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To: Parents / Guardians of BRSD students

Re: COVID-19 and our schools – welcome to a whole new way of teaching and learning

Hello everyone. Welcome back to the school year!

Today is the day teachers across Battle River have started providing learning support to students of all ages in a whole new way.

Within the next 24 hours you will hear from your children's teachers (if you haven't already) to set up plans to continue their learning journey. There will be ideas, activities and assignments shared in the days ahead.

We appreciate your patience and support as teachers explore new methods of staying connected to students. It might not be perfect on Day 1 or 2, but we will all get more skilled. That's the beauty of learning together!

You may have noticed that playground equipment in our schoolyards has been closed. This is in keeping with guidelines for across the province. We hope you understand that this is an important measure intended to keep all children safe and well.

You may have also heard news that school divisions are being given less funding for the remainder of this school year and are being asked to reduce spending. Because we value the contributions of every member of our Battle River team, we are trying to find ways of making changes that allow us to retain as many staff as we possibly can. More information will be shared in the days ahead, as it becomes known.

With the realities of the pandemic continuing to increase and more restrictions continuing to be put in place, life can seem anxious and unsettled. A new section is being created on our BRSD website, where we will post wellness and learning resources you may find helpful in supporting your children and yourself.

In the meantime, we will continue to focus on the reason for this disruption - to help keep students, families, staff and communities safe and healthy.

Take good care everyone. We will talk again soon!

Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools