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Dear Families and Staff,

We would like to welcome everyone – whether in the building or online – back to class this week. As we return to our routines following Spring Break, we are writing to both share information and remind you of the important things we can all do to help manage the risks of COVID-19 in our school communities.

Masks and Vaccines

Yesterday the Provincial Health Officer updated public health orders for all of BC. Among the changes are amended guidelines for schools around wearing masks. It may take several days for the new public health guidance to be updated, however, we anticipate it will be similar to the recent mask order for the Surrey School District. It requires all staff and students in Grades 4-12 to wear masks at all times inside the school, and strongly encourages all Kindergarten - Grade 3 students to do so, as well. We also anticipate that the order will identify some exceptions. While we have not received specific details of the changes, we have been advised that we can expect them soon. At that point we will share more. In the meantime, we are providing this advance notice so that there is time to discuss this with your child.

Over the break we were also pleased to learn that K-12 staff in school districts are being prioritized to receive vaccinations in the coming weeks. We have not yet heard any details about when and how this will apply to our district. Once we are made aware of Fraser Health's vaccination roll out plan, we will let you know.

Partnerships

With cases of COVID-19 rising in BC, the coming months will no doubt continue to challenge us all. We must each

