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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Temporary Remote Learning

April 27, 2021

River East Transcona School Division continues to support families as we navigate the COVID -19 pandemic. Schools are following strict protocols in order to keep everyone safe and learning while in the building. However, families can opt in for remote learning while schools are in the orange level of the provincial response system (PRS).

As soon as temporary remote learning (TRL) was offered in RETSD, we saw a quick jump in the number of parents choosing this option for their child(ren). In November 2020, approximately 2600 students across RETSD were in TRL. Our schools have and are doing an incredible job of keeping the risk of transmission of COVID-19 very low as we welcomed back over 2200 students over the last couple months back into their classrooms. Today, we have approximately 330 students in TRL across RETSD.

We have several different models of TRL in the school division, including grouping some smaller schools together or grouping multiple grades and classrooms together in larger schools. The reason for this is to help focus supports within the school for both students who are TRL and in class learning. In order to plan for these models, we need some indication of how many students will be participating in TRL. If this is a choice you are planning to make, please contact the school office by May 4th to let us know. This timeline allows us to plan efficiently for TRL. Assignments to remote teachers will begin on May 10. If your student is remaining at home before this date, we will provide work assignments through Teams, email, or hard copy but no synchronous learning will begin until May 10. Ensuring our students, regardless of where they are learning, are safe and have the support and educational programming they need has been our priority throughout this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dino Busceti, Principal