

Dear Parents and Caregivers;

Over the last few days, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD), along with other Alberta boards, has been discussing the continuity of learning for students under the direction of the Ministry of Education.

This morning, the GYPSD senior team met with school administrators to put into place the following:

- Principals have identified when students can retrieve resources and personal belongings from schools.
- Principals and teachers are developing supports and resources to provide alternate methods of instruction following Spring Break and until further notice, which will include online and/or print materials.
- Schools are asking parents to confirm the availability of computer devices and internet connections for students' online learning at home and to inform teachers if these options are not available.
- Principals will work with families to discuss technology options if they do not have a device at home.
- Access to Division counseling staff including our Family School Liaison Counselors is available via telephone and/or video-calls.

Please continue to watch for updates from your Principal. Monitor the Division's website and social media accounts for updates.

All school jurisdictions in Alberta are following the direction of Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education. The Minister of Education has indicated that she will be sharing an **Open Letter to Parents** after she and her team have worked out the details. What we know today:

- Provincial Achievement Tests (Grades 6 and 9) are canceled.
- Grade 12 Provincial Diploma Exams will occur, but details on how they will be administered have not been provided to high schools.
- Supports for students with complex needs is being discussed.

We encourage everyone to visit the Alberta Health website for additional resources and supports that may assist you. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work together to transition into a new and challenging learning environment.

Respectfully,

C. Lewis, Superintendent of Schools

