

## **Parent Letter:**

May 3, 2021

**RE: Full school shift of William E. Hay Stettler Secondary Campus to at-home online learning until May 17, 2021, with return to in school on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.**

Dear Parents of William E. Stettler Secondary Campus School students,

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and what is best for our students. William E. Hay Stettler Secondary Campus has been deemed an outbreak school by Alberta Health Services. The numerous cases beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021 are having a significant impact on our entire school community, with at least 16% of our students needing to isolate.

**In consultation with Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education, we will be shifting all grades temporarily to online at-home learning with an organizational day on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, online classes begin on Wednesday, May 5th to May 17, 2021. Students will be back in school on Tuesday, May 18, 2021** In collaboration with Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education, we will reassess whether we will move to in-person or continue online learning the weekend prior to **May 18, 2021.**

***To assist in the transition, at-home learning will begin on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Tuesday, May 4 will be a non-student day for students in Grade 7 to Grade 12 to allow school staff to plan and prepare for the next two weeks.***

Instruction and learning opportunities will be offered using a combination of online and paper-based materials. Classroom teachers will provide a detailed schedule so that students will have direct access to them at specified times during the day. This will ensure that we will be able to keep moving forward with the curriculum and continue the strong learning that is happening within classes. The specific details of this class schedule will be communicated to your child in their Google Classrooms.

Please know that this decision was not made lightly and as we continue to realize the strains that COVID-19 places on us we need to be flexible with our decision making and put our students and their learning and wellbeing at the center of all conversations and decisions.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, school counsellors, and school administrator for additional support or clarification. While this is a challenging time, we trust you will continue to feel well supported by our staff, school, and district.