Dear ASD-S Families,

As we near the end of our second full week of school, I want to thank ASD-S families for your support in helping your children adapt to the new *Return to School* plans and processes. Change is never easy, but our staff and students have adjusted to the new guidelines and safety measures exceptionally well. We have had excellent cooperation from our students to the varied safety protocols, such as community mask use, physical distancing, or adhering to their bubbles, as appropriate to the grade level.

Families have received a great deal of information from us, from the schools, and elsewhere and we know it may feel overwhelming. Our schools have received many questions regarding COVID-19 symptoms, testing, and attendance. It is encouraging that our school community is committed to our safety protocols and that you are taking the time to ask the questions.

This provincial document: <u>Symptoms FAQ</u>, should provide many answers to these questions. Please take the time to review it and keep this link on hand for future reference. It answers what to do if your child has symptoms, if someone else in the household has symptoms, when students can return to school, and more. This document will be updated as required to reflect the latest provincial guidelines.

The province also developed this guide to wearing a mask at school to provide helpful information regarding community mask use: <u>Mask FAQ</u>.

We appreciate your patience as we work together to provide our students a quality education while supporting the health and safety of our staff, students, and the community.

Zoë Watson Superintendent