



September 17, 2020

Dear Chinook Families,

Well, we have made it through the reopening of our schools safely. For many students, staff and families, the first day back after a 111 day hiatus was like our very first day of school. The excitement and the positive energy amongst our students and staff was truly inspiring!

The first week of school is now behind us and for the most part, kids, staff and families are safe and happy. Yes, there are new procedures, routines and expectations but our families did a great job preparing their children for new expectations and our committed staff collectively did a great job preparing buses, classrooms, hallways and playgrounds for what they were intended for: our students.

School is community. We prepare children academically, socially, morally, intellectually and emotionally for life. The hiatus from school has illustrated to me the importance of human connection, relationships, being teammates, and the positive pivotal role we play in the lives of children and one another. A testament to our collective efforts and collective educational team – yourselves included.

We are confident that we are going to be okay. We are going to be healthy, safe and engaged academically, physically, emotionally and socially. We will continue to make the focus of our work what is best for children and look after and support one another. We are fighting a virus together. Let's continue to be positive, let's be kind, let's be solution focused.

This is uncharted water for us all. Ultimately, every decision we make will be based on what is best for the health and safety of our students and staff, and what is best for our students academically. On occasion, we may err on the side of caution. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your school's principal, superintendent or our central information line at: 306-778-9200 or toll-free 1-877-321-9200.

Take care and stay safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle McIntyre".

Sincerely,
Kyle McIntyre
Director of Education