



May 13, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

**Re: 2019 – 2020 School Year**

In the current 2019 – 2020 School Year Calendars the last day of instruction to students is Friday, June 12, 2020 in the Modified Calendar, and Friday, June 26, 2020 in the Regular Calendar. Schools on the Modified Calendar are: Alder Flats, Winfield, Lakedell, Pipestone, Griffiths-Scott and Gwynne. All other schools are on the Regular or Year-Round calendars.

In-school classes in Alberta's K – 12 schools were cancelled indefinitely on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Government confirmed on April 30, 2020 that students will not return to in-school classes for the remainder of the 2019 – 2020 school year – students will complete their learning at home. As teachers have been supporting students learning at home it is important to identify the date on which the support for students learning at home will cease.

Teachers will cease providing support for students learning at home on Friday, June 5, 2020 for schools on the Modified Calendar, and Friday, June 19, 2020 for schools on the Regular and Year-Round calendars. This will allow teachers time to collect and mark any outstanding assignments and related school work during the week of June 8 – 12 in the Modified Calendar and June 22 – 26 in the Regular and Year-Round calendars. During that week teachers will also finalize student marks and assign a final grade for the student's report card.

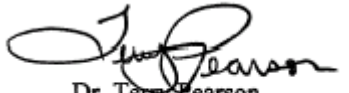
Currently, the Division is making preparations for the 2020 – 2021 School Re-Entry Plan. The Minister of Education announced that school re-entry plans for K – 12 schools must consider three scenarios that could exist when the 2020 – 2021 school year begins in September. Those scenarios are:

1. Normal operations.
2. Schools are open for classes with some health restrictions that affect operations.
3. Schools remain closed for classes – at-home learning continues.

It is imperative that the Division plan and prepare for all three scenarios as at any time the COVID-19 pandemic may change and we may be required to transition from one scenario to another with short notice. When these plans are finalized the Division will provide them to students and parents.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as staff work to conclude the current school year and plan for the 2020 – 2021 school re-entry in September. Please understand that the planning process is complex and will continue to evolve as we receive more information from Alberta Education and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Sincerely,



Dr. Terry Pearson  
Superintendent of Schools