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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all who have completed the Learning Intent Form indicating how your family plans to engage in learning for the 2020/2021 school year. If you have not yet let us know of your intentions, we strongly encourage you to complete the [Learning Intent Form](#) before the 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24 deadline.

Rocky View Schools (RVS) knows and understands that choosing between in-class learning, RVS Online Learning or home schooling will be a difficult decision for some families given the uncertainty that surrounds the pandemic. If we do not hear from you by 9 a.m. Monday morning, we will assume your child(ren) will be attending face-to-face instruction at their registered school. It is important to note that depending on the numbers and resources in both the face-to-face and online environment come September, it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate transfers between the learning options in the fall. Families will have a one-time opportunity to change from either RVS Online Learning or face-to-face learning for the remainder of the school year (Feb. 1, 2021).

We also want to take this opportunity to inform you of some recent updates.

RVS values student participation in school sports and other extra-curricular activities that provide opportunities to develop positive attitudes, leadership skills, inter-relational skills and experiences that support students' roles as active members of their school community. [RVS' Re-Entry Plan](#) has been updated to reflect that extra-curricular athletics and fine arts will be permitted in a practice-only format with no interschool games or in-person performances allowed. We will revisit this decision should new information become available.

RVS continues to be committed to providing a safe return to school for both students and staff. In June, the Board re-allocated \$2.5 million of unspent dollars towards pandemic supplies (\$1.3 million) and additional instructional equipment (\$1.2 million) for schools in preparation of a return to in-class learning. Yesterday, the Board authorized the use of up to \$2 million of Operations and Maintenance reserve funds to cover additional caretaking costs for this year as part of our safety measures.

In alignment with the guidelines of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), masks will be mandatory for all staff and teachers, and for students in Gr. 4 – 12 where physical distancing is not possible in schools and on buses. RVS will continue to follow the direction and recommendations of the CMOH in implementing public health measures in our schools. Mask use and other forms of protection will continue to be part of RVS' discussions as the pandemic evolves and as new information comes from the CMOH and Alberta Education.

Thousands of pieces of Personal Protective Equipment are arriving at our Education Centre warehouse today and into next week. We will be working hard to assemble school care packages so that we can get the masks, sanitizer, wipes, face shields, gloves and more out to schools before classes resume.

We are confident that by working together and following the public health measures and safety protocols that will be in place in our schools, we can minimize risk and protect the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

Sincerely,

Fiona Gilbert
Board Chair

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools