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Re: 2020-2021 School Year Planning

Dear Viper families,

The following message was shared with all KPDSB families by the Director of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, on June 17, 2020: "Planning for the 2020-2021 school year is currently underway. We know there are many questions around what school will look like come September and while we do not have all the answers at this time, we are looking at every possible scenario and format for learning, from a full return to our buildings, to a continuation of distance learning, or a combination of both." [Visit COVID-19 Update from DOE to Families, June 17, 2020, for more specific information.](#)

At Valleyview, it is our priority to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, if we return to school in the fall. Families can expect our return to the building to look very different from past school years, as will be implementing Ministry of Health guidelines related to COVID-19, while ensuring the best possible learning environment exists for your child/ren.

As a part of our planning, VVPS will be surveying families to ask if, at this time, you plan to send your child/ren to school in the fall, should it be announced that our buildings will be open. Please be aware that this is just an initial step in our planning and that **families will have an opportunity to change their response**, should they wish to do so as we get closer to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

[Return to School Planning Survey Link](#)

KPDSB recognizes that returning to our buildings may bring different levels of apprehension for students and their families. Be assured that we will do our best to work through it collaboratively and will ensure our families know what they can expect from Valleyview before the first day of school. As soon as more information is released by the government with regards to schools and the 2020-2021 school year, we will share it with our families.

As always, we are here to support you and your family. Please remember that the KPDSB website has a [COVID-19 section](#) with resources for students and families during the pandemic, including mental health resources. You can also follow KPDSB on social media (search KPDSB on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) or the Valleyview Facebook page for information and updates.

Yours in education,

VVPS Admin