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Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students,

We have reached the end of what is probably one of the most challenging years in our Province's educational history. COVID-19 has created a level of disruption that exceeds any that most of us have ever experienced. We want to personally thank you for all of your work to support learning from home over the past three and a half months. We could not have achieved what we have achieved without your support and commitment to making the best of a difficult situation.

The Government of Alberta has published a [School Re-Entry Plan Guide](#). Parents are encouraged to review this guide to provide information on re-entry and some of the procedures that are being considered. The Minister of Education has asked that our planning be built around two different scenarios. The [first scenario](#) is preferred. It is a return to normal operations with in-class instruction and some preventative health measures focused on good hygiene practices, increased cleaning/disinfection procedures and screening procedures. The [second scenario](#) is a partial return to in school instruction with additional health measures. We encourage you to review these documents to find out more about what is being considered by the province.

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we have been developing our BTPS Re-Entry Plan. We have established a BTPS Re-Entry Planning Committee that has met to review the plan. All of our principals have also been involved in that review and are developing possible school level responses with their staff. **Our current plan is in draft form for a reason.** We have been told that on August 1st, 2020, the Government of Alberta will share which of the scenarios we will be returning under in the fall. At that time, we will review those expectations and make any adjustments to our BTPS and school level plans that are required. Once it is complete, we will be communicating our plans with you to give you specific details on how we are going to move forward. **We want to assure you that no matter which scenario we are required to return under, our priorities include:**

- 1) Ensuring that safety of students and staff is our number one consideration.
- 2) Adhering to the directions of the Alberta Chief Medical Office of Health.
- 3) Delivering high quality learning opportunities for students at all times.
- 4) Adapting to any changes in the circumstances in a swift and decisive manner.
- 5) Keeping parents, students and staff informed of the steps that we are taking as soon as they have been determined.

We know that this is a difficult situation and that you have many questions about what will happen when school reconvenes on September 1st, 2020. We are doing our very best to prepare and are ready to address changes to our plans as required. No matter the situation, we want you to know that the health and safety of our students and staff is our main priority. Thank you for your support and we look forward to being able to provide up to date information when it becomes available.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob D" followed by a stylized flourish.

Bob Allen
Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Parr" in a cursive style.

Lanie Parr
Board Chair