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Dear RVS Parents/Guardians,

Last week, the Government of Alberta announced that Grade 7 to 12 students attending in-person classes in “hot spot regions” will be temporarily taught at home online as part of new COVID-19 restriction and that the schools impacted can change as case counts in communities increase or decrease. Aligned with government’s announcement today, May 3, 2021, **all RVS schools with students in Grades 7 to 12 will move to temporary at-home learning starting Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, under our [Scenario 3 Plan](#). At-home learning will continue until at least May 14 with May 17 as the earliest date these Grade 7 to 12 students will return to in-person classes. Three additional RVS schools (Westbrook, Mitford and Fireside) were moved to temporary at-home learning over the weekend due to operational issues separate from today’s government announcement.

To clarify, all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 except those in Westbrook, Fireside and Mitford, are to attend in-person classes as they would normally. We have included Temporary At-Home Learning Parent/Student Guides on our website to help families prepare and to answer some of the questions you may have about temporary at-home learning.

RVS will continue to closely monitor cases impacting both our schools and their communities, required school-related close contact isolations, and substitute teacher availability, to determine if we need to request for government approval to shift other schools and grade levels temporarily online. RVS appreciates this could become confusing for families and will ensure clear communication by schools so that families are aware if their student(s) should be learning at home or at school. Students currently in RVS Online Learning will continue as they would normally.

Buses will run for all registered riders in Kindergarten to Grade 6 across RVS except those listed as moved to at-home learning. Bus service will temporarily stop for Grades 7 to 12 students starting May 4.

Impacted students and families will be contacted by their school and their teachers about how learning will be supported during this temporary at-home period as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding as teachers prepare for this transition.

Your child’s well-being is our primary focus, and we are committed to supporting their learning. We thank you for your cooperation as we all work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fiona Gilbert".

Fiona Gilbert  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Luterbach".

Greg Luterbach  
Superintendent of Schools