



March 17, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

COVID-19 Update - March 17, 2020 12:30 p.m.

As you are aware the [province](#) has enacted the aggressive measure to curb the spread of COVID-19 by cancelling classes indefinitely for all pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 students in the province.

We want all of our communication to be consistent and accurate. To that end, I have asked all schools to allow communication updates to originate through our Division Office. We will continue to provide updates via School Messenger and updating the division and school websites. We appreciate all of you helping us work with this issue as it unfolds.

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, teaching staff is working on developing some form of lesson delivery in an alternate format for our students. We understand that for some families, the access to internet or electronic devices is a challenge. If that is the case, we may make the decision to be lend out some of our Chromebooks for the families that need them.

We have been asked about obtaining your children's personal items and school supplies. In order to minimize the opportunity of exposure with large numbers of people interacting, we will not be allowing students into the buildings at this time. Pending further unforeseen developments, we will plan for access to personal items after the regularly scheduled spring break (March 31, 2020). We will inform you about this process once we have finalized all the details.

Please know that we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new territory. Be assured that your child's safety and education remain the top priorities for the Division. We will forward updates as the information becomes available to us.

Families are also encouraged to continue to monitor the Alberta government's COVID-19 coronavirus website (<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>). It is updated daily and is the source of the most up-to-date information for Albertans.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Pearson
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