



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Special Board Meetings  
September 3 & 8, 2021



## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER 30TH STATUTORY HOLIDAY 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk stated that BGSD would like to offer students and staff the opportunity to reflect on Truth and Reconciliation in Canada following the announcement by the Government of Canada that September 30 will now be recognized federally as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Administration recommended that the Board approve the amendment of the BGSD 2021-2022 School Year Calendar to acknowledge September 30 as a non-teaching day recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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Canada

The Board moved to amend the [BGSD 2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#) to acknowledge September 30 as a non-teaching day recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR BLACK GOLD

Schools have been following measures laid out in the BGSD COVID-19 2021-2022 School Entry Plan. Principals have indicated approximately 10-30% of students are currently masking in schools. A survey was sent by Administration to Principals to determine what COVID-19 measures are working and/or any changes Principals may like to see made regarding COVID-19 protocols. The results of this school leaders' survey have been shared with Trustees.

Trustees engaged in a robust discussion regarding possible changes to BGSD's COVID-19 Protocols, especially in regards to mandating masking. Trustees acknowledged that masking is a contentious topic with social, political and health implications and that it will be near impossible to pass a motion that will appease all staff, parents and students. As per Policy 19, the Board has a duty to provide welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and healthy learning and working environments for all.

That the Board revert to the masking mandate as laid out on page 10 of the 2020-2021 Black Gold Re-entry Plan for masking measures with the following caveats:

- ◆ Continuing with extracurricular activities as laid out in the 2021-2022 School Entry Plan
- ◆ Individuals who are unable to wear a mask will require a doctor's note in alignment with Alberta Health CMOH Order 40-2021
- ◆ Anyone entering our schools will be required to wear a mask

Measures will be reviewed and amended by the Board of Trustees on a regular basis and as needed, being responsive to provincial health restrictions.

In Favour of: Trustees Eckert, Klaassen, Martinson, Steed

Opposed: Trustees Eilander, Ofstie

