

July 22, 2020

To: Parents/Guardians

Yesterday afternoon, Alberta Education Minister Adriana LaGrange announced that schools in Alberta will operate this fall under <u>Scenario 1</u>-- Near-Normal Daily Operations with Health Measures.

Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) families and staff can expect near-normal operations with health measures such as physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, as well as expected daily health screening of students by parents/guardians prior to their child coming to the school and prompt pick up of students who demonstrate symptoms while at school. In addition, enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented and general public access to the building will be limited.

LRSD has been preparing for all three possible scenarios since May. A full re-entry plan will be shared with parents/guardians on Monday, July 27, 2020 along with a survey asking parents/guardians to indicate whether they will be having their child attend in person classes on September 1st or whether they wish to continue with at-home learning. Our school-based administrators will return to their schools during the first week of August (days and times will vary from school to school) to review survey results for their school and then reconfigure classes and teaching assignments as necessary. I've included this <u>link</u> to a short summary for Scenario 1 re-entry to provide a glimpse of what our schools will look like when students return in September.

Our mission statement reads, "Livingstone Range School Division inspires excellence through meaningful relationships, innovation and collaboration." Strong relationships are vital to student learning. LRSD Staff will focus on rebuilding strong professional connections with their students. They will continue to be innovative and collaborative as they begin working with each child at their current level of achievement. The 2020-21 school year will involve new routines and expectations. It will take a collective effort from everyone to help students return to school under these extraordinary circumstances. Although there will be changes, I can assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff will be given the highest priority.

We recognize the significant impact COVID-19 has had on students, families, and our staff over the past several months. I thank you for your dedication, patience and understanding as we continue to work through this pandemic and its impact on education, our communities and our families. I am so grateful for our staff, parents/guardians and students who have accomplished incredible things during such unprecedented times. I'm confident that as we move into this next school year we will continue to ensure high quality education for students.

We look forward to having students return to our schools this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

Sincerely,

Darryl Seguin Superintendent

Every student, every day.