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Date: September 1, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.

To: RRVSD Community
From: Brad Curtis, Superintendent & CEO
Re: COVID-19 UPDATE #23

All resources and further updates for the RRVSD Community will be posted on our website: www.rrvsd.ca

We are one week away from students returning to school and we are looking forward to the start of a new school year with all students K-12 attending school every day. The first day for students will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021. More information regarding school specific plans will be shared before the start of the school year.

As a reminder, all staff and K-12 students are required to wear masks on buses and in schools. More information on government guidelines can be found at [Parent Guide 2021-2022](#) and [Guidance for Mask exemptions in Schools](#).

Ventilation

We have performed maintenance on all building Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems prior to the start of the school year. Six (6) schools received full duct cleaning, and the remaining three (3) school systems were treated with a disinfectant as the ducts were recently cleaned.

Our control systems have been changed to provide the highest amount of outside air intake that they can handle. This has enabled us to exchange the air in the buildings more frequently. System filters are being replaced regularly as per provincial recommendations in order to ensure our systems are performing at peak performance.

Transportation

The Board of Trustees has made the decision to discontinue bus service within the town limits of Starbuck, Oak Bluff, Sanford, Rosenort, Lowe Farm, Morris, St.Malo and St.Pierre-Jolys. Transportation for students with special needs, existing daycare cluster pickups and winter town cluster pickups will continue to be offered.

After much deliberation, the Board made this difficult decision based on the following rationale:

1. Budget Constraints
2. Equity among Communities
3. Human Resources
4. Focus on More Efficient Bus Routes
5. Provincial Regulations

The transportation department will be providing families with their scheduled pick up and drop off times before the start of the school year.