

June 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may have heard, Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen and Dr. Brent Roussin, chief medical health officer, [released a framework](#) on Thursday, June 25 that will guide school divisions in safely welcoming back students next school year.

River East Transcona School Division is working on comprehensive plans for each scenario listed in the framework:

- In-class learning resumes for all with near normal conditions
- In-class learning resumes with additional public health measures
- Remote learning from home with limited use of school facilities

As always, we will follow the recommendations and guidelines given by the province to support the transition back to in-class learning with safety as our priority.

While we are hopeful for a full return to in-class learning with near normal conditions, we are actively planning for a partial re-entry of in-class learning with additional public health measures.

The province says a decision will be made on which back-to-school framework will be put into place by August 1, 2020. We will keep our community updated this summer via our website and social media.

Knowing that busing while physical distancing will be challenging, we are strongly encouraging parents and caregivers, who are able, to consider transporting their own children to and from school this fall.

Busing information will be available in August when we know more about health measures that will need to be implemented for the start of school and how many students can be accommodated on our buses. As you can imagine, this is a large task for our transportation office and we ask that you do not call them with questions about whether your child will be bused next year; this information will not be available until later this summer and we will share information as soon as it's available.

As per the provincial plan, we also recommend you start planning now for days where you may need to keep your child(ren) home from school if they are ill or if we move to a hybrid model of in-class and remote learning. As Dr. Roussin has stated, it is critical that everyone does their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and staying home when sick is one of the best ways to keep our schools and community healthy.

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we plan for a safe return to class on Sept. 8, 2020. Please continue to check our website for our weekly updates throughout the summer.

Working with you in partnership,



Kelly Barkman
Superintendent/CEO