



## Pre-Cam Community School

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Good afternoon parents and community members! After meetings with the division and MHO's for SHA, and NITHA it has been decided that it is safe to return to school at level 3 with new protocols outlined below that address the increased Covid cases in our community. Active and open communication will continue between health regions and schools to make changes as needed, but our education plans will be released on a 2-week schedule. Our primary focus remains on safety for students, staff, and the community and our goal is to provide a balance of rich authentic education, mental health and wellbeing supports while prioritizing physical safety. As of Monday, Gordon Denny, Churchill, and Pre-Cam will be at level three. Please review the plan to bring the students back to school every day, where one cohort would attend in the morning, and separate cohort in the afternoon.

We ask that all families continue to cooperate with all public health orders and closely monitor the health of your child daily before choosing to send them to school. The schools will continue to work with students who are isolating to ensure that education continues.

### **Student cohorts will be as follows:**

**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** morning (last name A-L) and another in the afternoon (last names M-Z)

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>** morning (last names M-Z) and in the afternoon (last names A-L)

If families require a special accommodation to the cohort schedule please contact the office at 306-425-2226.

### **Rationale:**

**Physical Safety** – Staff and students have been exceptionally diligent throughout the school year in masking and sanitizing in classrooms. With lunch hour being removed this reduces the risk of potential spread of the virus. We will have custodial staff to complete sanitization of the building between cohorts.

**Authentic Education** – Our students, staff, and families, are doing a tremendous job engaging in online learning. Our levels of class engagement online are significantly higher than in the past, but we still have nearly half of our students who are unable to participate regularly. Being able to work with small groups of students each day on class content reduces the pressure on students and families to complete work while also allowing teachers to ensure students stay on track.

**Mental Health** – we are receiving feedback from students and families that being confined to home without social interaction is starting to take a toll on their mental health. Having a period of time each day for students to engage with those outside their household in a safe and controlled way will help alleviate this. Attending school each day also helps maintain schedule and order in their lives.

Sincerely,

R. Kuppenbender  
Principal