



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Caregivers,

After reviewing data for the Towns of Royalston and Athol with the COVID team, the district has decided to return to in-person learning starting Monday, January 25, 2021. As always, parents who wish to have their students stay in a remote learning model may do so. **If your child was an in-person learner before the shutdown and you would like your child to remain remote, please contact your school and let them know. Also, if your child was remote before the shutdown and you want them to return to in-person, you will need to contact your school as well.** For safety reasons, we ask that you inform the school of changes to your child's learning model (remote or in person). This is critical. We want to be prepared to welcome students back into the building on Monday.

Be aware that bus routes for the district have been updated. We have posted some new pick up times for several bus routes. Please check our website to confirm your child's dismissal time for next week as it may have changed.

Our district continues to work hard to ensure the safety of all our students. We will continue to monitor cases in both communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has us in uncharted waters. We will do our best to keep the schools open; however, we may have to entertain another short shutdown if the pandemic surges again.

Students and staff have been diligent in staying home if they do not feel well. These habits have helped to keep from having school transmission. Thank you so much for your persistence. We are excited to have our students back. We miss them.

Our teachers and staff have been outstanding in responding to the needs of our students and families. They have been flexible, accommodating and most importantly caring. They are our frontline workers. As we move back to in-person learning, I want to thank them for their dedication to our students. Our teachers and staff are outstanding.

Be Well,

Darcy Fernandes
Superintendent
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