



## NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

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To Students, Parents, and Community Members:

Subject: Challenging Winter Weather

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, we'd like to thank all students, staff, parents and community members for their patience and support through this recent period of challenging winter weather. We know that road and school ground conditions were not ideal for travelling to and from school, and a series of "indoor days" makes for a long week for many students.

All week long, our maintenance and facilities teams worked tirelessly throughout the School District to clear pathways and drainage points and ensure the soundness of our facilities. We appreciate their hard work and attention to the many demands on their time. While we did not experience any serious impacts to facilities, in the weeks ahead, our staff will continue to address minor issues caused by the unprecedented amount of snow and rain.

Going forward, we will be collaborating with the City and the District of North Vancouver to support improved response plans to facilitate school access after a heavy snowfall. The Board of Education and administration received a considerable amount of feedback from parents last week about road conditions and challenges in the school commute. We appreciate your suggestions, and while we all recognize this was an unusual situation, we can assure you will be conducting an internal review of our procedures with our partner groups.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

John Lewis  
Superintendent of Schools

Jane Thornthwaite  
Chairperson, Board of Education

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