platform? Support for every aspect of *youth development* from pre-school through high school and to age 25-30 would be my request of a provincial government. I asked my MP, Ms. Findlay, for federal support to provinces for *poor* post high school applicants (parental means test? -CRA?) for job training programs for ages 18-25.

For example: (1) more plumbers and auto mechanics...they charge far more per hour than a doctor who went to university for 7 years. If more plumbers and mechanics came into the workforce and competition were greatly increased, they would have to drop their fees and could still maintain a lucrative income; (2) more practical nurses and nurses' aides, *male and female* are certainly needed in the hospitals and care homes. ^{s.22}

In my youth the Social Credit and then NDP provincial governments (BC) sponsored Vocational School programs in trades through UIC ("Unemployment Insurance Commission" at that time). ^{s.22}

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However these vocational training programs

are now all privatised and are *very* expensive.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 5, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX;
mayorandcouncil@kelowna.ca
Subject: Happening Now In Kelowna

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See this below from today at the s.22
mandatory in BC and things like this can be dealt with

This a perfect example of why masks should be simply made

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 13, 2020 9:42 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: No masks, no distancing: Schools in Denmark defy COVID-19 — with success so far

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Sir,
Just for your information about the school model in Denmark which seems successful do far. Please take the time to read the article for inspiration.
Kind regards

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No masks, no distancing: Schools in Denmark defy COVID-19 — with success so far

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/denmark-schools-covid-19-pandemic-1.5720508>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 29, 2020 11:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid restrictions

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Hello Mr Horgan,

I am writing to say that I disagree with the latest Covid restriction of only allowing 6 other people into your household, and as our premier I hope you will listen to people's thoughts on this and speak up for us. Why can I send my children to school with hundreds of kids, why can I go to stores and restaurants, why can we go to work, why can we have all of these interactions but not have our family over for a meal together? This rule makes no sense and it is absolutely disturbing that the government has stepped into our family homes and told us what we can do in them. Our provincial total for deaths is so low, and even with the cases rising, the deaths are not. There are many negative things happening because of Covid and I'm not just talking about people getting sick. People have lost jobs, gone into more debt, had mental health decline, overdose deaths are way up, etc. This NEEDS to end. The "solution" to preventing Covid is far worse than the virus itself.

I really hope that you will do the right thing and stand up for people's rights and freedoms to be able to have a family dinner without facing possible consequences. It is not right, and I hope to see things change. Thank you for your time.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 27, 2020 9:47 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Subject: COVID-19: Two schools closed, three deaths and record 817 cases over past three days in B.C.

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COVID-19: Two schools closed, three deaths and record 817 cases over past three days in B.C.

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has ordered any gathering in a home to have no more than six guests – who are already within the household bubble – and expects all people to wear masks in indoor public spaces, as B.C. endured a “sobering” weekend of COVID-19 infection. On Monday, Henry reported a record 817 cases, two complete school closures, three deaths and an outbreak at the Surrey Pre-Trial Services Centre over the previous three...

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/covid-19-two-schools-closed-three-deaths-and-record-817-cases-over-past-three-days-in-b-c/ar-BB1apOw7?ocid=hplocalnews>

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An ‘expectation’ ???

Have you lost your mind???

MANDATORY MASKS NOW!! The ‘please do’ crap isn’t working!!!!

HELLO????????

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 26, 2020 6:44 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: First "congratulations"

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Second Covid .

Please mr Horgan, this "pandemic" has been blown out of proportion. If it was as bad as we are being told our kids would not be at school and businesses like nail salons , hair dressers and massage therapy would not have been opened in phase one!

Open the economy. People will die but we have to have a world to come out to when this is over.

Protect the venerable by locking them Up, not by killing our society.

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Please do not start more shut downs !

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Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 26, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: What is it going to take for you two to WAKE UP

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Your decision to put the onus on the general public to do what is right ISN'T WORKING!! They are stupid and selfish and don't care, but it is YOUR FAULT this is happening.
Mandate masks anywhere in public and ENFORCE IT Shut down the borders for REAL Shut down business and schools for 2 weeks.

What hubris you and your government are showing to British Columbians and for that matter the WHOLE WORLD.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: October 26, 2020 9:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: Congratulations!

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Congratulations!

Premier Horgan - Congratulations on your recent victory. I believe, as do most that your popularity and subsequent victory relate to your government's handling of the current pandemic. With the guidance and demeanor of Dr. Henry and your support, our province has done an excellent job relative to other jurisdictions. Now that you have cemented your government in place for the next four years it is time to make some unpopular decisions regarding future control of the Covid-19 virus. Universal mask wearing has been proven to be extremely effective in halting virus spread. We are seeing substantial increases in cases and the time to act is now and not when it is totally out of control. This simple step may allow businesses and other activities to continue. Our future and your legacy will depend on the actions taken now to get better control of this epidemic. More restrictions on some activities are inevitable but if everyone (including all students) are mandated to wear masks in public, we will have a much better future. s.22

s.22 is mandated to wear a mask on the bus and at school and copes just fine. Please step up and take the steps needed to save lives and reduce the misery of this disease.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 25, 2020 12:09 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: in-take international students-urgent

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Dear Honorable Premier of B.C.:

I hope this approval of group no. 1 on October 20, 2020 by CIC which is not a systematic problem. Only a few private colleges are approved; I believe less than 5 of them and the rest of them are all public universities 96%.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students/approved-dli.html#wb-auto-42>

I hope you can review all screens of your application system for this policy and process asap ! I suggest you approve all or just don't list any; otherwise, this will totally benefit certain parties and not other schools.

Please understand this is extremely urgent notice to all schools as well as students/ students' family !!!!!!! Otherwise, you will face a big layoff by this end of year and teachers and adm. workers will be out very soon ! No students can come in and all schools are forced to close the door.

I am looking forward to hearing from you asap.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Designated learning institutions reopening to international students

As of October 20, 2020, some designated learning institutions (DLIs) are now able to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada **and** who

- have, or have been approved for, a study permit
- are travelling to Canada for a non-discretionary or non-optional purpose

COVID-19 readiness plan for DLIs

To be able to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada, DLIs must have a COVID-19 readiness plan approved by their province or territory that

- protects the health and safety of all students and the surrounding community
- describes how they will manage the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for international students, including arrangements for transportation to the students' quarantine location
- provides information and support to international students about

- how they can get the items they need for their quarantine, like food and medications
- health insurance
- remaining healthy while in Canada

Contact your school directly if you have any questions about its readiness plan.

Studying at an approved DLI

You must be studying at one of the approved DLIs included below to be able to travel to Canada. We will only add DLIs if their provincial or territorial government has approved their COVID-19 readiness plan.

If your DLI isn't included below, you can't travel to Canada to study at this time. If you try to travel to Canada when your DLI isn't included, you may not be allowed to board your flight or you may be turned away at the port of entry.

Family members who will be coming with you to Canada can't travel to Canada before you do.

We'll update this page as more DLIs are approved by their province or territory to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada. If your DLI isn't on the list yet, check back regularly to see if it's been added. Any DLI that no longer meets its provincial or territorial public health requirements will be removed.

Find out if your DLI is approved

Which school level are you going into? (required)

Best Regards,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: October 22, 2020 11:29 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Promises!

Categories: Sent to Ministry

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: s.22
Subject: Promises!

Dear Mr. Horgan,

So, you are on the campaign trail! Making a ton of promises. Stating you are there for the citizens of BC. Baldersdash Mr. Horgan! PURE UNADULTERATED BALDERDASH!

Doesn't seem to apply to teachers. s.22

s.22 As you
may have heard, a covid19 outbreak has been declared at this school and all students from JK to grade 3 have been ordered to quarantine until November 4th. s.22

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You hypocrisy in, firstly, calling this election during a pandemic is shocking. But your continued prattle about supporting all British Columbians is clearly balderdash. There is ZERO support from the provincial government for teachers who have been forced into the situation s.22

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s.22 The Ministry of Education and your government have turned their backs on teachers and the protection they deserve. SHAMEFUL.

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s.22 It seems to have come as a surprise to senior administrators that members of the teaching staff in this school district might have school-aged children who may be required to quarantine due to an exposure to covid19 during the school year. Clearly senior administration had not done their jobs! They were unprepared. But they will continue to draw their salaries s.22

The second act of hypocrisy has to do with how civil servants are being treated in comparison to school teachers. Civil servants by and large are still working from home. Teachers, on the other hand, have been back on the firing line since early September. Your government has failed miserably in protecting teachers from SARS-CoV-2. ^{s.22} that masks, face shields and hand sanitizers were their responsibility. BUY YOUR OWN!! Money from the federal government intended for staff and school protection from covid19 in this school division was instead diverted to on-line learning even though online learners represent TWO PERCENT of the total student body in this district. Ridiculous!!

Since you claim to represent ALL British Columbians perhaps you can take some time to look into how teachers are going without the protection they deserve or the income they require and deserve. Seems to me that is the job of a provincial premier!

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 15, 2020 11:36 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: contact@bcndp.ca
Subject: What are you going to do to bring our Covid rates back down?

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

I voted NDP last election, but this time I am not sure if I should vote for you guys again. You have bungled up your pandemic response by being to lenient and relaxed.

90% of your pandemic policy seems to be asking people to "do the right thing". Well guess what....it may have worked at first but NOT ANYMORE. Our COVID rates just keep rising.

Why not require masks for all indoor public places?! It's simple, might be a little inconvenient....but it will stop the spread and save lives.

Enough with the easy going approach!

Don't even get my started with the ridiculous back to school policy. I absolutely will not be sending my kids to school in person so long as masks are "optional".

regards,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 14, 2020 11:36 PM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Cc: Eburne, Samantha G TRAN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid exposure - overlooking wide spread distribution

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Dr. Bonnie Henry

cc: Samantha Eburne, CVSE
John Horgan, MLA
The Canadian Press Editirial
Global News BC

bcc: Other concerned parties

Subject: Unchecked Covid-19 distribution, the transport industry and effects on the general public. Overlooking a root cause of spread.

The government continues to focus on sports and school exposure to the coronavirus as parents enter hysteria over possible exposures.

This said the government repeatedly ignores the facts on distribution of the virus by the transport industry and drivers making over 88000 border crossings weekly to and from affected American cities.

If British Columbia only received 10 percent of the potential exposures this alone accounts for near 160 thousand new cases monthly.

There is still no border or interprovincial testing of truckers entering and leaving distribution centres or engaging in direct deliveries where the average driver interacts with upward of 20 persons daily.

Your welcome to confirm my weekly border crossing stats with the CBSA and I would recommend you get the interprovincial stats from the active BC port of entry scales for interprovincial traffic.

I must point out that Alberta has sready suffered three major facility Covid infections to date, Cargill meats in High River with 1500 cases, Lakeside meat packets in Brooks with over 1200 cases and the Amazon distribution centre in Balzac Exceeding 1400 cases. Now combine the facilities with transportation movements and destinations and you will come to or exceed my figures on exposure potentials of Covid-19.

I suggest not concentrating on the scare and hysteria of parents and schools and move the concern to how the pandemic is being spread.

Let's not concentrate on airlines either where care and cleaning are conducted between flights while truckers operating as driver teams operate in 6x7 foot spaces inside their sleeper cabs of up to a week per trip with fast turn arounds based on company profit demands with no sanitization of truck cabs and without provisions to reduce pandemic spreading.

Sincerely

s.22

"The truth is out there" - it won't be easy to find!

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From: s.22
Sent: October 11, 2020 2:11 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid19 In-Drawing Student Desks

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Those with a little infection can still attend class with their desk modified by me into an active personal air intake. I could do this at BCIT for all desks in BC because s.22

s.22 An ABS drain pipe goes in each desk and a vinyl hose specially ordered to fit that pipe, extends to other pipes above the acoustic tile in the ceiling. A furnace blower draws air from each desk this way and sends it into a constantly Lysol sprayed filter element. The scent is very nice with "blue" waterfall Lysol sanitizer agent at 1:60 ratio. Tables can be modified too. Sanitizing an entire building would be thousands of times more expensive. Critical items s.22
s.22 would include 1/3HP blowers with famous VW tube wheel bearings for lasting high speed use, table bottom seal plates to create a vacuum vessel, and stressed wire resistance airflow sensors to guarantee the air flow happens and data log it at the main desk. This is a good way to control covid19 from coming home from School and I can devote 20 years towards machining perfect perfect air flow sanitizer components, not only for BC, but for world wide shipping too.s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: October 8, 2020 12:42 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: thanks

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Hi Premier Horgan

Just wanted to email and say thanks for putting the unsafe school plan on me, a teacher. Your comments about parents and teachers being more proactive was wrong and immature. What could you have possibly have been thinking when that came out of your mouth? I have to live this unsafe plan every day, do you?

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 5, 2020 3:34 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Very concerned about recent rapid growth and amount of Covid in the community.
Highly recommend and support a lock down within businesses and schools before this gets out of hand.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 5, 2020 1:27 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Student Athletes

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Premier,

I am writing to request consideration for Student Athletes Psychological, Emotional, Physical and Educational benefits of Phase 4 School Athletics.

Our students are ready, willing and able to engage in Inter-School Athletics programs. Reportedly, the current COVID-19 virus does not indicate serious or critical negative impacts upon Student Athletes.

It seems that Student Athletes have had their freedoms to participate in sports and develop as individuals within what used to be a free society restricted in a manner that does not make any common sense. Furthermore, it seems that BC Government imposed restrictions are having severe negative effects upon students overall health as students experience unparalleled restrictions with no evidence based rational.

I am writing to urgently request reconsideration of the current imposed restrictions as fundamental assaults on the freedoms of young Canadians.

Psychologically, young Canadians are being told lies about the virus in terms of its severity and impact upon health. In British Columbia the reported numbers do not seem to match the Government and Media conception of the severity of the issue for Student Athletes. Student Athletes are being lied to and their common sense interpreting environmental factors (people they know have been infected, recovered and negatively affected) versus the intensity of Media/Government messaging does not correlate, creating a dissonance between reality and fiction. This dissonance may have long term effects upon population trust for Government impositions and Media narratives. Relationally, students and student athletes are being kept from relating with their peers and friends who are not part of their restrictive cohorts/learning pods/development groups. This has untold potential harm in their psychological developmental process, their sense of belonging, their sense of social attachment, their sense of community.

Emotionally, s.22 I experience students as typically weary and wary of the crisis impact upon their families. Students are concerned for their parents emotional and financial health. This vicarious trauma is going to have implications throughout the current student populations development and throughout their lifetimes. Student Athletes are frustrated and angry over their inability to affect change upon governing authorities as they experience unprecedented and unqualified restrictions upon their freedoms to live, move, relate and engage in athleticism to their fullest potential. This anger and frustration will eventually have an emotional toll upon the current student population, and adverse emotional affects for numerous student athletes throughout their currently restricted stages of development.

Physically, student athletes are being restricted from healthy development and competition in all sports. Healthy development in terms of limited practices, unnecessary restrictions during any practice, limited potential for healthy competition, limitations upon breathing during sport due to the imposition of using masks thereby restricting air flow during intense training and intramurals, etc. The BC Government has made it more difficult for student athletes to engage in sport, develop in sport and succeed in sport.

Educationally, Students are being restricted in developing their leadership potential, their understanding in execution of strategy individually and as a team, their ability to think critically and creatively in sport. The restrictions are negative in every manner.

There may be a few people who would decry opening up Student Athletics to Phase 4, yet the majority of citizens of British Columbia are for opening up student athletics. The current BC government may find themselves on the wrong side of the public narrative if they continue to impose restrictions upon its Citizens freedoms and opportunities to develop, grow and succeed.

With respect, please stop the infringement upon our freedoms, and open up Student Athletics to Phase 4.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: October 2, 2020 11:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid 19 testing inexpensively

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I would like to encourage Canada to use sniffer dogs to detect covid 19 like Finland is doing in their airports. One dog can detect 250 people's health in a day with only a swab of their necks. They have a 94 % accuracy rate and are trained to smell Covid in one week. The dogs don't contact the people and results are immediately available. This method could be used at airports, schools, gatherings, hospitals and done cheaply. Thank you for being opened minded and considering promoting this method

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 30, 2020 10:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Subject: Air Disinfection Technology can help prevent the spread of viruses, bacteria, and other airborne contaminants.

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Good Morning – according to my limited research, medical grade air purifiers are ideal for hospitals, medical facilities, offices, and schools. The portable systems can run 24/7 and are proven to be one of the most effective clean air sterilization technologies available.

Novaerus Systems have been independently tested in numerous hospitals and laboratories around the world. Clinical tests show the technology destroys pathogens and contaminants on contact and dramatically cleans the air of viruses, bacteria, mold, VOC'S, allergens, and odours – see fact sheet below.

<https://avantehs.com/learn/buying-guides/increase-safety-with-novaerus-air-disinfectio>

Air Disinfection Technology Fact Sheet

Stay safe.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 29, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Plea Issuing Mandatory Guidelines to Prevent the Spread of Covid19 Pandemic

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Premier John Horgan, Hon. Adrian Dix & Dr. Bonnie Henry,

With the re-growing threat of the coronavirus and given the nature of the threat, I am urging your good office to please issue new mandatory guidance that standardizes safety protocols for grocery stores, produce markets, pharmacies and food processing and meatpacking facilities as well as places of worship and schools.

A detailed, mandatory guidelines on cleaning, sanitation and safety conditions in stores and facilities; social distancing; personal protective equipment (PPE – Masks); and safe shopping behaviors for workers, customers, House of Worship goers, Teachers and students/pupils during the COVID-19 pandemic. To make sure everyone is safe.

Please require for both Teachers and Students/Pupils in school, Worshipers and Clerics, to wear masks and observe social distancing combined as well as Customers to “shop smart” at food and drug stores during the coronavirus crisis by always covering their faces with a mask or cloth; practicing social distancing throughout the store, limiting number of shoppers to one per family, discard their disposable PPE in trash cans and respecting special shopping times for seniors.

Thanks for reading and considering this plea.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: September 27, 2020 9:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Doug Ford; MayorScarpitti@markham.ca; Mary.Ng@parl.gc.ca; Jean.Yip.C1@parl.gc.ca; Erin.OTOole@parl.gc.ca; Aris Babikian MPP; aris.babikianco@pc.ola.org; alan.ho@markham.ca; councillor_lai@toronto.ca
Subject: Re: Solution to solve British Columbia and Canada Covid-19 Crisis Now

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Hon. John Horgan

Dear Premier BC,

Re: Solution to solve **British Columbia** Covid-19 Crisis Now

After two months of Toronto news reports, they all repeated the same difficult problems as the second wave of Covid-19 th BC faced. How to design and legislate the traditional family reunion on Thanksgiving Day on October 12, the solution is still t same as six months ago;

1. Is there a limit for two or four people per table for whole family gatherings in house or general restaurants? If the temporary operation of closed small businesses is blocked, a large number of bankruptcies and closures will occur, and the hard work of the BC economy for many years will be destroyed in the hands of the Premier and government rulers;
2. How do BC students return back to school to arrange classes? What is the distance between students? There have been a lot of complaints from parents about the safety of epidemic prevention in their children's classrooms?
3. Nursing homes should still be the focus. Because of the epidemic, the elderly deaths are the majority, or are they impossible to stop?

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I provided the simple method to BC **many months** ago, which can basically solve the above problems. It is a pity that Canadians will only choose the “give-up easy, but to do difficult”, and dare not use the solution method, which I provided. Should they still hope for high technology scientific Vaccine synthesis? When will a 100% antiviral vaccine appear? Waste a lot of money to wait in line, should we still hope to rely on high-tech vaccine synthesis? When will a 100% antiviral vaccine appear? Wasting a lot of money to wait in line.

With the knowledge wisdom I understood, the effective Covid-19 virus vaccine developed in this place is not suitable for Covid-19 virus treatment in other regions, because the same Covid-19 virus is re-transmitted by different races and places, and the virus RNA genes will have regional structural differences. This result, even if is the vaccine that costs a lot of money and long queues to get is not 100% effective, and it is more likely that the side effects of this Covid-19 vaccine will cause serious consequences to certain Canadian?

BC spends a large amount of reserves to test less than one in ten thousand people who carry the Covid-19 virus. How can all Canadians detect the Covid-19 virus? Can national epidemic test detection to solve the following festivals which coming as “Thanksgiving Day family gathering, Christmas religious night and young people party gathering, New Year reunion dinner. A more important, family elders’ birthday reunion dinner, wedding banquets gathering and so on.

At present, modern people have a tendency and hope to return to organic and natural environmental protection life. The method I provide is to use the most effective human immune system function, plus the use of dead viruses from humans’ own organic, which interact with immune functions and antibodies to foreign viruses in human body. A natural reaction should be the only solution that can solve the difficult and troubled days that Canadians have gone through for eight to nine months. A large number of office staffs and general workers were unemployed, large and small companies cannot continue to operate, and Canada national deficit will continue to increase.

As long as Canadian can understand the answer to the method which I provided with very small conditions, even if it is not possible to solve all the whole problems immediately, it can also give all Canadian the hope of seeing the SUN tomorrow.

Wish you succeeded in re-election in BC.

Thank you.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 27, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: eliminate FSA assessments for this school year

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Dear Mr. Fleming and Premier Horgan,

I along with many parents and educators are not understanding why the government is going ahead with making Grade 4 and 7 students write FSAs during a pandemic. Many students as you know have been out of school from March to September. Some are just adjusting to being inside a school building right now.

Please eliminate FSA assessments for this school year. They would not reflect where students are at and could cause needless anxiety for a good number of students.

Thank you for reading this.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 27, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: You are un-believable!

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Mr Fleming and Mr. Horgan,

What exactly do you expect to learn from the FSAs in this, of all years? Are children and parents not stressed enough? Are you seriously doing this? How Dare You?

Most children have been out of school for 6 months and have come back in the middle of a pandemic to double-standard, mixed messaging that has caused high levels of stress. Classes are still being reshuffled and many children trying to access distributed learning are still waiting for consistent teaching.

Where is your integrity? You both have spoken loudly and emphatically in the past against the use of FSAs. Clearly your words mean nothing. Therefore, I cannot trust anything you say during this election. This is not only a thoughtless and stupid move, it truly makes you un-believable. You just lost my vote and I will be spreading my disgust with you and your party. Please stop sending me emails, especially those asking for more donations.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 25, 2020 9:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: s.22

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Premier John Horgan,

I am writing to urgently demand that you fund and implement a provincial school reopening plan with smaller class sizes, based on evidence and advice of medical and scientific experts.

Evidence shows us that small class sizes are crucial for a safe and lasting return to school. Countries and regions that have returned to school successfully, without surges in COVID infection rates, have done so with class sizes of 10-15. On the other hand, Israel reopened schools with full-sized classes at a point when their daily case count was similar to ours currently in Ontario, and faced disastrous results. Within weeks, their case count had skyrocketed from well below 100 to upwards of 1500 daily. New modelling from the University of Waterloo adds to this evidence, showing that with full-sized classes, infection rates will be drastically higher than with classes of 15. The evidence is clear. Ontario must reduce class sizes to keep Ontarians safe.

Scientific and medical experts are also clear in stating that small class sizes are necessary. Sick Kids' guidance document on reopening schools states that "addressing structural deficiencies, such as large class sizes, small classrooms, and poor ventilation, must be part of any plan to reopen schools" and that "smaller class sizes should be a priority strategy." Dr. Ronald Cohn, President and CEO of Sick Kids, has stated that he cannot support a plan in which class sizes do not allow for physical distancing. Public health units from across the province have also raised concerns that the provincial plan does not allow for appropriate distancing. All of this is consistent with advice from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer to avoid the "three Cs": closed spaces, crowded places, and close contact, all of which will be inherent in a return to school with full-sized classes.

Students in Ontario deserve a chance at a safe and lasting reopening of schools. Parents in Ontario deserve to return to work knowing that their children are safe. All Ontarians deserve a responsible provincial plan that does not jeopardize the efforts of the last six months. A safe return to school will cost money, but the costs of a failed return will be so much greater. As an Ontarian, I implore you to follow the evidence and expert advice, and introduce a provincial plan that reduces class sizes to keep Ontarians safe.

Sincerely,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: September 21, 2020 12:42 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: COVID 19 Corona Virus Hotline

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

All your good work is 'going down the tubes' because there is a serious problem with the Coroa Birus hotline. One week after school has started the teachers are unable to sign-up for a test because since 8:30am this morning the line has been busy. Better planning is needed. I hope that it can be fixed soon.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 18, 2020 6:56 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: School Kids without Masks?

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

I had a hard time believing that a teacher has to face a bunch of older school kids, almost all without masks (s.22
s.22 .! She should get danger pay.

All kids, including kindergarten, should be wearing masks at all times. If not send them home.

Believe it or not I do not have any teachers in my family. This is just common sense.

I'm with the teachers on these safety issues.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 18, 2020 6:15 PM
To: PM@pm.gc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Lock down now on Covid.

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

We are heading out of control. Schools full of kids is a time bomb. We are quickly loosing the battle and you need to stomp on the breaks before we have a head on.

Don't wait till it's too late. This is an emergency.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: We Need to DO More NOW!

Importance: High

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Mr. Dix, Dr. Henry and Mr. Horgan,

I am writing because I am getting increasingly frustrated with the response to keep us safe amid COVID. We have, in a very short time, gone from the best in Canada to having more active cases than most Provinces per capita and rising hospitalizations. Our measures at schools have been inadequate and inconsistent s.22

s.22, our focus on masks way too lenient. s.22 and even in the HOSPITAL there are people without masks allowed to walk around. I asked if "masks are required" and they said "yes" but no one was enforcing it.

We need an indoor mask mandate now including at schools and all public spaces. We need to limit activities NOW. Our early success here was partly luck in terms of spring break timing and less European travel. Our lax philosophy is not working. A great example is the fifty person limit. While other Provinces, even with fewer cases, are limiting gatherings, Dr. Henry is saying "just because you can do fifty doesn't mean it is safe but we have no intention to limit." Well if it isn't safe then STOP it.

With respect I think we are about to lose this efforts. Instead of spending time on a premature election, take action to keep us safe!

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Reduce spread of Covid19

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Corona Virus. Covid19. Sept. 10 2020

Premier BC

I have written to you before on this subject but didn't want to leave you out this time.

In particular with reference to your latest statistics which go to show you are not doing the right thing in the right place.

Sir ,

As I am sending this note to all Provinces as I count myself as a Canadian first .as I live in BC.

Having written on this subject in detail to my Province I feel that my logic is tremendously important enough to spread the "good word".

To start The Two Metre Rule , stay at home and masks have proved ineffective and and in the case of masks a continuing force of destruction mentally to the Canadian population. Already entrenched in the "wear a mask " philosophy.

There are specific times and places where masks are useful it is true but Not outside in the fresh air,in Parks, in open spaces..

My aim is the Enclosed, Populated, Situations . Because this is where the majority of the cases are found.

You make up your list of places that fall into this category.-(Schools, Hospitals,Offices, Grocery Shops (not Malls) ,Restaurants etc.)

All of these places must be ventilated with a Forced, Fan system.

In brief , a suction fan(s) must be placed in an outgoing ducted location. This would be into fresh air at roof level (depending on the physical arrangement). Input ventilation, ducting would be arranged in a suitable way.

This of course ventilates the confined area thus diluting tremendously the concentration of the Bug which in turn reduces enormously its potency. It has only a very short life span in open air

and with this diminished concentration out in the fresh air it dies out quickly to give a Zero concentration.

This solution is a reliable and permanent solution, because even though you “eliminate “ the bug today it will be there again tomorrow, mainly because of outside influences, it is basically invisible, very efficient and of use world wide.

You Cannot continue to have a society based on masks, Impossible.Unthinkable.

Because of the ineffective devotion to the Two Metre Rule you are already way behind in this battle although winter I am sure (hope) will help .

Just one last word on the disastrous psychological damage to mask wearers which will arrive when governments will at last, irrespective of the situation, say “the infestation is over”. Wham!!!

Use your imagination here. A negative feedback is inevitable.

Yours Very Sincerely

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:17 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Dangerous lax of rules for air travel coming here: DO SOMETHING AND WHILE YOU ARE AT IT FIX THE VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HOMES AND GET SOME MONEY TO LOW INCOME (POVERTY) SENIORS WHO NEED IT.

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From:

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:22 AM

To: Horgan.MLA, John

Subject: Dangerous lax of rules for air travel coming here: DO SOMETHING AND WHILE YOU ARE AT IT FIX THE VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HOMES AND GET SOME MONEY TO LOW INCOME (POVERTY) SENIORS WHO NEED IT.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:17 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Failure to provide safe ventilation in schools not to mention

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From:
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX ;s.22
Subject: Failure to provide safe ventilation in schools not to mention

senior care homes. Read the article herewith and learn something besides learning how to gobble at the political trough the rest of us provide...remember we VOTE AND NOT MANY OF US BUY YOUR PINK SHOE PUBLICITY REGARDING COVID.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 17, 2020 10:20 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Covid response

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Premier Horgan--I am writing to you to express my increasing frustration with the province's response to Covid-19. After being impressed by your government's response, and by the calm reassurance and sense displayed by Dr. Henry, I am now baffled.

Why does the government not impose a universal requirement for masks in indoor public spaces?

And why is there not more testing?

In the United States, the CDC has long recommended widespread testing, including the testing of asymptomatic people. The US CDC, the Canadian CDC, the WHO all identify mask wearing as a key pillar of restricting the spread of the virus.

But in BC we do neither of these things, and letters to the Ministry of Health get truly bizarre replies. For example, it has been explained to me that testing asymptomatic people is of "little value." Do Minister Dix and Dr. Henry not realize that many--some say more than half--of all Covid cases are asymptomatic? How else, without testing asymptomatic people, are we to know who may be spreading the virus further?

And masks? This truly baffles me. I have no choice but to purchase groceries for my family in stores where often more than half the people in the store are not wearing masks, including the workers. This is, frankly, just crazy.

I won't go into the equally bizarre 50 person limit on gatherings, except to mention that it is very difficult to square that current regulation with Dr. Henry's statement yesterday that 50 is not good. If it's not good, then why permit it? This sort of strange incoherence saps at one's faith in our leadership.

I truly fear what the next two months will bring, especially with students back in school. And I no longer have faith that the BC government really knows what it is doing right now with the pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 17, 2020 11:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Time to Follow Ontario's Lead for COVID-19 Fines

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Dear Mr. Premier...it would appear that many young people in the Province are still not getting the message about the importance of following COVID-19 rules. This pandemic has been going on for 6 months now. Unless people have been living in caves for the last 6 months, the messages about COVID-19 rules have been out there in every conceivable manner during this period, over and over again. Young people who don't follow the rules are doing so because they simply **don't care**.

Well, I say MONEY TALKS! Time to **ramp up the fines** for rule breakers **just like Ontario has done**. They have just incorporated fines of **\$10,000 for party organizers**, and **\$750 for attendees**. Maybe this will finally get the attention of those selfish, irresponsible, self-entitled and **coddled** (have these young people ever heard the word NO growing up?) young people who continue to flaunt these rules.

I also feel that you must MONITOR social media to find out where and when these gatherings occur, and **shut them down before they get started**. Get whatever IT tools you need to do so.

It's time to bring the hammer down on these people, or risk our hospitals becoming overwhelmed, our schools being closed again, and our economy being shut down again causing our Government debt levels to spiral out of control. The one percent of COVID-IDOITS should not be allowed to ruin the hard work of the 99% of the rest of BC'ers. Let's not let these irresponsible people get away with this!

THANK-YOU for the hard work of your Government on the COVID-19 pandemic to date.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 16, 2020 9:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX
Subject: Thank You Due

Categories: Awaiting Input

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Dear Premier Horgan

BC Public Servants have gone above and beyond to meet the ever changing challenges of Covid19 and you have done a wonderful job of leading and inspiring us all, thank you.

I regretfully note an absence of gratitude to teachers and all school staff who are our current front line forces.

s.22 I was inspired by our community support of front line workers in the spring... and only wish you could lead and inspire the same support for school staff now.

Respectfully, s.22

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 16, 2020 8:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: specialized filters schools

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Good Morning Premier Horgan,

We just wanted to send our thoughts about specialized filters they use at hospitals. Maybe you and your team have already discussed this, but my understanding with those filters they can help with viruses and bacteria and clean the air. I know it won't do much for the coronavirus but at least it can keep the majority air clean for the kids while there are so many students.

Hopefully the govt. Has thought of these things, we are sure they are very very expensive.

Have a good day

Best regards

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 15, 2020 7:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Subject: Doesn't make sense

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Hey s.22 because they had to at times get into cohorts of 40 or more students; a lot of whom wouldn't wear masks.
It is just absolutely stupid to do this especially in light of the fact that you shut down banquet halls and bars for the very same reason. It is even more stupid given that there is no good ventilation in schools.
Why are you so prepared to put the lives of students at risk but ban those who have a choice from doing the same thing you are forcing our children to do at school, which is supposed to be a safe place.
s.22 **YOU!!!** need to make our kids schools safe and forcing them into groups of sizes you otherwise make illegal is not the way to do this.
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: September 15, 2020 4:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Changes needed to the Back to School Plan

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:29 PM
Subject: Changes needed to the Back to School Plan

Please listen to the BCTF. Schools need smaller class sizes to help fight the spread of COVID and more resources.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 14, 2020 9:15 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: option for school classrooms

Categories: Sent to Ministry

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Good Morning Honorable John Horgan

Please have a look, we feel this is a great alternative for classrooms.

I appreciate that this is a busy time for all education partners as you prepare for the fall school term under the most challenging circumstances. As a fellow British Columbian, parent and s.22

s.22 I am closely watching You, Dr. Bonnie Henry and many others prepare to meet the challenge of opening schools in a safe, functional manner.

As everyone scrambles to find solutions to the many challenges ahead, I am writing to advise you, and other key education partners in the province, that s.22

s.22 could be easily used and maintained by both teachers and students in classrooms to mitigate the spread/transmission of Covid-19 germs. Its design addresses the shortcomings of masks and conventional face shields that would be experienced in most learning environments.

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s.22 People are obviously looking for a product that addresses some of the challenges of conventional face shields and masks, and we believe we have found it s.22

I hope you will take [one minute] to view s.22 to consider how it might be utilized on a broad scale in your schools. s.22 is trying to be part of the solution – by providing a simple tool that we can quickly produce and deliver to users on a broad scale. We feel that s.22 would provide a real help to "class sets" and are manufacturing s.22 in both adult and child sizes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further, direct me to another education partner, or secure a supply of s.22 to test quickly in your offices or school. s.22

s.22 is working for everyone. We are confident it can work in our schools to help make school-opening a success.

We are trying to bring back SMILES and communication.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 14, 2020 8:09 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Close the schools

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John,

Thank you for reading this email.

You're an intelligent man. Covid numbers will become deadly if you don't close the schools for the rest of the year.

Stay healthy.

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 13, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Oh hi

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Hey guys

I hope you are all enjoying the smoke filled (10+ air quality) Sunday afternoon. I wonder if you are trying to figure out what to do tomorrow when teachers cant open their windows? Probably not as you are hell bent on keeping schools open to protect the all mighty dollar. I see Dr Henry has changed the rules on illness and school/work. If you have a family member who is sick..please go to school/work. If you have a fever, forget about it, as soon as it goes away, get back to work/school.

I wonder if Minister Dix is going ok in his 850 square foot apartment with only 6 people. Is he managing? I wonder if he thinks about schools and how 30 people are jammed into a smaller space for 6-7 hours a day? I hope you are comfortable.

You have all let us down...it is honestly like our health is worth the price to keep money flowing.

Pretty sad... I hope you call the election for the fall, Minister Fleming will probably be the first not voted in.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 12, 2020 5:28 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: s.22 solution for Covid-19.

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12 Sept. 2020

Dear Hon. Premier of British Columbia:

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s.22, cant invite friends to home, cant go to friend's home. This is a terrible life people are living.

Covid-19 cases are still increasing.

It is important to open economy and it is also important to save lives.

I have a very simple solution for these problems. I am urging you to read and implement the following:

(A)Total shutdown for 3 weeks

Enforce total shutdown for 3 weeks. Nobody leaves home for 3 weeks. Only hospitals/Pharmacies will remain open. Police will be patrolling in the street and fine \$500/- anyone not following the rule.

No flights or buses or train or cars are coming to B.C./Canada.

People can store some food and buy groceries on line to be delivered home.

People should be given a 2-week notice that total shutdown for 3 weeks is coming on such day.

I can guarantee this will significantly decrease daily new Covid-19 cases.

(B)Everything opens after 3 weeks but must follow the following rules:

-Mask and 6ft. social distancing are mandatory for everyone outside home, otherwise \$500/-fine. Temperature will be checked at entrances to places like mall. People will not be allowed to enter mall/stores without a mask.

- Office/business:

Work in 2 shifts, 8am to 2pm and 3pm to 9pm so that 50% employees go in each 6hr. shift to allow social distancing.

Wearing Mask is a must

-Every week people may work a few days from home and a few days from office/business place if employer wishes.

-In aeroplanes/busses/ trains, people will sit two seats apart, such as AD in one row and CF in next row in aeroplanes. This will make one third full. Wearing mask is a must. Fare may be increased by 50%.

-Day care/School/College/university opening;

In a family if an adult gets coronavirus, he or she can be isolated such as they can live in the basement. If a child is sick, he or she can not be isolated. So every precaution should be taken so that kids do not get coronavirus.

-Students / children must wear mask and maintain 6ft social distancing.

If 6ft social distancing is not possible, each chair and desk for a student should be covered on 3 sides by glass. Govt. will pay for it.

-Students may not feel comfortable to wear mask for 6 hours. So school will open from 9am to 2pm, i.e for 5 hrs.

- Online teaching can be done in some cases.

© Misc.

-To boost immunity, everybody should take one 250mg or 500mg vitamin C tablet, or eat 2-4 oranges and drink 5-8 glasses of water every day..

-Hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

s.22

-----Original Messag

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: September 11, 2020 4:33 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Covid Response

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-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Covid Response

Praying all goes well as schools open! You have done a lot of work to get to this point. THANKS! Please keep parents and staff well informed going forward. I think the main fear most of us have is having our Covid situation get out of control and having to start all over again. I believe most British Columbians are ready to hunker down this Fall but we want Covidiot to be severely dealt with. I am realistic and preparing to begin my own personal return to phase 1 kind of living. I hope you are okay and I really want you to not call an election before Spring 2021. We don't have to go out to vote but mostly we want you and your team in place for a lot longer until the pandemic is better controlled. We feel very safe because of the work of your government. All the best to you Premier Horgan!

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 11, 2020 7:32 AM
Subject: Revised Back to School Plans

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Listen to the BCTF and make changes to the back to school plan. Most of all reduce class size to allow for distancing. As I have said many times, the policies in place are discriminatory.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 10, 2020 11:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fall/winter plans and Back to School

Categories: Awaiting Input

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Dear Mr. Premier,

All I can say is CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR CHOSEN GOVERNMENT!!!!

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s.22 Thank goodness. These are all very hard decisions but the children must be our top priority now. Not nightclubs or liquor service after 10 pm.

A big "Way To Go! Public Health, Ministry of Education and, of course, Ministry of Health!!" The cooperative efforts of all and the leadership you have shown Premier Horgan has protected my family.

I am emotionally VERY GRATEFUL to you all who are selflessly putting our well-being ahead of everything else.

With hugs and heartfelt thanks,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 7, 2020 6:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Masks

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To the Premier

I am concerned and disappointed, with the big increase in Covid cases, that mandatory masks in all indoor facilities are not required as they are in other provinces.

It appears there is no Interest in protectIng seniors or people with compromised immune systems. Maybe, it is an informal social control to reduce the population. Certainly Ms. Bonnies comments about 1 metre distancing in schools with smiles on her face seemed to have little regard for our teachers and students. s.22

s.22 and I can attest to how fast any “bug” spreads through an entire school.

All I really know is that Covid 19 is a serious illness and “kills”. For myself, and several of my senior friends with compromised immune systems, Covid 19 is a death sentence. I thought we got rid of death sentence In Canada a number of years ago?

Do the NDP really care about the people or are they more focussed on the restoration of the economy? I wonder how Tommy Douglas and our late and great Jack Layton would feel and think about this.

Sincerely; a disillusioned NDP member

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Sent from my iPhone s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 4, 2020 6:41 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Prime Minister/Premier Ministre
Subject: Please mandate masks, at least for older kids in school

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan,

I do not want to get COVID 19. I don't want to be placed at risk for getting it. s.22
s.22 I likely won't die if I get covid, and s.22
s.22 . But they may be permanently affected. And even in the short term, getting sick is difficult, as s.22
s.22 students in a course where I don't have a backup instructor.

**Please please please please please:
mandate masks for at least highschool students.**

They can do it. It's just a dress code. It will be no big deal. It will normalise masks.
And it will save so many people's lives, and prevent potential long term maimings.

I am honestly begging you, and I can't believe I'm writing an email like this -- PLEASE don't send our kids back into class unprotected.

Thank you for considering my email,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: September 1, 2020 8:09 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Hello

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Hi ...perhaps we should do this at our schools when the kids return.

University of Arizona Stops a Covid-19 Outbreak by Following the Feces

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/university-arizona-stops-covid-19-outbreak-following-feces-180975684/>

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From:

Sent: September 11, 2020 9:09 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Implement a Safe and Responsible Plan with Reduced Class Sizes

Dear Premier John Horgan,

I am writing to urgently demand that you fund and implement a provincial school reopening plan with smaller class sizes, based on evidence and advice of medical and scientific experts.

Evidence shows us that small class sizes are crucial for a safe and lasting return to school. Countries and regions that have returned to school successfully, without surges in COVID infection rates, have done so with class sizes of 10-15. On the other hand, Israel reopened schools with full-sized classes at a point when their daily case count was similar to ours currently in Ontario, and faced disastrous results. Within weeks, their case count had skyrocketed from well below 100 to upwards of 1500 daily. New modelling from the University of Waterloo adds to this evidence, showing that with full-sized classes, infection rates will be drastically higher than with classes of 15. The evidence is clear. Ontario must reduce class sizes to keep Ontarians safe.

Scientific and medical experts are also clear in stating that small class sizes are necessary. Sick Kids' guidance document on reopening schools states that "addressing structural deficiencies, such as large class sizes, small classrooms, and poor ventilation, must be part of any plan to reopen schools" and that "smaller class sizes should be a priority strategy." Dr. Ronald Cohn, President and CEO of Sick Kids, has stated that he cannot support a plan in which class sizes do not allow for physical distancing. Public health units from across the province have also raised concerns that the provincial plan does not allow for appropriate distancing. All of this is consistent with advice from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer to avoid the "three Cs": closed spaces, crowded places, and close contact, all of which will be inherent in a return to school with full-sized classes.

Students in Ontario deserve a chance at a safe and lasting reopening of schools. Parents in Ontario deserve to return to work knowing that their children are safe. All Ontarians deserve a responsible provincial plan that does not jeopardize the efforts of the last six months. A safe return to school will cost money, but the costs of a failed return will be so much greater. As an Ontarian, I implore you to follow the evidence and expert advice, and introduce a provincial plan that reduces class sizes to keep Ontarians safe.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22
Sent: September 12, 2020 1:01 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: Why is s.22 in Stage 3?

September 12th, 2020

Dear Premier Horgan,

Thank you very much for the work that you and the Ministry of Education have done to get students back to school this September. I strongly believe that students need the face to face interaction with their teachers and I am confident that the safety protocols put in place in our schools will help to mitigate the potential for an increase in the transmission of Covid 19 within our communities. s.22 and I am most puzzled how the Ministry has approved the s.22 restart plan that appears to me to belong in Stage 3. s.22

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s.22 We are currently in Stage 2 of the province's education restart plan. My understanding through reading Ministry documents is that Stage 2 calls for 100% density in our schools with daily in-class instruction for all students. I am unable to understand how the restart plan s.22 meets this requirement s.22 are only able to access in-class instruction 20% of the time. In all 5 surrounding school districts, high school students are in attendance each and every day (though Abbotsford has modified their timetable so that students will only attend in the mornings). As we try to navigate this new "normal" in our society, I feel empathy s.22 not being able to attend their school every day as their friends in other districts across the province are. s.22
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I am thankful that parents that do not wish to send their children to school full-time do not need to make that difficult decision and have the availability of a blended system. I can also appreciate that this is a situation that it is impossible to keep everyone happy.

For my family, s.22

s.22 I would also argue that the BC government's Stage 2 restart plan would suggest that that is a requirement s.22 I would very much appreciate discussing this with someone as to how this particular plan was approved when it varies so glaringly from the plans of all of the neighbouring school districts.

I look forward to your prompt response and I will follow up with a phone call this week.

Sincerely,

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From

Sent: September 2, 2020 9:46 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Follow the Evidence & Experts: Fund & Implement Small Classes

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From

Sent: September 3, 2020 10:16 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Follow the Evidence & Experts: Fund & Implement Small Classes

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Sincerely,

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From

Sent: September 23, 2020 10:54 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX ; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX ; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX

Subject: Reminder

Just reminding your NDP'ers that you have lost my vote unless I see improvements in the return to school plan. At this point I would even take Rob Fleming showing that he even cares

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22

Sent: September 24, 2020 9:35 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Lost my vote

I have been an NDP supporter as long as I have been able to vote. Not this election. Forcing students and teachers back into crowded classrooms where we have no hope of maintaining physical distancing shows you have no respect or idea of what classrooms actually look like. The contact tracing for teachers is a farce as are the double standards of work safe standards for schools.

Shame on you for putting the economy over the well being of educators and students.

I am disgusted with you and your party. You have lost my support.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Horgan.MLA, John

Sent: September 29, 2020 2:37 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Fw: Back to School

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From

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:52 PM

To: Horgan.MLA, John

Cc: Dix.MLA, Adrian

Subject: Back to School

Sorry for the rant but I have to get this out somewhere.

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She carefully spaced out all the work and play
areas in her classroom, sanitized every surface, and compulsively hand washed throughout the
day,s.22

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Tell me again why kids absolutely had to go back to school? If
the whole world is in lockdown, who are they "falling behind"?

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From

Sent: October 2, 2020 2:49 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Education issues... Disappointment of a long time supporter

Dear Mr. Horgan ,

In the past s.22

.... for many, many years.

Unfortunately, your government's handling of education issues in the past few years has been poor. The contract reached with teachers was bad. The idea of trying to force concessions in working and learning conditions was outrageous. Eventually you took the concessions off the table but did little to improve the chronic underfunding of education in BC. A very bitter taste was left.

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not sure about how I will vote. s.22

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Now I am not so sure.

The pandemic has done little to change my mind. The Health Ministry has generally been very competent but the Education Ministry is not impressive.

The back to school plan is inadequate and unsafe. More teachers and more spaces in which to teach are needed. People are getting sick.

What can a new NDP government offer the students and teachers of BC? What will your party do that is different from the others? And different from what you have done so far?

Sincerely,

s.22

September 30 from the New York Times...

The contact tracing study also found that children of all ages can become infected with the coronavirus and spread it to others — offering compelling evidence on one of the most divisive questions about the virus.

"The claims that children have no role in the infection process are certainly not correct," said Dr. Joseph Lewnard, an epidemiologist at the University of California, Berkeley, who led the study.

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From:

Sent: September 28, 2020 6:53 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Please help us Mr. Horgan

Dear Mr. Horgan,

You have my vote for the upcoming election, however, there are many of us Education Assistants that require your help before I post my ballot.

My name is s.22 and I work as an Education Assistant s.22 I am very excited to be back at work and don't have a fear of catching Covid, but, this is not the reason for this email. I do have to explain that we all have several children in close proximity at times, especially our little guys with special needs who don't understand personal space. s.22

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I have just be advised by my union that we will not receive pay for having to stay home sick if we have no more sick days in our sick banks. s.22

s.22 Teachers start the year off with 15 sick days, Education Assistants have to accumulate sick days, we get approximately 1.5 days for every full month worked without time off.

Pre-Covid, if we were ill we could still work if we could manage it, however, with certain symptoms we are not allowed to be at work, thus forcing us to stay home by no fault of our own.

I recently spoke to a small business owner who advised me that she must pay her employees to be home ill with any symptoms whether it is Covid or not.

My question to you is why are small businesses (who are not front line workers) required to pay staff and we receive nothing? We are doing this province a major service, willing to put ourselves into classrooms and then not being paid for the times that we are sick without sick days? Many of us cannot afford to stay home without pay.

I'm kindly asking you to please make this mandatory for the school districts as well, for those of us who want to be at work and do our job the best we can everyday I think it's the least that could be done to help us out and it's not much to ask for.

Kind Regards,

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From

Sent: October 21, 2020 8:39 AM

To: Prime Minister/Premier Ministre

Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: in-take international students-urgent

Dear Honorable Premier/Deputy minister:

I hope this approval of group no. 1 on October 20, 2020 by CIC which is not a systematic problem. Only a few private colleges are approved; I believe less than 5 of them and the rest of them are all public universities 96%. Keep in mind UBC just had some problems with covid safety issues in the newspapers.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students/approved-dli.html#wb-auto-42>

I hope you can review all screens of your application system for this policy and process asap ! I suggest you approve all or just don't list any; otherwise, this will totally benefit certain parties and not other schools.

Please understand this is extremely urgent notice to all schools as well as students/ students' family !!!!!!!!

I am looking forward to hearing from you asap.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Designated learning institutions reopening to international students

As of October 20, 2020, some designated learning institutions (DLIs) are now able to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada and who

- have, or have been approved for, a study permit
- are travelling to Canada for a non-discretionary or non-optional purpose

COVID-19 readiness plan for DLIs

To be able to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada, DLIs must have a COVID-19 readiness plan approved by their province or territory that

- protects the health and safety of all students and the surrounding community
- describes how they will manage the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for international students, including arrangements for transportation to the students' quarantine location
- provides information and support to international students about
 - o how they can get the items they need for their quarantine, like food and medications
 - o health insurance
 - o remaining healthy while in Canada

Contact your school directly if you have any questions about its readiness plan.

Studying at an approved DLI

You must be studying at one of the approved DLIs included below to be able to travel to Canada. We will only add DLIs if their provincial or territorial government has approved their COVID-19 readiness plan.

If your DLI isn't included below, you can't travel to Canada to study at this time. If you try to

travel to Canada when your DLI isn't included, you may not be allowed to board your flight or you may be turned away at the port of entry.

Family members who will be coming with you to Canada can't travel to Canada before you do.

We'll update this page as more DLIs are approved by their province or territory to reopen to international students who aren't currently in Canada. If your DLI isn't on the list yet, check back regularly to see if it's been added. Any DLI that no longer meets its provincial or territorial public health requirements will be removed.

Find out if your DLI is approved

Which school level are you going into? (required)

Best Regards,

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s.22
From:
Sent: October 28, 2020 12:19 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc:s.22
Subject: Online Learning Options due to Covid - s.22 Transition Option Extension

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Dear Premier Horgan,

I'm contacting you today regarding the Elementary Transition Support Options that were created at the beginning of the school year to support families in sending their children into the classroom gradually. We are a part of the s.22 School District and our Transition Program is only scheduled to run until Dec. 18, 2020. I understand this option was originally created as a temporary solution; however, we are not facing the same Covid scenario that we were a few months ago. Unfortunately, Covid cases in our province continue to rise. As restrictions also start to increase in the province of BC, it is necessary for all School Districts to re-evaluate the Dec. 18th deadline of this transition program and look towards extending the online learning option until the end of the 2020/2021 school year.

Despite the repeated attempts to downplay the impacts of Covid on children, the reality is that there are children being hospitalized for complications related to Covid. The long-lasting impacts of hospitalization in children should never be underestimated. Those making the decision to encourage in-class learning during these uncertain times have likely never seen the inside of a Pediatric ICU, let alone watched their own child suffer from a prolonged illness for days, or weeks - in our case, months. I appreciate that the School Boards are "trying" to understand the difficulties each family faces, however, unless you have had a personal experience, I don't believe anyone can truly understand the efforts we will go to avoid this type of trauma for our children.

As I'm sure you're aware, there are nearly 350 families that have opted for the Transition Support Option in the district of s.22. 350 students are equivalent to the population of an elementary school; this was pointed out by someone during the last board meeting. Therefore, as a large group of people are requesting an extended alternate option, it is important that their concerns are heard and validated. Many other provinces and districts within BC have provided a much longer option for online learning. I would urge you to ensure that the North Vancouver Board of Education and the School District's Senior Leadership are also looking into extension options.

As individuals, we have been asked to limit our exposure to others to a maximum of 6 people, and yet on a daily basis, the ask is to put our children in a classroom of 15-25 other people - increasing each family's risk of exposure exponentially. The families that have selected to be a part of the Transition Support Option, all believe in the public school system. We happily enrolled our children when life was normal and we weren't dealing with a pandemic, however, we are now asking for your consideration in keeping our children safe and at home at this vital

time.

I appreciate the belief that children learn better in a physical group setting. And of course, I would love for s.22 but it is not safe to do so. All establishments should be re-examining their "normal" procedures and adapting to these uncertain times given the abnormal ways in which Covid can impact each child or adult differently.

It's also important to consider, although our children may not be learning in a traditional classroom setting right now, they are still very much a part of an online community and can experience a similar social experience of seeing their peer's faces each day. We are lucky enough to be enduring this pandemic during an era where amazing technology is at our fingertips. Although the physical contact isn't there, the emotional support and engagement can certainly be achieved through MS teams and other online learning platforms. I cannot speak to everyone's experience of using MS teams as the part of the Transition Option, however s.22

s.22 has done an exceptional job of creating an inclusive classroom where all the children participate, listen/see each other, and hear everyone's comments. They are also given the opportunity to ask questions, share examples, and laugh together as they would during an in-class learning environment. The transition in all regards, has been effective for these reasons.

I am hopeful, as I'm sure many others are too, this pandemic will be over sooner than later, and we can all return to a normal world safely. In the meantime, I ask for your assistance in ensuring the North Vancouver Board of Education and the School District's Senior Leadership consider the health and safety of each individual child; allowing families whom are not willing to risk their child's health by sending them into a classroom environment, to still benefit from being part of the public school system in an online learning format by providing an extension to the Elementary Transition Support Program.

I look forward to hearing from you after you've had an opportunity to discuss the concerning rise in Covid cases with the North Vancouver Board of Education.

Best Regards,

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