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Dear Parents:

We are writing today to provide some general information about COVID-19 developments in Prairie South and some specific information about extra-curricular activities.

As you may have heard in the news media, schools in Prairie South have had our first two positive cases of COVID-19. We have been pleased with the response to positive cases from Public Health officials. They have supported school and division staff through the process in both cases where a person has tested positive, and we have been well-prepared to support their contact tracing protocol.

As we move into a time when students or staff are self-isolating after a positive test, we are requesting that you speak with your children about empathy and understanding. COVID-19 is something that can happen to any of us at any time, despite the precautions that we are taking at school and at home. When staff and students return to school after a period of self-isolation, we expect them to be welcomed back in the same way we would welcome anyone who was a part of the Prairie South family and who had been away from school. Thanks in advance for speaking with your children about this.

We have attached some information regarding extra-curricular activities to this letter. You will see that we are starting a very limited return to extra-curricular activities in our schools; we know that this will be disappointing to students and staff who have been looking forward to a more significant expansion of extra-curricular offerings. We will continue to work with Public Health officials going forward, and we look forward to a day where we can return to more regular curricular and extra-curricular programming in our schools.

Thank you for your continued support of teaching and learning in Prairie South. We are doing well because of the partnerships we have established and because we are working together to achieve the best education for children and youth that we can provide.

Thank you,



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