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Dear New Norway Families:

We are looking forward to having your children return to in-person classes next week! It's going to be a bit like another "first-day" of school as students come back after an extended time away from the building, but we are confident that everyone will quickly fall-back into our establish routines in short order.

It is important to note that all of the requirements for physical distancing, mask use, hand sanitization, separation of cohorts, no external guest speakers, etc. that we have been following since the fall remain in place. (Mask use for students in Kindergarten through grade 3 is not mandatory.) We have seen first-hand how important these measures are when it comes to determining the close contacts of someone who has tested positive, and we will continue to strive to keep everyone healthy. It is our hope that COVID case numbers can be kept minimal in the months ahead. You can help with that by reviewing the COVID-19 checklist with your children each day, and keeping them home if they are not well. The checklist is available at brsd.ab.ca in the section on school re-entry.

Yesterday (January 7) the Provincial Government announced that all of the current Alberta-wide restrictions (except return to school) will remain in place for at least another two weeks, until January 21. This means that, while students are returning to in-person learning, the other restrictions we have in place in BRSD will remain, such as:

- Extra-curricular teams cannot be offered at this time and high-contact sports, such as basketball, are not recommended in gym classes;
- The number of in-person visits to schools by division-wide staff such as FSLWs and others will remain limited.
- School Council meetings will continue to be virtual, not in-person.
- Use of community facilities (such as arenas, curling rinks, swimming pools, fitness facilities, etc.) continues to be prohibited.

Finally, if your family is considering a switch to or from At-Home Learning for Quarter 3, please let us know by January 21 at the latest so that appropriate plans can be made. Please contact one of us at the school; if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

R. Payne
Principal

S. Searle
Assistant Principal