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Dear Families,

Late yesterday, Alberta's government declared a state of emergency. **New mandatory Alberta Health Services measures for schools came into effect today, September 16th, 2021.** These include:

- Mandatory masking for students in Grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers *in all grades*
- Class cohorting for elementary schools (K-6)
- Maintaining 2 metre physical distancing whenever possible

In light of these additional measures, Canadian Rockies Public Schools will make the following updates to the 2021-22 Re-entry Plan to align with Alberta Health Services Mandatory Measures for schools:

1. Mandatory masking for students except when seated in classrooms.
2. Schools will maintain current class cohorts K-6 (pg. 5 of the CRPS Re-Entry Plan).
3. Physical distancing whenever possible (pg. 5 of the CRPS Re-Entry Plan).

The measures above are effective immediately. Please note that detailed updates will be made to the CRPS Re-Entry Plan as soon as Alberta Education communicates further information to school boards.

Routine measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses will continue to be maintained, such as hand washing, staying home when sick, maintaining ventilation; ensuring regular cleaning and disinfection of high traffic/touch areas and surfaces; and maintaining physical distancing where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools