



Media Release

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Response to Teacher's Union Car Rally

The Board of Education appreciates the concerns and proposals of the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union. In considering the union's motions, the Board must take into account its statutory responsibility for the safety and education of students, and its obligations for the safety of staff as mandated by WorkSafe BC.

To ensure the district takes appropriate action to address the current pandemic, the district seeks and adheres to expert advice. That advice, which has been coordinated by the Ministry of Education, comes from Public Health and from WorkSafe BC.

The district acts and complies with the advice and orders of these authorities. We encourage all families and employees to review the most recent safety plan for their schools, which are available on the district's website.

The district understands that the British Columbia Teachers' Federation has had the opportunity to meet directly with public health officials. We believe the BCTF has proposed measures similar to those expressed in the PRDTU motions. The district will only implement changes which are approved by Public Health.

Living in the midst of the pandemic has been a trying time for everyone. The district believes schools are safe for staff and students, and Public Health has also stated that schools are safe. The district will continue to implement changes as directed by the Ministry of Education and Public Health during this constantly changing situation.

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