

COVID-19 PARENT UPDATE 18

June 25, 2021

Dear parents/guardians,

As the 2020–21 school year winds down, we turn our attention to planning for the next school year and are hopeful for a safe return of all students to in-class learning.

Planning for September

Student and staff safety and well-being are still paramount in our planning. Public health measures in schools will continue to mirror public health protocols and restrictions within our community. Manitoba Education will continue to consult with our public health officials and provide direction on how RETSD schools will open for the start of the 2021–22 school year in mid to late August. Please check our website, www.retsd.mb.ca as well as our Facebook/Twitter pages for updates. Your child(ren)'s school will be in contact with you directly before the start of the school year to ensure all parents/guardians are aware of the public health measures that we will follow for the start of school. For students who are eligible for transportation, you will receive more information prior to the school year on schedules as we await information on how many students can safely ride the bus and if we must group students in cohorts etc.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will still be offered for the start of the school year. If your child was engaged in remote learning for medical reasons this year, the division will be reaching out to you at the beginning of August to determine your plans for fall. This may be focused on students who are immunocompromised or those with immunocompromised household member(s). RETSD is committed to ensuring all our students receive the education they deserve regardless of delivery model (e.g., through in class learning, a blended model of remote and in class or exclusively remote learning).

Thank You

Parents/guardians have always had an important role in their child(ren)'s education, this year, your support was vital. We know this year has had its challenges, but it has also had tremendous triumphs as open communication between home and school flowed and students learned so much under these unprecedented circumstances. Together we ensured your child(ren)'s learning continued, and we want to recognize your critical role in supporting education throughout the pandemic. Thank you.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

We hope all our families, students, and staff have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We remind you to follow all Public Health orders, protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated as soon as you are eligible to do so and encouraging others to do the same. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



Kelly Barkman
Superintendent/CEO