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Press Release-Vaccinate Burnaby School Staff Immediately

COVID-19 has shown, the importance of essential workers – nurses and doctors who have worked tirelessly to keep people healthy, grocery store workers who continue to provide essential goods for people and teachers who continue to educate and foster our children's development. We are grateful that many teachers in Metro Vancouver have been prioritized for vaccinations. We are asking – as a district that has seen a continued and concerning growth in COVID-19 cases – for all Burnaby school staff to be vaccinated.

Between April 4-10, Burnaby had 475 new COVID-19 cases in the community, the 4th highest in Metro Vancouver after Surrey, Vancouver and the Tri-Cities. As of April 21st, Burnaby had 21 schools with exposures including a number of classes and students required to isolate. Despite the increase in cases, Burnaby is one of the only districts in the Metro Vancouver area that has not been included in the vaccine prioritization.

Teachers across this Province have persevered over the last year – continuing to provide the educational services that parents, and children rely on. Yet Burnaby teachers are being left behind. No rationale or additional information has been provided as to why Burnaby teachers' have not been prioritized for vaccinations or when they will be vaccinated. This is frustrating and disappointing, and we want Fraser Health to immediately include Burnaby school staff in the vaccine roll-out.

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