

## PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS

### Background

The Minister of Education amended the *Support Services for Schools Order* to require school districts to provide free menstrual products to students in school washrooms in a manner that protects student privacy. The [Ministerial Order](#) requires boards to establish policies and procedures related to the provision of free menstrual products to students.

### Procedures

Every student in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students' school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.

The Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) is committed to providing menstrual products to students who may require them.

The Board will:

- a. ensure menstrual products are made available to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy;
- b. provide a barrier-free, easily accessible menstrual products at no cost to students;
- c. provide menstrual products in school washrooms; and,
- d. consider student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.

School district staff will develop procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products to students.

*Reference: Sections 85(2)(a), 88(1) and 168(2)(t) School Act  
Support Services for Schools Order (M149/89) Amended by M127/19*

*SD No. 40 (New Westminster)*

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