



August 24, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers:

Re: Student and Staff Safety in Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

The safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance to Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools. In order to improve safety and security for students and staff, and in response to the changes in our society, the Division is announcing additional safety measures to keep student safety and learning a top priority.

Effective the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year:

- **No hats or hoods are to be worn in the school building.**
- **Backpacks are to be placed in lockers upon arrival at school. No backpacks are to be worn around the school building.**
- **All school exterior doors, including the front door, will be locked at all times and opened for students to access during school entry times.**

Students will continue to enter and exit the school using their designated doors, and parents/caregivers will continue to meet their children outside their dismissal doors. Students who arrive after the entry bell, as well as parents/caregivers, school visitors, and other guests will be welcomed into the office through the front doors after ringing the doorbell. This will allow for our staff to monitor who is in our buildings. Please assist the school staff in reminding your children, for safety reasons, not to open any locked doors for individuals attempting to enter the school. When the doors are locked, all individuals must approach the front door and follow the sign in procedure at the school.

Wetaskiwin Regional believes this will be a positive step forward for ongoing safety and well being of everyone in our schools. Questions regarding these new procedures or any measures for student and staff safety may be directed to Rick Hayes, Deputy Superintendent at Rick.Hayes@wrps11.ca or Jodie Mattia, Director Learning Services at Jodie.Mattia@wrps11.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Wake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Wake".

Mike Wake
Superintendent of Schools
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

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