

February 4, 2021

Dear families, parents and guardians,

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome you to Quarter 3 of the 2020-2021 school year. This is the first year we've offered a quarterly school year, and we remain committed to offering you a choice in how your child will learn this school year. Thank you for continuing to renew your commitment each quarter. Whether you've chosen in-person or online learning for Quarter 3, our staff are eager to welcome your child into their learning environment this week.

Committed to safety

The safety of everyone in our buildings, both students and staff, remains our priority as we continue through the school year. We continually review our [Division Re-Entry Strategy](#) and make changes where necessary to keep everyone safe.

We are staying the course on our current COVID-19 restrictions and precautions to keep everyone safe. Our schools remain grounded in providing parent choice, safe learning environments, with a focus on continuity of learning always.

Planning for 2021-2022 school year

As we move into the second half of the year, we are beginning to look toward the 2021-2022 school year. Our planning for next school year will be guided by the direction and advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and provincial government.

While we're in the initial planning stages, we will be seeking your input and feedback soon; watch for a survey in early March. Your feedback will help us plan for next year. We are looking at all options and will share information later in spring.

Open houses, pre-enrolment

As you start thinking about next school year, a number of our schools are holding [virtual open houses](#) starting this month. These events are a great opportunity to learn about the programs we offer and find a school that is the right fit for your child. If you're interested in a school that isn't hosting a virtual open house, please reach out to them directly.

Pre-enrolment for current Edmonton Public Schools students starts on March 8, 2021, through SchoolZone. [Registration](#) for new students who are new to Edmonton Public Schools, including Kindergarten students, started on February 2.

I want to thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate through the challenge of learning in a pandemic.

Sincerely,



Darrel Robertson
Superintendent of Schools