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Dear RVS Parents/Guardians with students in Grade 7 to 12,

As you may be aware, the Government of Alberta announced that as of Monday, Nov. 30, the province will shift to Scenario 3 for students in Grades 7 to 12 across the province. This means all Rocky View Schools (RVS) students in Grades 7 to 12 currently taking classes in-person will begin learning at-home through temporary online learning using a variety of digital means.

During the at-home learning time period, teachers will prioritize the content to be covered based on what is manageable for students working from home. Each week, parents and students will receive a weekly learning plan with specific tasks and activities for students, along with weekly suggestions for physical literacy activities. These weekly learning plans will be emailed out each Monday morning using a common template and not require tasks to be completed until the following Monday. Expectations for the amount of work students will be expected to complete is 15 hours per week for students in Grades 7 through 9, and students in Grades 10 to 12 will be expected to complete 6 hours of work per week for each of their courses. Option courses in Grades 10 to 12 will continue wherever possible.

Online learning for all Grade 7 to 12 students will continue up to and including Friday, Dec. 18, which is the last day of school prior to our winter break. Winter break will remain as scheduled from Dec. 19 until Jan. 3. For the week of Jan. 4 to 8, all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students will remain at home and engaged in temporary online learning. Students are expected to return to in-person learning on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

Students already registered in RVS' online offerings will continue in that mode under their usual operating conditions as per the school calendar (until Dec. 18 and restarting on Jan. 4).

Diploma exams for January and the remainder of the school year are now optional. Students and families can choose to write the diploma exam counting as 30 per cent of the final mark or receive an exemption for the diploma exam and their final mark on their transcript will be their school-based mark.

Students and families will be contacted prior to Monday, Nov. 30, by the school and their teachers about how their learning will be supported during this temporary online period. Transportation of Grade 7 to 12 students on school buses is suspended as of Nov. 30, 2020.

RVS is currently reviewing our original timeline for families to choose between in-person and online learning for the period of Feb. 1 to June 25, 2021. Stay tuned for an update in the coming week.

RVS wants to reassure you that your child's well-being is our primary focus, and we are committed to supporting a smooth transition with as little disruption to their learning as possible. We thank you for your cooperation as we all work together.

Sincerely,

Fiona Gilbert  
Board Chair

Greg Luterbach  
Superintendent of Schools