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Dear Families of RETSD students

Manitoba Education has announced that as of Monday, October 26, all schools in the Winnipeg region, which includes all schools in River East Transcona School Division, will start operating in the Restricted (orange) level of the Pandemic Response System (PRS). Although no new cases have been identified in our schools, the department is looking at ways to ensure transmission remains minimal.

This means your school may need to take the following measures, if it has not already done so:

- As much as possible, ensure there are two metres between students and staff; some schools may move furniture (e.g., desks) to help meet this separation
- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if the required distances can be followed
- Staff who move between student cohorts must wear medical masks
- Indoor choirs and the use of wind instruments are not permitted
- Field trips will be postponed or cancelled

The other health protocols—including handwashing, hand sanitizing stations and student cohorts—continue to be in place.

In-class learning remains in place in our school; however we will be sending home information about temporary remote learning options for students in grades K – 8.

The division is in daily contact with Manitoba Education and Manitoba Health and will keep families informed of any new information as quickly as possible.

We are very thankful for your patience and support throughout these changing times, reinforcing the need to follow safety measures at home just as they do at school.

Sincerely,



Kelly Barkman
Superintendent/CEO