



March 20th, 2020

Re: Continuity of Learning Plans for Students

Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools,

We hope that all of you are keeping safe and taking the necessary precautions for your families in this difficult time. As we mentioned in our March 16th letter, we have been awaiting further direction from the province and collaborating with our provincial partners, to create “continuity of learning” plans for students. Once again, this term refers to the plans for teaching and learning that will be developed to ensure that students continue to receive an education. Alberta Education provided Continuity of Education Guidelines to all school divisions and to the public today. Based on these guidelines the school division will work on providing more specific details to our staff to support them as they move forward with planning instruction and assessment for their students - your children.

We want to assure you that schools will be taking many factors into account as they design the continuity of learning plans, including, but not limited to; families who do not have access to the internet, families who do not have printers at home, the age level of students and students who require additional support. These are just some of the areas that will be taken into consideration as schools do their very best to design learning opportunities for your children in this new teaching and learning environment.

We want to ensure that our teachers, educational assistants and administrators have adequate time to collaborate so that they can design high quality learning opportunities using a format for delivery that is not a typical classroom environment. Staff who teach younger grades may need a bit more time to develop their lessons/tasks than staff who work with older students. You can expect to hear from your child’s teacher/s on or before Monday, March 30th, 2020 with regard to continuity of learning plans for your child.

We know that you probably have many questions about how this new type of learning will look for your child. We ask for your patience and understanding at this time to allow our staff to take the time they need to get these plans in place. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of your child’s teacher via phone or email once the delivery of these learning plans begins.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee  
Superintendent of Schools  
Canadian Rockies Public Schools