



## **Dear Parents, Guardians and Graduates of 2020 and 2021:**

The following communication was sent out by the Superintendent of Wolf Creek Public Schools on September 7, following the announcement last Friday by the Alberta Government:

On August 16, 2021 Wolf Creek Public Schools communicated its *2021/22 School Year: Guide for Parents* that outlined health measures in schools, based on the guidance from the Alberta Government and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health. We assured you we would continue to update you on any changes to those health measures, directed by the Alberta Government or enacted on a local level.

On September 3, 2021, CMOH Dr. Hinshaw and the Alberta Government announced further temporary measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19.

### **Provincial Social Gatherings Restrictions**

- Albertans are encouraged to limit in-person contacts.
- Unvaccinated Albertans are strongly recommended to limit indoor social gatherings to close contacts of only two cohort families up to a maximum of 10 people.

### **What this means for Wolf Creek Public Schools**

- All indoor gatherings (assemblies, graduations, etc) will be paused until further notice.

Given this new information, and after much thought and discussion, we have decided to postpone our **Graduation and Awards Ceremony** until **May 27, 2022**. We considered different alternatives but feel that a later date provides us with an opportunity to plan a large indoor gathering in the future, where we can all be together as a family and celebrate our graduates in the manner they deserve. The future planning involves a "*Homecoming and Graduation 2022*" event for all students who missed this opportunity. We will be in touch with all families nearer to this event. While this recent decision will create disappointment in our graduates and families, we hope that you will remain resilient, knowing that your accomplishments are what define your success, and we will celebrate that success in the future.

*Ms. A. Holliday*, Principal (on behalf of the staff of West Country Outreach School)