



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

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Dear MHCBE families,

As announced last week by Premier Jason Kenney during the release of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy, the province has made the decision to not have students return to in-school classes for the remainder of the academic year. This news may have come as a shock to many, and we understand it may be difficult to process as a parent and as a student.

As the school year progresses, MHCBE will continue to work closely with Alberta Education and follow the guidelines from the Chief Medical Officer of Health. No re-entry plans have been solidified at this point. We will be sure to inform families as soon as information has been shared with us regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

We ask that parents and guardians continue encouraging children to finish their school work and stay connected with their teachers and classmates by logging into online lessons. Staying connected is extremely important for everyone's mental health and wellness. Please visit our [COVID-19 Mental Health & Family Resources](#) page on our website for wellness and community resources or contact your school or School Liaison Counsellor for additional support.

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I want to take a moment to once again thank our parents and guardians for putting in the extra time and effort to support students as they continue to learn from home. We know this situation is extremely difficult. Please know that even though we cannot say "thank you" everyday, we are incredibly thankful. We are here for you and will continue to do our best to support our students and families.

God bless!

Dwayne Zarichny
Superintendent of Schools

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