



August 7, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The Government of Alberta has officially announced their decision to start the 2020-21 school year using scenario 1. This means that daily in-school classes in all Wild Rose School Division schools will resume for the 2020-21 school year, along with several new safety protocols aimed at reducing the potential spread of COVID-19. Details regarding these protocols and how they will be implemented in our schools can be found at: [WRSD 2020-21 Re-entry Guidelines](#).

Although the government has mandated a return to in-school instruction, there may be some students for whom it is unsafe to return to school due to underlying medical conditions or risk factors. Wild Rose School Division is committed to providing teacher directed at-home instruction for these students. Parents may instead choose to enrol their children in a home education program. See the following link to find out about the differences between [Teacher Directed At-Home Learning vs Home Education](#).

In order to be prepared for the start of the 2020-21 school year, we need to know how many students will require teacher directed at-home instruction. Please complete the following [At-Home Instruction Registration Form](#) by August 17, 2020, for each child you would like to register for at-home instruction. **If you are requesting at-home instruction for more than one child, please complete a separate registration form for each child.**

Students who start the school year receiving teacher directed at-home instruction must continue with at-home instruction until at least November 16, after which they may return to in-school classes if they so desire. Students taking at-home instruction at any time during the school year may return to in-school classes on the following quarter dates: November 16, Feb 1 and April 12. Parents must provide 2 weeks notice if they intend to have their child return to in-school classes on one of the above dates.

We continue to be thankful for your patience and understanding as we move forward with our plans for re-entry to the 2020-21 school year. The safety and well-being of our students and staff will continue to be our top priority and we will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brad Volkman'.

Brad Volkman
Superintendent of Schools