

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents:

We wanted to provide an update today after our first week back to in-person learning in Moose Jaw and Caronport after the Easter break.

We have completed contact tracing for one positive case of COVID-19 since the spring break. This positive case was detected on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and resulted in a Moose Jaw grade 3 classroom and one staff member being placed on self-isolation for 14 days. While we never want to see people sick, we know that we will need to continue to manage positive cases and the contract tracing process in our schools for the duration of the pandemic, and we are grateful to have had only a single case in the first week back.

We continue to request parent assistance to ensure the safety of our staff and students. Please ensure that you and your children are following all public health recommendations in terms of contact with others. We have attached information from the Saskatchewan Health Authority related to this. Most importantly, under no circumstances should students be sent to school if they have new or worsening symptoms as described on the attached information sheet.

We met with local and provincial Public Health officials on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to review our safety processes and our decision to maintain in-person learning in our schools. In addition to the reminder for parents regarding community behaviour, we have tightened mask protocols and will be requiring additional PPE for some staff members in specific situations. An updated mask protocol is also attached. Based on our conversations with Public Health officials this week, we are moving ahead with in-person learning next week.

In some cases, parents have chosen to keep their children home from school after the Easter break and we respect this decision. While some learning materials are available online, Prairie South staff are not expected to provide additional instruction for students who are not at school in these circumstances. In circumstances where students are ill or are self-isolating as directed by Public Health, teachers will attempt to support with additional instruction.

Our intent is to provide increased frequency of information for parents in the coming weeks.

Respectfully,



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