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August 24, 2020 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

As promised I would like to share Ponoka Secondary Campus' re-entry plan. The document you see attached has the district plan on the left and specifics from our school on the right.

Re-Entry - [Link to Ponoka Secondary Campus 2020-2021 School Re-entry Plan](#)

The 3 highlights that are specific to Ponoka Secondary Campus

1) School Re-Entry Dates

These have changed from my June message.

In order to have less students in the building initially to introduce our students to their new routines and protocols at PSC, we will be staggering our start up dates with students to allow this transition time. Once your child has had their introductory day, their school year has begun and should be in attendance moving forward.

- a) September 1 - Grades 7 & 12
- b) September 2 - Grades 10 & 11
- c) September 3 - Grades 8 & 9
- d) September 4 - all students in regular classes

School hours during re-entry will be regular school hours: 8.40am - 3.25pm

2) High School Student Schedules & Quarters

The school has made the decisions with many other high schools this year to move from a semester system to a quarter system. This means that instead of having 2 semesters (Sept-Jan and Feb-June), students will have 4 quarters instead. Students take 2 classes at a time, 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon.

The quarters will run:

Quarter 1 - Sept - Nov

Quarter 2 - Nov - Jan

Quarter 3 - Feb - Apr

Quarter 4 - Apr - June

3) **Junior High Schedules and Options**

All junior high students have been placed in one of 9 cohort groups. Junior high students will remain in this grouping for the entire day, including options and PE. As a result of these students being cohorted, students will have an option class but they will not be able to choose their option as they traditionally have. Junior high students will be in the same classroom for all their core classes only moving to different spaces for PE and option class.

Yearly Student Registration - [Link to Parent Portal Sign In Page](#)

Alberta Education requires an **annual** Student Registration / Demographic Update Form, **for every student, signed by the Parent or Legal Guardian** to verify that the student qualifies for Provincial or National Education funding. The Demographic Update form **serves as an annual registration form for all returning WCPS K-12 students.** I just completed mine and it took about 15 minutes per child.

The annual registration form can be accessed through your **PowerSchool Parent Portal**. If you don't have a Parent Portal account, you will need to create one using the 'Parent Portal—Set up Instructions' document attached to this email.

If you are having issues submitting the form, accessing your Parent Portal account or require access to a device to complete this form, **please contact your child's school office.**

Online Student Demographic Update forms are due Sept 15, 2020.

Thank-you for your attention to this.

Power School Student and Parent Sign In is Now Open for students to look at updated schedules and parents to do the annual online registration form.

If you are having trouble viewing your entire schedule, try using PowerSchool through a website browser, and not the PowerSchool App.

[Parent Portal - Set up Instructions](#)

Kathy