

COVID-19 PARENT UPDATE #3

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Dear parents/guardians,

We'd like to genuinely thank parents, students, and staff for their patience as of late. We're aware that the current situation—including the announcement to suspend classes—is without precedent in the province and it's created challenges for all families. However, learning opportunities will still be provided to your children; just in ways that differ from their usual school experience.

Teachers, at the direction of administrators, have been developing plans that will allow your children to continue their learning at home. By now, you will have heard from your child's teachers and/or schools. A reminder that teachers are on the job, whether that be at home or the school, to support their students during the weeks surrounding Spring Break.

We thank you in advance as you schedule time in your home for your child to continue their learning. Please feel free to contact your children's teachers or schools should you have any questions. Teachers will make themselves available during regular school hours.

All work completed during the suspension of classes is important and will be beneficial to learning and will be considered when teachers need to complete summative assessments. We continue to be aware of varying family situations and levels of other stresses impacting students and parents at this time.

Should you wish to visit the school to pick up take-home learning items, please be certain you are cleared to enter based on the requirements outlined by the provincial public health officer. Do not enter if:

- You have flu-like symptoms, a fever, and/or a cough
- You have travelled outside Canada in the past 14 days

If you do not meet these requirements, please call the school to make alternate arrangements. Thank you for your co-operation during this challenging time.

All schools in RETSD will be suspending registration until classes have resumed in our schools. If you have any questions, you can contact the Administration Offices at 204.667.7130 or by email at communications@retsd.mb.ca.

You may have questions related to events and activities that are beyond the next three weeks; at this time, we are unable to provide definitive answers. However, we will be certain to keep you updated as the situation evolves and we make decisions.

We're dedicated to ensuring River East Transcona students have a productive and successful school year, despite the circumstances. It remains our priority to look after the academic and the emotional well-being of our students.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's educational journey.

We are all in this together.



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