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RE: Rocky View Schools Provides Parents with Details of Online Learning Option

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) is committed to providing children with a quality education and has developed a new option for parents and students to continue to engage in learning during the pandemic.

On Aug. 14, 2020, RVS provided families with details on its new [RVS Online Learning](#) offering as an option they can consider for their child/ren when school starts in September.

"RVS recognizes not all students will be able to return to the classroom this year due to the pandemic and they need a quality online option," said Board Chair Fiona Gilbert. "With the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff at the heart of everything we do, the RVS team has worked hard to design an online program that will help Gr. 1 -12 students achieve the necessary learning outcomes in their grade/courses for those who choose this path."

The information provided to parents outlines what RVS Online Learning will look like at the various grade levels, how instruction will be delivered and student progress assessed, what learning supports will be available for students with unique needs, and the expectations of all involved in the students' learning.

Parents will have until 9 a.m. on Aug. 24, 2020, to decide if they wish to register their child/ren into RVS Online Learning and have been asked to fill out a form by that time to allow RVS a window to plan and prepare schools and teachers. Families will have a one-time opportunity to change from either online or face-to-face learning (Feb. 1, 2021) for the remainder of the school year.

"RVS understands that this is a difficult decision for some families, and we wanted to provide some flexibility in case their personal situation changed in the future," said Gilbert. "We believe active parental involvement in this online program will be a key contributing factor to their child's success and we want to ensure they have options."

In addition to this, RVS is adjusting the school schedule slightly for the first few days to help ease students back into their school environments and help them to familiarize themselves with the changes put in place to protect them. Approximately a third of students will attend their designated school on Sept. 2, 3, 4 with each student only attending one of those days. As in the past, Kindergarten students will have a slightly modified schedule for the first few weeks. Parents will be notified by their schools which day their child/ren is assigned to attend by Aug. 28.

"On behalf of the Board, I'm proud of the steps RVS has taken to protect the safety and wellbeing of our 26,000+ students and 2,500+ staff through the [Scenario 1 School Re-entry Plan](#) and now with the RVS Online Learning option," said Gilbert. "We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back for a successful 2020/2021 school year."

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