

Palliser Regional Schools

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Dear Palliser Families

The government has just released some new guidelines related to student learning while in-school classes are cancelled across the province. Below is a brief summary of key items from the document. We would ask that you read the guidelines provided from the government, as there is important information in the document. For your convenience, there is a link to the guidelines at the bottom of this letter or you can go to the Palliser or Alberta Education website to read the document. Some of the highlights include:

- <u>Content delivery for each grade</u> The document contains guidance related to areas of focus for learning for various grades and information regarding the minimum amount of work teachers must assign for students on a weekly basis.
- <u>Grade Progressions and Report Cards</u> Every student will continue to learn. Teachers will be required to provide ongoing assessments and assign a final mark for each student.
- <u>High School Diploma Criteria</u> Principals will have flexibility to make decisions to ensure students negatively impacted by class cancellation still have opportunities to graduate.
- <u>Provincial Assessments</u> **Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled**. Students can request to write a diploma exam under special circumstances. *Please note, although diploma exams are cancelled, students will still need to complete work from teachers to receive a passing final grade*. As previously noted, grade 6 and 9 provincial achievement tests are cancelled.

All of our staff remain deeply committed to providing the best learning opportunities possible for all or students during this unprecedented situation. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to classroom teachers or to schools. We have been overwhelmed by the tremendous support we have received from our students, parents and school communities. Thank you Palliser families!

To view the Alberta Education News Release issued March 20, 2020, CLICK HERE

To view a letter to parents from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange regarding COVID-19 and its impact on education, issued March 20, 2020, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

To view a Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on education continuity as provided by Alberta Education on March 20, 2020, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

For the latest updates and recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, visit <u>alberta.ca/COVID19</u>.

To view COVID-19 resources shared on the Palliser Regional Schools' webpage previously, go to:

COVID-19 Letter to Parents March 19, 2020: CLICK HERE

COVID-19 Letter to Parents 2020-03-16: CLICK HERE

COVID-19 Letter to Parents, Class Cancellations 2020-03-15: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

COVID-19 Website Post, prior to class cancellations, 2020-03-15: <u>CLICK HERE</u> COVID-19 Parent's guide to school attendance, graphic 2020-03-15: <u>CLICK HERE</u> COVID-19 Website Post 2020-03-12: <u>CLICK HERE</u> COVID-19 Letters to Parents 2020-03-12: <u>CLICK HERE</u> COVID-19 AHS Self Isolation Information 2020-02-05: <u>CLICK HERE</u> COVID-19 Letters to Parents 2020-02-04: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.