

# Turtle River School Division

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

I hope that all of you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. I know some of you are anxious about opening of schools for the 2020-2021. Please be assured that the safety of students and staff is our number one priority.

On July 30, 2020 Minister of Education Kelvin Goertzen and Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin released the provincial plan, Welcoming Our Students Back, Restoring Safe Schools.

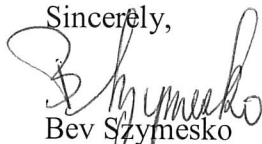
Some of the strategies that will be implemented in each building to address the safety of students and staff are:

- A strict stay at home policy for any students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Screening protocols for students and staff will be implemented.
- Cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Washrooms and high touch surfaces will be cleaned several times a day.
- Non-medical masks will be available for all students and staff
- Hand hygiene requirements will be in place entering and exiting the school and classrooms, and before and after eating.
- Physical distancing will be implemented in our schools.
- Use of shared items or equipment will be avoided where possible
- Schools will carefully document attendance of students, staff and visitors to ensure up to date contact information for assisting public health management should a case be identified in the school.

Each school in Turtle River School Division will have its own reopening plan that will be shared with school communities prior to school start up.

We are in unprecedented times, and I thank you for your patience as we work on preparing everyone for the 2020-2021 school year. We will keep working together to keep our community safe, and in doing so we will be supporting our students' education.

Sincerely,



Bev Szymesko  
Superintendent

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