

Chad Erickson Superintendent of Schools COVID-19 PARENT LETTER #8

November 24, 2020

Dear Families,

Today, the Government of Alberta declared a Public Health Emergency and announced additional measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Part of that announcement included all Grade 7 to 12 students province-wide will move to at-home learning, effective November 30, as a necessary step to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Please note, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will continue learning at school in-person until the beginning of Christmas break on December 18.

After Christmas break, all students will be learning at-home for the first scheduled week back (January 4-8, 2021) and return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021.

We know the current pandemic has created an unprecedented change in all our lives and we know you will have questions. It is important to remember that we follow all directions from Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education. Your child's school and the Division will provide further communications with details on today's announcement on Thursday, November 26. Until then, please allow schools time to plan for these new changes.

Also note, our Division website will have the most current and up to date information and is updated regularly.

KEEP YOUR FAMILIES HEALTHY AND WELL... We recognize the challenges that have come over the last several months. Be sure to follow guidelines provided by Alberta Health Services while also trying to make things as normal as possible.

On behalf of staff across Red Deer Public Schools, please know that we are thinking about you and your children. We appreciate your support and understanding during these challenging times. Please remember, we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Chad Erickson Superintendent of Schools