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Dear CRPS Families,

The Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) team met yesterday morning to review our COVID-19 protocols. Thank you to all parents for keeping children at home when sick. Your ongoing diligence is appreciated. We are aware that many school divisions across the province have had to move numerous classes to online learning due to the spread of the virus and we are grateful we have been able to keep all our classes open for in-person learning.

The absenteeism rates for students continue to be higher than they typically would be at this time of year. We are hopeful absenteeism will begin to decrease this coming week. The number of notifications of positive COVID-19 cases emailed by our schools to individual classes/grades this week has decreased slightly in comparison to last week. Unfortunately, our staff absenteeism has increased, resulting in challenges to find substitute teachers and substitute educational assistants to fill these gaps. Therefore, the present protocols will remain in place for one more week. These strengthened safety protocols will again be reviewed by the CRPS team on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Another update will be shared with all families at that time.

As per Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines, isolation helps prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staying home and avoiding others if you [have symptoms or test positive](#), helps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are sick.

Our staff and many families have expressed their gratitude that our school community has come together to implement these temporary protocols.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools