

July 2020

Dear GYPSD Staff;

I hope you have been enjoying the first couple weeks of summer break. After a year unlike any other, you all deserve a lovely summer vacation.

In-person classes to resume September 2020:

On Tuesday July 21, 2020, the Premier and Minister of Education [announced](#) that students will return to school in September, with health measures in place. I know you have already been working with your principals to consider what this will look like at your site. Central leaders have been working hard to make sure our re-entry plan prioritizes the health and well-being of staff, students, and families. All plans will follow the guidance and direction outlined by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Government of Alberta in the [2020-2021 School Re-Entry Plan](#).

What to expect:

I know you have questions about what teaching and learning will look like in September; needless to say, we can all agree that schools, classes, and Division Transportation Services will look different. Alberta Education has created a number of [resources to support the re-entry](#).

We are implementing all safety strategies set by the Government of Alberta to reduce the risk of COVID-19. This includes:

- daily self-assessment screen
- illness protocols
- hand-washing and sanitizing
- physical distancing
- cleaning standards, and
- personal protective equipment (PPE)

Next steps:

In the coming weeks, principals will share more information about what returning to school in September looks like at your school. All our planning is with a focus on keeping our staff, students, and families safe. I want to thank you again for your feedback, input, and considerations you have provided over the past few months to help us plan for re-entry.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Respectfully,

Carolyn