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Learning Alternatives Families,

I hope that everyone had time to enjoy the winter wonderland during Family Day weekend. It was great to see staff leading lessons out in the snow this past week. Innovative learning opportunities like the Snow STEM Challenge have helped improve the engagement at both our school sites.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, we have our grade 12 students getting their graduation photos done at John Barsby. Times have been shared with all students. Our Woodlands site students will have their photos done on Tuesday and John Barsby site on Wednesday. This process of graduation photos will be following strict health and safety protocols. It is important for students to make sure they are 10 minutes early for their scheduled time.

I welcome all students, families, and staff to get their free tickets for the virtual town hall that will focus on Music Education and Mental Wellness. The panel includes doctors, therapists and educators from across Canada. It also includes our superstar music educator Steve Holmberg. This event is on Tuesday, February 23 from 3:00pm-4:00pm PST. Here's the link to get your free tickets: [MusiCounts Learn Town Hall: Music Education & Mental Wellness - Events - Universe](#)

All our grade 10 and 12 students have been working on completing the 2021 Student Learning Survey. The parent survey is now available online at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) The survey will be available until Friday, April 30th, and will take less than 20 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified because of your participation in the survey. When completing the survey please select School District 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith and select Vast Centre for our school name. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Please know that I am always available to assist with any questions or concerns.

With Love,

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