

May 8th, 2020

Dear Parents:

We hope this letter finds you and the people in your homes in continued good health. We had anticipated sending our next letter to you at the end of next week with information about the final step of our 2019-2020 plan, but wanted to share some emerging information today.

We are still doing okay in Prairie South. The majority of our students are in regular contact with their teacher(s) and are participating in supplemental learning opportunities. We are very proud of the efforts of our staff as they have made the adjustments necessary to manage the new look of school. We are also very proud of each of you. We understand that the COVID-19 changes have been most challenging for parents and that this is a difficult time for many of you. Please continue to reach out to your local school if you are struggling. We want to be able to help you take care of your family.

You will have seen in the media that the province has extended the suspension of classes until the end of the school year. While we miss our students and would prefer to see them in school, we are glad to have this question resolved, as it allows us to start thinking about next fall and what preparations we may need to make in order for school start-up to happen as smoothly as possible.

The next step of Prairie South's plan will include some guidance about graduation, grade 8 transition activities and other things. This week we received information from the Ministry of Education regarding graduation activity restrictions. Over the next few days, we will see what this might look like in Prairie South, and we will be in contact again next week with the next step of our plan.

We are looking forward to a time when we can visit in person. Until then, take care of yourselves.

Respectfully,



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