

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUSINESS COMMITTEE
INFORMATION SHEET**

DATE: February 8, 2023
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Crossing Guard Program

Background

This Information Sheet is intended to provide the Board information on the crossing guard program in the District.

Discussion

Senior staff have polled schools and have received information that only two schools currently offer a BCAA School Safety Patrol Program, Rock City Elementary and Georgia Avenue Elementary.

1. Training is according to the BCAA School Safety Patrol Program
<https://www.bcaa.com/community/school-safety-patrol>
2. In one site as part of supervision a teacher assists.
3. In both cases an adult is in close proximity, which is a requirement of the BCAA Program.
4. The process is as follows:
 - As other students and/or parents arrive near the crosswalk, they are asked if they are crossing. If they are wanting to cross, both students reach their arm out with the stop sign to alert traffic to stop. Once traffic has stopped, the 'guards' take one step into the road and allow those waiting to cross. Once everyone is across safely, they step back onto the sidewalk and pull their stop sign in.