

# Supporting Safe & Caring Schools

*When students feel welcome, supported and safe, they are more engaged in learning*

Burnaby School District is committed to ensuring our schools are safe and caring learning environments. One of the ways we do this is by supporting ongoing anti-bullying initiatives, like Pink Shirt Day (February 24, 2016), that teach kindness and respect, attributes that help to build a sense of belonging. We are also committed to keeping you informed about our practices that keep our schools safe, so that you can, in turn, support your child. They are outlined here.

It is important to note that name calling, insults, pushing or rough play are often part of a child's developmental process as they learn to manage emotions and frustration in social situations. However, these acts are still unacceptable in our school communities, and staff monitor and respond to these situations accordingly.

Incidences of bullying, threats, intimidation and harassment are rare in a school community where behavioural expectations are explicitly stated and understood. These reported incidences are extremely low in Burnaby schools as we work to create cultures of belonging where students and adults relate to one another in positive, supportive ways.

The **Burnaby School District Code of Conduct** states behavioural expectations and outlines our response to unacceptable behaviours. Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of the behaviour. If the safety or education program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the code of conduct, a range of consequences will follow. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution.

Burnaby School District participates in ongoing threat and risk assessment training with our community partners – Burnaby RCMP, Ministry for Children & Family Development, Provincial Child & Youth Mental Health and other social service agencies. Together we have developed a plan for responding to all reported student behaviours that pose a potential risk to other students, staff or members of the community.

If your child informs you of any unacceptable student behaviours, we encourage you to report these to the school principal who will work with you to address the concern. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to ensure that all of our schools remain safe and caring learning environments.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS  
Prière de les faire traduire.**

**重要資料  
請找人為你翻譯**

これはたいせつなお知らせです。  
どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

**알려드립니다  
이것을 번역해 주십시오**

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG  
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ**

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ  
ਬਿਰਧਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੱਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।**

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE  
Busque alguien que le traduzca.**

**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند  
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند**

**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON  
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan**

**یرجی ترجمه هذا  
معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ  
Переведите это, пожалуйста.**