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Welcome Message 2020-2021

Dear Almadina Families:

I would like to start by welcoming each and everyone of you to the beginning of a new school year at Almadina. I am eagerly anticipating a successful and rewarding year and I look forward to working with our dedicated board members, staff, administration and parents to provide an exceptional educational experience for our Almadina students.

As planning unfolds with new regulations for the 2020-2021 school year. An essential priority in the re-opening and return to school is the health and safety of students and staff.

The guidance provided in this document is intended to give an outline of the different scenarios that the Minister of Education has announced for schools starting September 2020. Measures will be put in place by the schools to meet the requirements of “Provincial COVID-19 - Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings”. There are abundant details, reflection, consideration and unanticipated expense, as health and safety aspects provide the focus for continued learning and growth for all students. Flexibility continues to be the mantra in creating this plan, as changes are often revealed from key agencies on a day-to-day basis.

With new information and guidance available, changes to the plan are anticipated. School administrators are assessing the school’s readiness regarding technology and upgrades to school infrastructure, as well as the need for additional devices and materials. Staff members are engaged in continuous learning and professional development during the summer months. The goal is to deliver instruction to meet the needs of students, whether in the traditional classroom setting or online learning. Spirits remain high.

Our administrators and staff are committed to provide an exceptional education for all students. They are committed and dedicated individuals and know the benefits of hard work to provide the best educational environment for your child(ren). The return to school plan is available to view on our website.

Again, flexibility continues to be underscored as updates to the plan may be necessitated by ongoing guidance.

It is my pleasure to serve as Superintendent of Schools. I have been blessed to work with talented staff members who provide leadership in our schools. It was a delight to attend the Grade 9 Graduation at the Ogden Campus and the Farewell party at Mountain View Campus, also visiting the schools during assemblies on numerous occasions and observing the exceptional creativity and the talents of our students. They have been motivated to think deeply, to assess various perspectives and to be guided by the virtues in our schools as they live lives based on integrity. I am proud that they will be our leaders in future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. ElRafih', written in a cursive style.

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