



Office of the Minister

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Dear teachers, administrators and support staff,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to take this opportunity to sincerely express my gratitude and appreciation for all of your hard work over the past couple of months. This school year is like no other year we have ever faced as an education system, but the work you do every single day helps ensure stability for our province's children during times of uncertainty.

As a grandmother of school-aged children, I know firsthand the positive impact that returning to school has had on our students. My grandchildren are happy they get to see their friends on a daily basis. They are thrilled that they get to learn from their teachers. And they are glad to have a sense of normalcy. I am certain their feelings are shared by hundreds of thousands of students across Alberta.

I know it hasn't been easy since we first cancelled in-person classes in March, but I want to assure you that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. This Thanksgiving weekend I wish you the best as you take time to reflect on these past few months, connect with your loved ones in a safe manner, and rejuvenate.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your efforts to help implement our school re-entry plan and ensure safe learning and work environments for your students and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education