

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents:

I am writing today to provide an update related to the provincial response to COVID-19 and the related plans that are underway in Prairie South. Our goal is to support your children and your family during this time.

Today the Government of Saskatchewan announced the indefinite suspension of classes for PreK-12 students beginning Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Grades 8-12 students may remain at school today but are not able to attend beginning tomorrow with the exception of students who are unable to care for themselves independently.

Parents who are able to make immediate arrangements for childcare should do so. All parents will need to make arrangements for childcare by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> as schools will be closed beginning that day. Until Thursday, please notify your school if your child will not be at school.

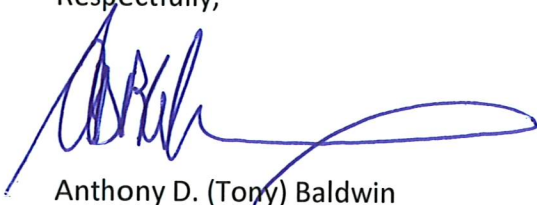
We are working actively with the Ministry of Education to plan for continued learning opportunities for students and families who wish to access these opportunities and we will have more information for you related to this in the coming days. We are also working on a plan to ensure the successful completion of grade 12 for students registered in that grade.

I recognize that the provincial response to the COVID-19 outbreak will affect families in different ways. While I don't know how it will affect your family, I am committed to using the resources at Prairie South Schools to support you in the coming days. Please continue to be in contact with your school principal and your child's teacher; they will be available to support you.

Further information will be sent through SchoolMessenger and will be posted on [www.prairiesouth.ca](http://www.prairiesouth.ca) as well as our Facebook and Twitter accounts. For information about COVID-19, please visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus).

Thank you for your support over the past week and in the coming days.

Respectfully,



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Director of Education