

COVID-19 PARENT UPDATE #4

May 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Late last week, we received word from the province that all school divisions can start the gradual and modified reopening of schools starting June 1, 2020.

Reopening our schools for June will **not** be a return to in-class learning. Instead there will be opportunities for students to have some very small group sessions, or one-on-one meetings with their teachers to support their learning and for assessment. Student attendance at these in-school opportunities are at the parent's discretion and the length of time the student is in the school will be determined by their teacher. **Please do not send your child to school without a scheduled appointment.** We will not be busing students for these appointments.

Your child(ren)'s school(s) will be in contact with you over the next two weeks to lay out their plans for welcoming back students into our schools. Attendance at school will be by invitation only and during scheduled times to ensure proper social distancing measures are taken for staff and students. We will be following all public health orders, including encouraging frequent handwashing, cough/sneeze etiquette and strict social distancing. Please do not send your child to school for their appointment if they are ill, we can reschedule. Parents are reminded to use the screening tool from Shared Health when determining if children will come to school for a scheduled appointment. The tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>. Remote learning will shift to assessment in mid-June with the last day of remote learning on Friday, June 12, 2020.

Students or visitors to the school can choose to wear their own personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks or gloves. PPE use is at the parent's discretion and will not be supplied at the school(s).

All students will receive a report card, available on the parent portal at 10 a.m. on June 30. Parents will notice that the final report card is different than previous years. Student achievement is noted based on what teachers had assessed as of March 20 and any improved learning since then. There will also be a comment that describes the engagement in remote learning of each student. Subject area comments will describe the learning that was offered during remote learning and indicate any additional instruction that may be needed in the fall. No students will be held back due to COVID-19. Please ensure your log-in credentials are working and contact the school prior to the end of the school year if you need assistance.

We want to thank you for your patience, understanding, and support over the last few months as we do our part to flatten the curve of COVID-19 in our community. We are encouraged by the opportunity to see our students again, if only for a short time before the start of summer break.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent/CEO