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Next Public School Board Meeting

October 21, 2020
7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held via Google Meet and closed for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be recorded with a copy of the recording posted on the CRPS website.

The September 23, 2020 CRPS Public School Board meeting was closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website.

Canadian Rockies Public Schools Re-Entry Plan

The extensive work and thoughtful preparation done by administration and staff at all levels has resulted in a successful re-entry to school. The safety of our staff and students is paramount to the success of student learning and CRPS is committed to supporting all of our families no matter what learning option they choose.

Overall, we are off to a great start. Students are adjusting to their cohorts and quickly adapting to the new protocols. The division continues to provide parents with up-to-date information regarding directives from Alberta Health Services and updates on division-specific protocols. These updates can be found on the [CRPS website](https://www.crps.ca).

During the pandemic, CRPS continues to focus on the needs of the whole child. For example, through the various nutrition programs, CRPS continues to support students, both in-class learners and those learning remotely, who may struggle with food insecurity. Likewise, through various means, CRPS also continues to

provide social/emotional/wellbeing support to students regardless of their learning option choice.

Enrolment Update

Secretary Treasurer Mike Guindon provided an update on the preliminary enrolment figures for the division. Initially a reduction of 64 students was predicted for the 2020-21 school year due to the closure of the Banff Hockey Academy and the lower International Student enrollment resulting from travel restrictions due to COVID-19. However, when students returned to school for the 2020-21 school year, our enrollment was down by 115, an additional 51 students from what had been predicted. The majority of this decrease can be attributed to families/students who have left the valley as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

The official enrolment numbers submitted to the provincial government are those taken on September 30, 2020. It is this number that will determine our funding going forward.



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At-Home Learning

Due to the decision by Alberta Education to suspend in-person classes, CRPS provided at-home learning for all students from March 16 to the end of the 2019-20 school year. As part of the school re-entry plan for the 2020-21 school year, parents were provided with the option to have their children take part in face-to-face learning or at-home teacher-led instruction. Currently 298 students are being supported through the at-home teacher-led learning option.

Darin Larson and Debbie McKibbin are working to provide support to teachers who are leading these virtual classrooms. Kindergarten – Grade 8 have 200 students registered with each grade having their own designated teacher. The balance of the students choosing at-home learning are in Grades 9 to 12 and are provided with real time virtual instruction or a hybrid of Inreach, in-class and at-home learning.

Senior high is operating on a ¼ system (4 semesters per year). Students are enrolled in two courses per quarter semester, versus the regular two semester year which would require students to be part of four cohorts at any given time. Students will still have the opportunity to take eight courses throughout the school year.

In October, families will be provided with one more opportunity to choose to have their children attend face-to-face classes or to engage in at-home teacher-led learning. In order for students to have continuity of learning, families will be asked to make a commitment for the remainder of the year.

If you have not already completed the *Learning Options November 5 - June 30* form you can do so now by following this [link](#). Deadline to submit your request is October 23rd. Should families choose to make a switch in the method of learning delivery for their child/ren, this change will occur on November 9th, for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to everyone for your continued understanding and support as we work to keep our students, staff and community safe.



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