January 8, 2021



Hello everyone,

I want to once again thank you for your patience, particularly this week, while we had our entire student population from Kindergarten to Grade 12 learning from home. Our students were successful in their learning because of the extra efforts you made on their behalf, which also supported the work of our staff and helped us get off to a great start after the break.

The Premier and the Minister of Education <u>(view parent letter from the Minister)</u> have confirmed that all students in K-12 in Alberta are to return to regular classes in their school on Monday, January 11th.

As a result, I want you to know that we are very excited and well prepared to have all of our students back. Face to face learning is where we do our best work as a school division. It is simply the best place for students to learn and develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

I want to reassure you that we will continue to follow Alberta Health guidelines to ensure your child's safety, and the safety of our staff.

As parents you can really help us keep our schools safe by:

- Ensuring that if your child is attending class in grades 4-12 that they bring a mask to wear at school (and on the bus if applicable).
- Reminding your child of the importance of hand sanitization and other safety protocols at school.
- Assessing your child's health daily and keeping them home if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Ensuring your child stays home for the duration of any self isolation period that has been put in
 place by Alberta Health or Chinook's Edge School Division. This would include self isolation
 periods arising from travel outside of Canada recently, or in the future. For more information on
 foreign travel please refer to the Isolation requirements or COVID information for travellers.
- Keeping your child home if they test positive and contacting your school principal (outside of school hours please complete this <u>form</u>) as soon as you receive a positive test result from Alberta Health.
- Remaining prepared to help your child return to online learning should the need arise.

Thanks again for your continued support. I wish everyone the best as we move into 2021.

Yours truly, Kurt Sacher Superintendent, Chinook's Edge School Division