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Dear Families:

On July 21st, the Premier and Minister of Education [announced](#) that students will be returning to in-class learning this fall within the Scenario One Re-Entry Plan. Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is solidifying plans for health and safety procedures as mandated by the government and Alberta Health Services (AHS) to prepare for a safe return to school in September.

On June 26th, GYPSD released a [Re-Entry Planning Document](#) outlining Alberta Education's three proposed scenarios. The Division encourages all staff and families to review this document for our **Commitment to Safety Protocols** and **Scenario One** information. Specific protocols for each school will be determined by principals and Division leadership to align with yesterday's directions from Minister Lagrange and the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw. Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services have developed various resources and tools to assist families:

- [GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL RE-ENTRY – SCENARIO 1](#)
- [GET THE FACTS: BACK TO CLASS FOR 2020-21](#)

As stated by Premier Kenney and CMO Hinshaw, the pandemic is real – COVID 19 has not been eradicated and everyone needs to work together to keep the risk down. The government has created a parent [resource](#) outlining steps parents and students should follow to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in schools, and put these steps into practice.

Schools will also be ready with mental health strategies to help those who may need some additional support. Please access [mental health and wellbeing supports](#) on our website. The relational aspect of teaching is more important than ever to assist students to feel safe and welcomed back to a caring learning environment that is proudly offered at GYPSD schools.

Your principal will be sharing your school's re-entry plan with you. Please have a wonderful summer.

Respectfully,

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