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Dear CRPS Families and Staff,

Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming back students in Grades K - 12 to face-to-face learning on January 11, 2021.

We hope that all of our students, families and staff have had a restful winter break. Our first week of classes being online has enabled us to return to learning without requiring us to gather at school. We are hopeful that this extra week before returning to face-to-face learning will help prevent an increase in the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Thank you to parents, students and teachers for working together to support student learning.

As we prepare to return to face-to-face learning on Monday, there are some important protocols that we want to make families aware of before your child(ren) return to school:

- If families have travelled outside the country over the winter break you must ensure the following before your child(ren) return to school:
 - You have participated in the Rapid Test Pilot program at the Calgary airport and have had both the airport test and the second test (administered 6 to 7 days following the airport test) producing negative test results. If a second test is not conducted in accordance with the regulations provided at the time of the first test, then the 14-day quarantine time is still required starting from the arrival date back into the country.

OR

• You have been back in Alberta for 14 days, have isolated and are COVID symptom-free.

Also, as a reminder please refer and adhere to the following:

- Review the <u>AHS Daily Checklist</u> each day before school.
- If at any time throughout the coming months you or a family member develop any symptoms of COVID-19, inform the school immediately, stay home and follow the steps on the <u>Guidance for</u> <u>Parents AHS website</u>.
- Continue to refer to and follow the division and school return-to-school guidelines and look for updates posted on the CRPS <u>website</u>.

We are grateful that the number of COVID-19 cases has dropped significantly in our Banff, Lake Louise and Canmore communities. We continue to watch the number of cases in Morley with concern for those families. On Friday, January 8th, Stoney Education Authority notified CRPS that they are moving

to Scenario 3 until January 25th. They will re-evaluate after that time. <u>Please note, there will be no</u> <u>bus service provided by Nakoda Bus Lines for Morley students attending CRPS schools during this time.</u>

We want to thank you for your cooperation with following our return-to-school protocols during the first four months of the school year. The diligence displayed by students, parents and staff allowed our schools to remain relatively COVID-free and to remain open. We will continue to remain diligent in keeping our schools safe for students and staff and we will adjust the CRPS Re-Entry Plan in accordance with any changes or new developments locally or provincially.

We want to thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. Together we will keep our schools a safe place for students and staff.

Sincerely,

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