



School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

December 1, 2021

On November 23, 2021, Comox Valley Schools issued a notice regarding the need to limit all non-essential travel by the school district. This included field trips, extracurricular sporting events and all other “non-essential travel.”

As the current Provincial fuel restrictions have been extended to December 14, 2021, we have reviewed the current district restrictions that have been in place. We recognize that for many students these “non-essential” trips represent very important aspects of their educational journey from both a physical and mental wellness perspective. Further, we recognize that many if not all our students missed out on these types of activities last year. Therefore, based on a number of factors including those mentioned above, the following changes will be implemented effective today.

- We continue to encourage schools to postpone or reschedule events/games wherever possible.
- If schools/teams are not able to reschedule events/games and they must travel, we encourage the use of minibuses (vans) or buses to transport students. Further, we ask that parents be encouraged not to travel out of town, as we are trying to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.
- Field trips can occur when we can use buses/mini-buses, multi-passenger vans, public transit or walking to transport students as a class, instead of parent drivers.

It is our hope that all restrictions can be lifted on December 14th. We appreciate your cooperation and efforts during this extraordinary time.

Respectfully,

Tom Demeo
Superintendent of School