



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

September 1, 2020

The Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Health
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

via email: HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Dix:

At its regular board meeting of August 25, 2020, the Board of Education passed the following motion:

THAT the Board Chair, on behalf of the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum), write a letter to the Minister of Health, copied to the Premier and Minister of Education of BC, requesting clarification regarding the government's COVID-19 plan for return to school. Aspects that require clarification are but not limited to:

1. What criteria will the government use to move between stages of reopening?
2. Does each school district have the authority to make the local decision to move through the various stages?
3. If there is an outbreak in a district, will that effect what stage other districts are in?
4. If there is an outbreak specific to a school in a district, does the whole school require quarantining? Or will the government only require quarantining on an individual basis.
5. Will the government consider a selective return to closure of various businesses to help lessen the spread of covid-19, as a consideration to slow the spread of covid-19, to ensure that schools will be open to serve our children's educational needs

The Board of Education would like clarification of these items, and others, in order to facilitate the return to schools in September in our district and British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Eve Flynn, Board Chair

c: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
SD69 Board of Education
Dr. Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools, SD69
BC School Trustees Association
BC Boards of Education (via BCSTA)