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"Achieving our personal best in a safe and caring environment"

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Happy Summer to HAS families,

As summer holidays begin, I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and healthy summer break! The past 3+ months have provided parents, students and staff with many new challenges. It is only through the hard work of all parties that students were able to continue with their learning, albeit in a totally different format than any of us expected. HAS thanks you for your commitment and support of your child's learning. We know it wasn't always easy as you juggled other parts of your life-thank you! It was only with your help, support and partnership with the school, that student learning could continue.

Moving forward into a new school year, HAS wants to provide you with as much information as possible. A final decision is expected by August 1 about what school will look like in September. This decision will be made by The Chief Medical Health Officer and the Minister of Education Please refer regularly to the school's website for updated information: <https://www.horaceallenschool.ca/> The three possible scenarios and implications for school can be found at the Alberta Education website: <https://bit.ly/3dCURHS>

Once a decision has been made about re-entry, likely scenario 1 or 2, LRSD will send out a survey again asking for you to make a decision for your children - will they attend school, or continue with at-home learning. You can expect the survey to be emailed to you at the beginning of August. The information provided in the survey will help guide decisions at HAS about class lists and teacher and support staff assignments. These decisions are usually made by the end of June but with the uncertainty around the scenario we will follow in September, decisions will be made in August after families have been surveyed. A summary sheet of the scenario decided upon will also be included with the survey. This summary will broadly outline parent, student and school expectations for the chosen scenario.

At HAS, classrooms and the common areas are being prepared for Scenarios 1 and 2. Preliminary HAS plans include the following:

- measured available spaces in learning areas so we know how many students can be accommodated;
- tables will be replaced by desks, as needed;
- removed all soft surfaces (e.g. area carpets, couches, stuffies/puppets), or surfaces that cannot be easily cleaned;
- removed all non-essential items from classrooms;
- started preparing packages of materials for use by individual students (e.g. manipulatives for math);
- fountains at water stations will be closed, and students will use refillable water bottles;
- students will eat together in their classrooms;
- exploring playful ways to teach health and safety routines such as frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and the importance of touching personal items only;
- exploring alternate ways of storing personal belonging inside and outside the classrooms;
- exploring entry/exit routines to accommodate health measures in place.

Please be aware these plans may change based on information from The Chief Medical Health Officer and the Minister of Education.

Thank you again for working with us to provide the best possible learning experiences for your children. HAS staff look forward to working with you again in September.

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