



September 1, 2022

Dear ASD-N Families,

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. All of our ASD-N staff have been busy preparing for the new school year, and we are looking forward to having students back in our buildings very soon.

If your child is taking a bus, we encourage you to register and confirm your child's stops and times on BusPlanner. By signing up for BusPlanner, you will be notified of busing updates such as delays and cancellations. Information on BusPlanner can be found at <https://asdnbp.nbed.nb.ca>.

The 2022-2023 school calendar can also be found on our website, at <https://asd-n.nbed.nb.ca> under Quick Links.

Over the last few years, our students have experienced disruptions to their routine and learning. We are working hard to bridge any learning gaps, and we are optimistic that this year will feel more normal for students and staff.

Although the Government of New Brunswick no longer has mandated COVID protocols in place, we know families, students and staff are mindful about keeping our schools safe and healthy. We will continue to encourage healthy habits such as washing or sanitizing our hands frequently, staying home when we are feeling sick, and coughing into our elbows. We know that practicing these easy steps will help curb or prevent many kinds of illness, such as stomach bugs, colds, and the flu.

Although wearing masks is no longer required, we will continue to support those students and staff who choose to wear a mask based on their level of risk or concern. Our schools will remain a welcoming, supportive, and respectful environment for everyone.

Some good reminders for all of us:

- If you are sick, please stay home. According to Public Health, with any communicable diseases, you should stay home until you have been fever-free for 24 hours with no diarrhea or vomiting for 48 hours without medication.
- If you have symptoms of COVID or if you have tested positive, we encourage you to follow Public Health's advice available at <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19>.
- Canadians six-months-old and above are now eligible to get vaccinated. More information on the vaccine, and how to book an appointment, is available at <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19.html>.

If you have further questions about COVID, we encourage you to visit the GNB site at <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19.html>.

We wish you and your child a great 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Dean Mutch
Acting Superintendent
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