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Dear Staff,

I hope you are enjoying the remaining days of holidays. I am attaching the BTPS Re-Entry Plan. This plan will continue to be updated when there are additional guidelines and recommendations from Alberta Education.

In our hopes to alleviate some of the first day pressures and 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 so the plan works best for each school.

On August 12th, the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, has recommended that all staff participate in asymptomatic testing prior to the start of the 2020/21 school year. Since Alberta's testing capacity has increased, she has also recommended that staff participate in testing throughout the fall. We will share a list of test sites once that information is available.

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.

➤ **Health Measures**

- Daily Screen - Daily, staff will need to complete the [AHS Self-Assessment](#) and families need to make it part of their daily routine for their student(s).
- Masks - All staff and 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.
- Handwashing - Upon entering the school and classroom, everyone must use hand sanitizer.

➤ **Physical Set-up of Schools**

- Classrooms - To allow for essential cleaning, classrooms will be decluttered along with rugs and soft furnishings removed. There will be seating plans in each classroom.
- 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 procedure.

➤ **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