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Dear ALF Parents, Guardians and Students,

We hope your summer has been restful and enjoyable. Thank you for your patience as once again, our school start up will look a bit different. Due to increased COVID 19 cases in the Interior Health Region, District 83, ALF, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health are in the final stages of developing and “tweaking” the safe return to school plan. More information will be communicated in the next few days, but at this time the following health & safety measures will continue from last year:

- Staff and students are expected to do their own Daily Health Checks and should remain home if they are not feeling well
- Mandatory mask wearing at all times indoors for all staff, students, and visitors (including on buses)
- General cleaning of the school, cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces at least once in a 24 hour period
- Focus on hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

More site specific plans, including a new district and school Communicable Disease Plan, will be coming shortly. Students should bring their own refillable water bottles as cups are no longer available.

School will begin on Tuesday, September 7th at 9:10 a.m. Dismissal time on September 7th will be three hours early at 12:30 (Bus schedules have been altered accordingly. Phone 250-832-9415 for more transportation information). Beginning Wednesday, September 8th we will have regular school hours of 9:10am – 3:30pm for full time, in person classes.

Grade 7 and 8 students should enter building at the west (gym) entrance and grades 9-12 students should enter the front (main) entrance. Lists of homeroom or Block A classes will be posted at these entrances and students should proceed to those rooms at 9:10. Schedules will be distributed in homerooms. Due to the unexpected large increase in enrollment over the summer, student schedules have had to be re-timetabled. Student schedules will be available through the MyEducationBC Family portal by September 3rd (Separate email with instructions to follow) in addition to being handed out on September 7th. Counsellors will be available for course changes next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 7th! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Yours Truly,

Scott Anderson
Principal