



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying your well-deserved summer break.

The ALCDSB continues to work hard over the summer months in preparation for the Fall of the 2020-2021 school year.

We continue to work in collaboration with our local public health units and the Ministry of Education. If you recall, earlier this spring, the Ministry of Education announced three possible scenarios for the return to school. Our board is creating plans for each scenario.

As cited by the Minister of Education, it is anticipated that by the first week of August a more definitive directive will come from the Ministry of Education for a specific scenario. Once confirmed, our board will share our full plan for return to school with parents/guardians shortly thereafter. We appreciate your patience as we await confirmation from the Ministry of Education. Final details of the plan and all vital information for a return to school this Fall will be shared with families via School Messenger, social media, board and school websites.

Regardless of what the start of the school year may look like, we remain committed to the health and safety of all students, staff and families. With this in mind, our Mental Health & Wellness Team has put together information for students to access mental health and well-being supports. [Please click here for information about mental health and wellness supports for students during summer months.](#)

As a reminder, please note that August 31, September 1, and September 2 are Professional Activity Days for staff in our board. Students attend their first day of school on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. [Click here for the link to our website for more information regarding the school year calendar.](#)

Thank you again for your patience and understanding. We know these are difficult times for all families and we will continue to do our best to provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. DeSantis".

David DeSantis  
Director of Education