



October 11, 2018

Dear Langley School District Families:

Re: Langley School District Reducing Natural Gas Usage as Province Experiences Shortage

As you have likely heard, a large natural gas pipeline explosion near Prince George has greatly reduced the availability of natural gas in British Columbia. As such, FortisBC has asked that British Columbians conserve natural gas as the supply lines are being repaired ([CBC News: FortisBC asks customers to turn down the thermostat in wake of pipeline explosion](#)). Conservation efforts are also underway in Washington State.

For this reason, the Langley School District would like to contribute and participate in the conservation efforts by reducing natural gas consumption until the supply lines are restored. In order to reduce gas usage, the District will lower thermostats, and therefore temperatures, in all of its schools and facilities by two degrees Celsius. As much as 70 percent of the natural gas customers in BC may be impacted by the reduction in gas supply and the students and staff of the School District can assist those who may be in more direct need by dressing more warmly rather than relying on ambient heat. The District would like to encourage everyone to slip on a sweater or pull on a hoodie in the coming days to conserve natural gas for those in more northerly areas to access the gas flow.

By wearing another layer indoors, like a sweater or hoodie, the students and staff of the School District can do something simple that greatly benefits others. District Leadership would like to thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation as temporary small sacrifices add up to positive change for the citizens of BC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administration or email feedback@sd35.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gord Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" at the end.

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools