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Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope everyone is doing well and families are staying safe during these unprecedented and challenging times. We hope your child is still working hard daily on their studies and accessing and reaching out to their teachers on a regular basis. Please remember you can check their progress through the PowerSchool Parent Portal and PowerSchool app. If you have any questions or concerns I also strongly encourage you to reach out to our teachers for a more in-depth update.

### **At-Home Learning**

In light of the recent announcement to move all 7-12 students in the province into Temporary Online Learning, I wanted to quickly clarify how this affects your child. In short, RDPSD At-Home Learning Program will be unaffected by this announcement and we will continue to operate under the same expectations and schedule that was set at the beginning of the semester. Students are still expected to spend roughly six hours per course weekly and to check in with their teachers regularly. Teachers will continue to be accessible for AHLS students from 12:30pm-3pm Monday thru Thursday. We want to congratulate all of the students who completed their midterms over the last few weeks and we will continue to offer in-person exam sittings for those students who have missed an exam or are needing to rewrite.

Your community schools will be reaching out to you in January to discuss your intentions for the second semester. If you have already made the decision to return to in-person learning in February, I would encourage you to reach out to your school Vice Principal to get the planning started before the holiday break.

### **Diploma Exams**

One of the recent important announcements by the government was the decision to make diploma exams for the remainder of the school year optional. Our teachers will be reaching out to students in diploma courses over the next few days to determine whether or not they will be choosing to opt-out of their January diploma exam(s). When discussing this decision with your child, please take into consideration that diploma exam marks are traditionally lower than school awarded marks, and result in lowering their overall grade. This could potentially put them at a disadvantage to those students in the province who are choosing to opt out of diploma exams. Please contact me if you have any questions about diploma examinations.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping your child be as successful as possible in these less than ideal times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe and stay home.



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