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Message from Mr. Corston and Mr. Ralston:

Hi and welcome to the 2020-2021 school year.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer. We are excited to meet your child/children on Thursday, September 10.

This school start up will be like no other. We recognize the transition to home learning that took place last March and the hybrid learning that followed was extremely challenging for all. Thank-you for your support and cooperation. We will all need to continue to work together and be patient as we take on this next challenge in student learning.

We were so impressed by the care and commitment our staff demonstrated all of last year, especially from Spring Vacation to the end of the year. Staff has been equally committed in preparing for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

This school year will look different. School District 83, following the direction of the Ministry of Education and Dr. Bonnie Henry, has developed a return to school safety plan that Carlin will be implementing. The plan is different than the plan that was in place last June. Prior to students arriving staff will be meeting and implementing our return plan based on School District direction from our Senior Leadership Team.

At this time we can share the following:

- **Grade 1 – 8 students will begin school on Thursday, September 10. This will be a full day of school.** Buses will run regular schedule this day.
- Kindergarten teachers throughout School District No. 83 will be meeting on September 1st. Following this our Kindergarten teachers will be in contact with all Kindergarten families to let them know the plan for gradual entry at Carlin.

- Students from grades 6-8 will be required to wear masks while riding the school bus as directed by the Ministry of Education (please see Transportation Information posted on our website). Masks will be available on buses and at school for those in need.
- Students in grades 6 – 8 will be required to wear masks at times when inside the building and away from their cohort (for example: in the hallways they are required, not required in their classroom).
- All Carlin staff will be at school on Tuesday, September 8 and 9 preparing to implement our school return plan.
- Parents / caregivers are to conduct at home health checks each morning prior to sending their child to school. Watch for a form acknowledging this daily routine will happen, coming home with other school start up forms that can be completed on line through Parent Connect.
- It is very important that students stay home when sick.
- Cohorts of a maximum of 60 students will be developed and this will be communicated to all homes the first week of School.
- Regular handwashing will continue throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will also be available and students may bring their own.
- Food will be “pack in – pack out” and students will not be able to share food.
- Students will need a water bottle, fountains are closed but we now have a filtered water bottle filling station.
- Students are asked to label their personal items and not to share them.
- To begin the year middle school students will not use lockers.
- Additional cleaning will be provided throughout the day as we now have a daytime custodian.

There will be more information to follow next week.

Thanks in advance for your continued support and cooperation. Be safe!

Sincerely,

Shane Corston

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Principal

Vice-Principal