

## COVID-19 PARENT UPDATE 17

June 9, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Late last week, we received word from the province that all school divisions in Winnipeg will remain in remote learning for the balance of the school year with the provision to invite in small groups of students (up to 6 per class) for scheduled meetings starting no sooner than June 14, 2021.

Please be reminded that these scheduled opportunities 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 transition and well-being. These meetings will be offered at all schools however they are optional. In RETSD, we strongly believe that the need to bring students back for in-person assessments should be very limited. We have been working with our students, in-person and remotely, all year. We are confident that our teachers know their students and where they are at in terms of their strengths and next steps, therefore, the need for in-person assessment should be limited.

**Please do not send your child to school without a scheduled appointment.**

As has been our past practice, we will be continuing with in-school remote learning for the children of identified CSWs and children with additional needs. Except in the above noted cases, we will not be busing students.

Your child(ren)'s school(s) will be in contact with you over the next two weeks to lay out their plans for extending an invitation for your child to attend school. Attendance at school is optional and 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 hand hygiene, cough/sneeze etiquette, strict social distancing, mask wearing, and health screening. 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.

All students will receive a report card, available on the parent portal at 10 a.m. on June 30. Please ensure your log-in credentials are working and contact the school prior to the end of the school year if you need assistance.

Students have had a very different year of learning. All of us have learned many different things this year: resilience, independence, and personal strengths. We recognize that returning to school in the fall may require reflection on this learning. In September 2021, teachers will use exiting assessment processes along with conversations with the previous year's teachers to establish a plan moving forward.

We want to thank you for your patience, understanding, and support over this school year. We are hopeful that as we all continue to exercise vigilance and do our part that next year will bring us a more normal school year.

Sincerely,



Kelly Barkman  
Superintendent/CEO