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Dear GYPSD families,

In response to questions about re-entry to traditional in-school learning, if the virtual, learn-at-home option is not meeting your child's needs, it has been decided in collaboration with principals that re-entry to traditional learning can occur at any time during the school year.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the [declaration form](#) for next year. If you have *not yet* had a chance to indicate your preference for the virtual, learn-at-home (parent-led, teacher supported) option, we invite you to make your declaration as quickly as possible so that the Division can secure the required resources for your child through GYPSD's partnership with the Alberta Distance Learning Consortium (ADLC). School principals are registering families for the virtual, learn-at-home option.

Criteria for Returning to Traditional Programming:

Parents, if your child(ren) are enrolled in virtual, at home learning and you decide that you wish for your child(ren) to return to in-class, traditional learning, you will need to give the principal at least a week's notice of your decision to return to traditional in-class learning so that teachers can prepare to welcome your child(ren) back to the classroom. All re-entries to school will occur on Mondays.

Students in high school courses may be required to wait until the beginning of a new semester or quarter, but all decisions will be made in collaboration with the high school principal.

School principals will be posting their individual Re-Entry Plan on their websites after August 24 and sharing those plans with families prior to the start of the school year. GYPSD continuously aligns all COVID 19 health and safety protocols to the guidelines of the province. The Division's current [Re-Entry Plan](#) and relevant documentation are also posted on the website.

We value your feedback and applaud your commitment to your child's education and the return to school concerns you have. Please reach out to your child's principal if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Lewis
Superintendent

