



A Message From Rocky View Schools **Board of Trustees**

A New Reality

As we all know, the education landscape has drastically transformed over the last couple of months due to COVID-19. A huge thank you to students, parents and guardians for your continued adaptability in this new reality – we know it has been a lot of extra work! Also, to RVS' dedicated teachers, support staff and administrators, a huge round of applause for your hard work supporting this new reality – we know it has not been easy!

Learning Continues

Government recently announced that at-home learning will continue for the remainder of this school year. We want to assure all stakeholders that although traditional learning methods have been suspended, RVS will continue to focus on the wellness and safety of students and staff while providing flexible learning opportunities.

Recently the board conducted a parent survey to gather feedback on RVS' learning continuity plan with an aim to better support families. The survey, which garnered nearly 2,900 responses, highlighted both successes and challenges with the vast majority of respondents noting they felt confident in supporting the learning plans prepared by teachers. With the goal of continuous improvement in mind, look for some minor changes in next weeks template!

School Re-Entry Planning

While no formal decisions have been made regarding school operations for the 2020/21 school year, RVS is working in collaboration with Alberta Education and other education partners to develop a comprehensive re-entry plan for the fall, which takes into consideration three scenarios:

- In school classes resume;
- In school classes partially resume;
- At-home learning continues.

Prioritizing the safety and well-being of students and staff, the plan will be guided and informed by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Stay tuned for updates from RVS later in the summer.

Class of 2020

Congratulations from the Board of Trustees to RVS' Graduating Class of 2020! We share in the disappointment felt across our communities with the cancellation of traditional graduation ceremonies due to the current Public Health restrictions. Graduation is an accomplishment that needs to be recognized and high schools are exploring alternative options for celebrating their graduating students. While not what was anticipated at the the start of the year, schools will ensure that grads are honoured as they reach this important milestone. The board also extends its best wishes to Gr. 8/9 students who will be transitioning to high school next year. Good luck to all students in their future endeavours!

School Improvements Underway

With the shift to at-home learning, RVS is taking the opportunity to start school improvement projects a bit early. Usually completed during the summer months, upgrades to lighting, roofing and flooring have begun so that that enhancements are completed, and schools are ready for students when in school classes resume. Design of the new middle/senior high school in the Hamlet of Langdon is proceeding, with construction anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021. The renovation of Indus School, too, is getting underway and the demolition of Westbrook's current school facility has started.

Mental Health Supports

Responding to the demands of a pandemic has caused many to feel stress and anxiety. The board encourages families to access the mental health supports currently available such as [Health Link 811](#) and [Kids' Help Phone](#). The jurisdiction also maintains a [Parent Resource](#) page on its website, which features mental health and wellness resources. As this page is updated regularly, please check back frequently.

Feedback & Questions

The Board of Trustees is happy to answer questions and welcomes stakeholder feedback. To contact a Trustee, please visit the [Contact Your Trustee](#) page on RVS' website.