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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the return to school fast approaching Rocky Views Schools (RVS) is continuing to finalize plans that allow for the safe return to school for our students and staff.

We recognize that you have many questions regarding the return to school – what cleaning protocols are in place, is there an online learning program, what if my child has allergies that present like COVID symptoms, what if my child gets sick at school, and many more. RVS is committed to getting more details to you as soon as possible and has posted a [Parent Q&A](#) on our website to answer some of your initial questions. We encourage you to continue to direct your questions through the online [Q&A form](#). We will regularly post responses as questions come in.

The most common question received is what online learning options will be available for 2020/21. We are working hard to finalize these plans and can let you know that RVS will be offering a teacher-supported online learning program for Gr. 1 – 12. Watch for an email on Aug. 14, 2020 about what this will involve and look like in RVS. We appreciate the significance of this decision and we want to provide as much detail as possible to help you determine what will work best for your family in this upcoming school year. Families will have until Aug. 24 to decide if they want to move to RVS' online offering.

RVS continues to be committed to the safety and well-being of our 26,000+ students and our 2500+ staff. Our [Scenario 1 School Re-entry Plan](#) has been updated to include the additional health measures recently announced by government which now includes mandatory mask use. 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 continues to encourage mask use for students in Kindergarten – Gr. 3.

Much of the information outlined in our re-entry plan is guided by provincial direction and the feedback we have received from parents, students and staff. Your feedback will continue to be instrumental when schools re-open so that we can improve our plans as needed.

We are confident our re-entry plan protects the safety and wellbeing of our students, teachers, and staff and by working together, we can minimize risks and provide a safe and caring learning environment. We are also prepared to respond quickly and adjust our plans as we receive new direction from the government and provincial health authorities. More COVID-19 information can be found on the [Government of Alberta's website](#).

We look forward to providing you with a clearer picture of what the school year will look like and your options soon and thank you for your ongoing patience and feedback as we move into this new learning environment.

Sincerely,

Fiona Gilbert
Board Chair

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools