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Dear PRSD Parent/Guardians,

I would like to extend a big thank you to all PRSD families, students, school leaders, teachers, and support staff for your hard work during the past few months. These have been challenging times. Your resilience and commitment to remote learning during this difficult time is appreciated.

Last Thursday, June 25, 2020, Minister of Education, Kelvin Goertzen, had announced that school for students will commence Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Principals, teachers, and support staff will return to their respective schools Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

September 2, 3, and 4, 2020, principals and their respective school teams will finalize instructional on-site and/or remote learning plans, prepare physical spaces, review public health protocols, and collectively prepare strategies for the return of students, September 8, 2020.

The provincial document “**Welcoming Our Students Back, Restoring Safe Schools**” provides school divisions and schools an overview of the provincial options to consider when preparing for three re-opening plans.

The province’s three possible scenarios are as follows:

- Scenario #1 – In-Class learning resumes for all, with near normal conditions
- Scenario #2 – In-Class learning resumes with additional public health measures
- Scenario #3 – Remote learning from home, with limited use of school facilities

The province has indicated that a scenario will be announced on or before August 1, 2020.

SCENARIO #1 – IN-CLASS LEARNING RESUMES FOR ALL, WITH NEAR NORMAL CONDITIONS

In this scenario, all K-12 students will return to school five days a week. The division and each school would have safety protocols in place and regular instruction will occur.

Pending physical distancing requirements at the time, providing bus transportation to all students may be a challenge. Parents/guardians may be asked to assist in this area by transporting their child(ren) to school.

SCENARIO #2 – IN-CLASS LEARNING RESUMES WITH ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

All K-8 students will return to school five days a week, but with additional public health restrictions to be implemented at the school level.

Grade 9-12 students may be able to attend 5 days per week if the schools can maintain physical distancing and limit interaction between student groups of students, otherwise, Grades 9-12 students will participate in blended in-class and remote learning instruction with a minimum of two days in class per week.

Major scheduling adjustments will be necessary to organize student learning while addressing the additional public health measures and physical distancing requirements for bus transportation, classrooms, and the school building.

Repurposing of facility space with areas such as gymnasiums, libraries, canteen areas, and multi-purpose spaces to ensure physical distancing and to reduce student mixing will be necessary. This could impact several programs such as music, band, physical education, industrial arts, and home economics.

As per the provincial document, **“Welcoming Our Students Back, Restoring Safe Schools”**, alternate day attendance can be considered to ensure physical distancing and to reduce student mixing. Alternate day attendance would blend in-class instruction with home-base projects, assignments, and learning initiatives. Alternate day attendance will need to be considered as our school division must comply with the public health orders and physical distancing requirements.

Bus transportation will see student access restrictions. If possible, parents/guardians will be required to assist by transporting their child(ren) to school.

SCENARIO #3 – REMOTE LEARNING FROM HOME, WITH LIMITED USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Scenario #3 would be implemented when there is a moderate to widespread virus transmission.

In-class learning will be suspended and school facilities may be used for specific programming following the guidelines for the limited use of school facilities. Scenario #3 will also activate a set of divisional standards for remote program delivery. The PRSD standards will ensure consistent remote teaching and learning for all students.

PRSD will be planning based on the current reality. We will provide updates as more information becomes available in July and early August.

By mid-August, principals will assume the responsibility of ensuring that their respective school plans are communicated to their school communities.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation and understanding. Stay safe and stay well!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Terry M.J. Osiowy
Superintendent/CEO