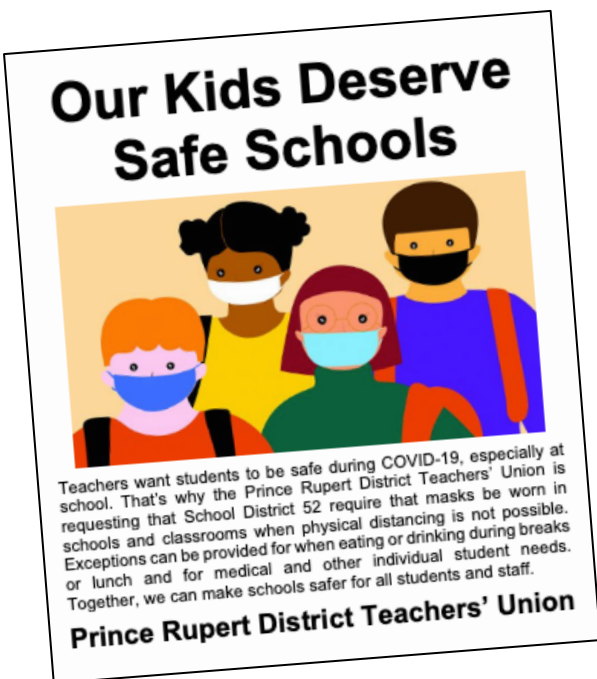


# Safe Schools for Teachers

## - PRDTU UPDATE -

Thursday Dec. 3, 2020



### Public Awareness Campaign Launched

The PRDTU to Raise Awareness on Masks and School Safety

The advertisement to the left started running in the local newspaper this week. The aim of the awareness campaign is to let families know that teachers support safe schools, especially during the pandemic.

The message is simple: "Our Kids Deserve Safe Schools". The PRDTU is calling for a mask requirement in all SD52 schools when physical distancing is not possible. This will make schools safer for everyone.

Public awareness can help build support for a mask requirement at the local level. That is why Gabby met with the School District earlier this week to discuss the PRDTU recommendations. Hopefully the School District will put these recommended measures in place soon.

### Public Awareness Action Items

- **Wednesday Dec. 2nd:** Media campaign is launched with newspaper ad.
- **Monday Dec. 7th:** Q&A Zoom Session on Road Rally - for members (4-5 PM).
- **Wednesday Dec. 9th:** Leafletting in the morning and afterschool (off school grounds).
- **Thursday Dec. 10th:** "Road Rally for Safe Schools" (starts at 4 PM).

### Nov. 21st General Meeting - Recap

After reaching out to all members with a survey (with 40 responses) and holding an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee (on a Saturday morning), the members of the PRDTU met for a General Meeting on Nov. 21st. We considered recommendations on COVID-19 school safety. These recommendations included calling on the School District to require masks when physical distancing is not possible in schools and classrooms (with some exceptions provided). The next step is to raise public awareness on the importance of school safety and mask wearing in schools.

# Road Rally for Safe Schools



## OUR KIDS DESERVE SAFE SCHOOLS

Teachers want students to be safe during COVID-19, especially at school. That's why the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union is requesting that School District 52 require that masks be worn in schools and classrooms when physical distancing is not possible. Exceptions can be provided for when eating or drinking during breaks or lunch and for medical and other individual student needs. Together, we can make schools safer for all students and staff.

### **Thursday Dec. 10th – Starts at 4 PM**

Assemble (in your car) at the corner at 7th Ave East and Green Street. We will drive through town and end at the SD52 Board Office at 5 PM.

**Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union**