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Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students:

As we all know, BTPS schools are preparing for the new learning options for our students over the next month. We are providing another update with information from Alberta Education.

Grades 7 - 12

- At-home learning Monday, November 30th – Friday, December 18th, 2020 and January 4th – 8th, 2021.
- Diploma Exams for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year will be optional. Parents and students need to be diligent to check whether the post-secondary school where the student is interested in attending requires the Diploma exam. Schools will be sending forms home for students to opt out of the Diploma exam.

ECS to Grade 6

- Will continue learning at school in-person until December 18th, 2020.
- January 4th – 8th, 2021, will be learning at-home.

Alberta Education has information on their [website](#) to support this transition. During at-home learning, schools are not closed. All staff will be in schools during this time. Teachers and staff are available by appointment to support students in their at-home learning. Any in-school sport practices will be cancelled at this time.

If students need tutorial support during this time, they may attend by appointment to ensure all the guidelines are followed. Staff will also be contacting parents to ensure that all students with disabilities who require support and services in any grade can continue to receive support and services in-person at school, regardless of the shifts to at-home learning before and after the winter break.

At home learning does not mean that the learning is all online. Some of our teachers will be sending homework for the student to complete during the time at home. Students and their families will receive communication and updates from teachers during the time of at-home learning. It is important that parents/guardians work closely with their student(s) to ensure that they are attending their scheduled classes and completing the required assignments.

We know that the transition to at-home learning is not ideal. In moving to this option, Alberta is hoping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Other restrictions that are in place will also support minimizing the spread so that we can be back in school as planned on January 11th, 2021.

Thank you for your support. Your student's school will be sending out additional communication. I encourage you to contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhae-Ann Holoien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhae-Ann Holoien