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Re: Alberta Education Letter to Parents

Dear BTPS Parents and Guardians:

The Minister of Education asked that we share this [letter](#) with you. Here is the accompanying [news release](#).

BTPS takes the health and safety of our students and staff seriously.

Some of our schools have experienced a high number of staff and student absences throughout the fall. There have been many days when our staff have had to cover classes due to a shortage of substitutes available. We ask for your support and cooperation in ensuring students remain at home when sick. All your efforts to reduce any spread of illnesses are appreciated.

We continue to follow AHS recommendations to assist in preventing further spread of illness. The recommendations include the following:

- Stay home when ill.
- Perform hand hygiene frequently by hand washing with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub.
- Practice respiratory hygiene:
 - cough and sneeze into sleeves or cover mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and then perform hand hygiene.
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched such as doorknobs, light switches, and bathroom taps.
- Students and staff can continue to make their own decisions regarding masking.

Thank you again for supporting our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Holoien".

Rhae-Ann Holoien
Superintendent