

November 26, 2020

Dear GYPSD Families;

As we continue to navigate the implementation of the new mandates announced by the Premier on Tuesday, November 24, we want to ensure you that GYPSD staff are committed to working with all of our families to offer assistance and support where needed. We will also provide you with regular updates as we learn more.

Further guidance and direction from the Government of Alberta was provided to GYPSD as follows:

- All Diploma Exams are optional for the balance of the year.
- Grade 11 students do have a right to take Diploma level courses (30 levels) in the second semester or future quarters.
- Off-campus programming will continue for students already enrolled.
- Parents with children who require exceptional supports/special needs programming must contact the school principal to discuss further.
- Split Grade 6/7 classes can stay as a cohort in the building.
- Classes begin in the New Year on January 4, 2021, and for the week of January 4-8, all students will learn at home.
- Students in K-Grade 6 for the week of January 4-8th will have a more reduced and flexible at-home program to minimize stress. Teachers will communicate with parents on how this week will unfold.
- The Minister of Education anticipates all students will return to in-school classes on January 11, 2021.
- Junior Kindergarten can continue to run and operate.
- People can come to the school to do essential business **by appointment only**: parents, students in need of WIFI, people who require the services of staff.

Please know that we are very thankful for the positive commitment and dedication of our staff, students, and you, our families, in working together to addressing these changes. Please do not hesitate to connect with your school principal if you need resources or supports, and please look to the Division's website for **Learning@Home** supports.

Respectfully,

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