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Dear CRPS Families and Staff:

Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to focus on doing everything possible to keep our schools open, to give all students the opportunity to continue to participate fully in their learning.

A key priority in our new four year education plan is the health and well being of students and staff. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health has repeatedly said that the most important thing adults can do to protect all of us, in particular children under 12 who are unable to be vaccinated, is to be fully immunized. In her October 5th letter, the Minister of Education stated, "Vaccines are among our best weapons to combat this pandemic, and the best way to protect children is to ensure the adults around them are vaccinated."

The Board is in support of vaccinations for staff and eligible students and therefore is considering the possibility of mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations within the school division. To that end, the Board has directed Senior Administration to continue to gather information from staff and the community in order to inform this decision. Senior Administration is presently determining the impact of potential mandatory vaccinations on system operations such as staffing, access to rapid testing and transportation. The aforementioned decision regarding vaccinations will be made in the very near future.

Please continue to stay home if you are feeling sick. The actions of us all will help keep our students, staff and families healthy and safe. Thank you for all that you are doing.

Sincerely,

Carol Picard, Chair
Board of Trustees
Canadian Rockies Public
Schools

CLARIFICATION: Please note, as stated in the letter, "The Board is in support of vaccinations for staff and eligible students."

The Minister of Education stated that, "A school authority cannot deny their students access to education due to immunization status."

The Board is not considering mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for students. At no time has the Board ever discussed mandatory vaccinations of students. We apologize for any confusion.