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Dear Parents/guardians;

I would like to welcome back everyone for the new school year, I hope everyone had a restful summer. The staff of the school are excited to see the students soon. Yes, the year will be different but we are lucky to have some large classrooms, and plenty of lockers to help us spread the students apart.

BTPS has sent out letters and videos about the difference that will be taking place this year. Please read the Dr. Folkins Re-entry guide, and the BTPS Re-entry guide to help answer questions that you might have, but feel free to contact us at the school for any clarifications.

Students grade 4-12 are mandated by Alberta Education to be wearing a mask, K to 3 are encouraged to wear masks, but are not mandated. Please ensure your student (gr. 4-12) is wearing a mask on their first day of school. We will be distributing the masks provided by Alberta Education on their first day.

- **Gradual Entry:** To allow a small number of parent visitors to come into the school on the first day of school, we have made a staggered entry. **Tuesday September 1:** Grades 1, 3, 5, Junior and Senior high students will come to the school. One parent/guardian may come with their student into the school. You will be required to be wearing a mask, do the BTPS screening App at the Front door and sanitize. We ask that you do not bring other children not attending the school with you. **Wednesday September 2:** K, Grades 2, 4, 6, Junior High and Senior High will attend school, with the same parent/guardian restrictions as the previous day. On **September 3 all students** in all grades will attend, with no visitors to school unless appointment called to the school.
- **Entrance Information:** The entrances for elementary students will change this year. K-3 will enter in the south door that the elementary grades used in the past. Grades 3 & 4 will use the entrance where their boot room is (West side). Grade 5 & 6 will enter where their boot room entry is. Junior and Senior High will continue to use the Front entrance. Please talk to your student(s) about maintaining the 2 metre distance outside. All staff, students and visitors will be required to hand sanitize when coming into the school.

There will be no microwave for lunch usage at this time. Please send food that does not require heating. No sharing of food will occur so please do not send shared treats or food on special occasions.

Every classroom will have a sanitizing station. Water fountains are closed, students will use the bottle refilling station. Please send your student with a full water bottle each day. The main hallway will have 2-meter distance strips marked on the floor. Bathrooms will only have a maximum of 3 people allowed in at a time.

All parents/guardians must do the screening checklist with your student(s) each morning. You do not need to submit this to the school. If your student has an underlying condition that could mimic COVID-

19 symptoms such as allergies or asthma, please make the school aware of this. AHS has recommended having a COVID test to give baseline data for your child if they have an underlying condition. Please remember to keep your student home if ill. In the office there is an Illness-in-care room (Isolation room) where your student will be isolated until you can pick them up.

Students will be assigned a locker with an empty one beside them. The locker will be used for outerwear and storage of their extra supplies. We ask that students have a backpack with enough supplies for daily use (fully stocked pencil case, notebooks) that they will take with them into their classroom.

If you are considering on-line education please contact the school as we can help you with BTPS's Students On Line learning registration. It can be totally on-line or a blended or a print version depending on subject and grade.

I feel very lucky to live here in Chauvin, where we have a great school building, great people in the community with everyone committed to doing what is best for the students. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

See you September 1st!

Sincerely,

Celeste Matovich
Principal