

Dear Hatch Valley Public School Parents,

This semester has been like no other in the history of education. We had to redefine school as we transitioned from traditional face-to-face instruction to a remote learning model where students received their instruction virtually. There were some pieces implemented that worked well and others that did not however, we continue to make improvements to our remote learning plan to better serve our students. I recognize the change has been difficult for teachers, students and parents. Thank you for your patience and understanding in our transition.

As we move forward, I want to communicate what can be expected in the second semester of the school year. The following is a summary.

- Instruction will continue in remote learning mode.
- Attendance will be required. A list of acceptable participation will be provided in January.
- Students will be expected to attend all live sessions.
- How well your child performed academically in the first semester and how well they perform during the second semester will determine promotion into the next grade level for next school year.

In addition to the above, we want to ask all parents to contact their child's school and provide updated contact information. This helps us better serve you in communicating your child's academic progress. Lastly, as mentioned above, being in remote learning mode during the pandemic has been difficult for students. We encourage you to visit with your child everyday and ask how they are doing. We also encourage you to be active with your child and participate in outdoor activities such as walks, hikes or sports. Please contact your child's school if you feel your child needs counseling support.

Again, I want to thank all parents for your patience during the first semester. More information will be shared after students return to remote instruction on January 5, 2021.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Chávez
Superintendent of Schools