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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year! It is with anticipation that we look forward to welcoming our students back to school on August 30th! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer with family and friends.

As you may be aware, Alberta Education recently released its [2021-2022 School Year Plan](#) which is aligned with the overall direction of the provincial government's COVID-19 response plan. Dr. Hinshaw has also written a [letter to all parents](#).

There are many views regarding the measures that should be in place in schools during this challenging time. As Dr. Hinshaw indicates in her letter, *school boards have the ability to implement additional measures where they deem it appropriate*. To that end, the CRPS Board of Trustees and the CRPS leadership team would like to seek your input on some of the key COVID-19 measures that will be given consideration by Canadian Rockies Public Schools. Additionally, we will be paying attention to the current state of the pandemic in our area. At this time, the Banff region has the highest number of COVID-19 cases per capita in Alberta.

We would greatly appreciate your participation in the [CRPS Re-Entry Survey Fall 2021](#) to inform our decision-making. This survey was developed in consultation with our ATA and CUPE Locals. To enable us to provide an updated re-entry plan prior to the start of school on August 30th, the survey will only remain open until Monday, August 23rd at 8:15 AM. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us.

Please be aware that we will revisit the CRPS COVID-19 measures that are put in place *at the beginning of this school year* shortly after the province reviews their measures on September 27th, 2021. We will also continue to revisit COVID-19 measures in CRPS as the school year evolves and will adjust them accordingly. We want to assure families that practices such as increased sanitization and cleaning protocols, hand sanitizer stations throughout the school, and encouraging good hand hygiene will continue as we move into the new school year.

We know we will not be able to please everyone. We appreciate your patience as we do our best to continue to navigate this difficult situation and as we continue to hold student and staff safety as our top priority. We will share the CRPS Re-Entry Plan for this fall prior to Thursday, August 26th, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher MacPhee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C" and "M".

Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools