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Dear Parents: COVID-19 Update

Recently all school administrators attended a Google Meet (video conference) with senior leaders from WCPS where the draft Learning Support Plan was shared. Prior to Spring Break commencing I would like to share some of those details from this meeting so you are made aware of some of the plan elements before the learning continues in early April.

This plan has been designed to support school staff in implementing supports for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alberta Education directed school boards to develop a learning support plan and implement it in order to support teachers, students and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is not an education crisis, but it is a provincial pandemic and a response to a declared state of emergency which has the potential to last many weeks, months or until the end of June 2020.

The Learning Support Plan is a list of resources and teaching approaches that can be utilized from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 to support teachers upon returning to work after Spring Break. This will be a new delivery model where technology will be utilized to connect with students and parents.

This model respects teacher autonomy and the personalization of learning allowing teachers to focus on key domains of learning instead of the entire curriculum. The professional judgement of the teacher will be essential in determining how students will be successful over the coming weeks and months.

Alberta Education has assured all students, parents and school boards that their intent is that all students will progress, with the ongoing support of teachers. All students who access this support are expected to proceed to the next grade level and receive credentialing for their specific subjects they are presently enrolled within. Additional directions and communication from Alberta Education in the coming week around learning and assessment measures which will be communicated to all of us as we embark on this new learning journey.

As was previously communicated in the last district update, March 30 is our district-wide target to share more details with you. Again, as parents, you can expect communication from us during the week of March 30 - April 3. Given the timing of the March Break this will allow student learning supports to be finalized and rolled out in an orderly, consistent manner.

On behalf of the staff at Crestomere School we encourage you to rest, relax, and enjoy your spring break. Cherish this time with family and know there is a special place in our hearts for each and every one of you. We look forward to connecting with all of you in April.

Sincerely

Penny Mueller, Principal, Crestomere School