COVID 19 School Re-Entry Parent Q and A

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your understanding and amazing support as GYPSD transitions to school re-entry as directed by the Alberta Premier and Minister of Education. Our Facilities and Transportation teams have put every effort forward to ensure safety protocols for our staff and students. In addition to this, principals have built comprehensive re-entry plans to consider the uniqueness of their school community. These plans are now under review to ensure all health and safety requirements are in place. They will be shared with parents on August 21, 2020. Please understand that school division plans may adjust if the government provides further directives. GYPSD will update the Parent Q. and A. on a weekly basis to help keep our families informed.

Q. What is happening with French Immersion (FRIM)?

A. French Immersion will continue to be offered at in-school sites and will be supported through FRIM teachers for those who are enrolled in virtual learning and are in a French Immersion class.

Q. Why is Option 2, blended, not available for elementary and middle school students?

A. It is not offered at elementary and middle school as it is programming specifically designed for high school students. It is fully virtual – it is not partial school/partial virtual.

Q. If parents have already registered their kids do they have to reregister them?

A. Registration will not change, returning students will complete the *Returning Student Verification Form* and snapcodes will be sent out prior to August 10, 2020. Students new to the division will complete the *New Student Verification Form*.

On August 3, 2020 parents will receive an electronic form asking them to identify if their children will attend in-school, blended virtual learning, or virtual learning. Parents must respond by August 7, 2020 so that schools can organize appropriately.

Q. How can parents reach out to their school principal?

A. School Principals are on summer vacation until **August 21, 2020**. Teachers are on vacation until September 1, 2020. <u>Please click on the following link to access principal email contact</u> information.