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Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students,

Since the last communication, we have completed the BTPS Re-Entry Plan. This plan will continue to be updated when there are additional guidelines and recommendations from Alberta Education. I have attached the Re-Entry Plan to this email.

In our hopes to alleviate some of the first day concerns, all schools will be scheduling a staggered start on September 1st and September 2nd. All students will attend school on September 3rd. The details of the staggered start will be left to the school to determine and the plan will be shared by each school by August 21st, 2020.

Here are some highlights of the BTPS Re-Entry Plan, which focuses on health and safety measures for a variety of topics. Please review the re-entry plan for additional details, which will be important in our school start up. In addition, each school will be sharing their specific re-entry plan with families prior to start up.

➤ **Health Measures**

- Daily Screen - Daily, each family will need to complete the [AHS Self-Assessment](#) to make it part of their daily routine for their student(s).
- Masks - All Grade 4-12 students will need to provide their own mask for Day 1 as we work on the delivery of the masks to each school. Masks are optional in Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- Handwashing - Upon entering the school and classroom, everyone must use hand sanitizer.

➤ **Physical Set-up of Schools**

- Classrooms – There will be seating plans in each classroom.
- Common Areas – Physical distancing will be maintained, masks will be worn for Grades 4-12 students, and furniture will be removed or re-arranged to prevent gathering.
- Microwaves and vending machines – These will not be used in September.

➤ **Cleaning of Schools**

- High touch points will be cleaned multiple times during the day.
- Water fountains – We are encouraging students to bring a full water bottle and use bottle filler stations.

➤ **Daily Operation of Schools**

- Visitors – We are limiting visitors to the school. All visitors will complete the visitor procedures. On the first day of school, we are asking that only one parent/guardian per student enter and to limit the time within the school. All visitor procedures will need to be followed for parents/guardians.

➤ **Transportation**

- Students in Grade 4-12 will wear masks on the bus. There will be a seating plan. There will also be enhanced cleaning after each bus run.

Take care,

Rhae-Ann Holoien
Superintendent