



March 16, 2020

Dear Living Sky School Division Families:

**Re: COVID-19 Update – Class Suspensions**

Earlier today, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that due to COVID-19, classes in prekindergarten to Grade 12 will be suspended indefinitely, **starting Friday, March 20, 2020**. At this time, we don't know if that means until the end of the school year or not. The province will continue to take direction from the Chief Medical Officer and we will continue to communicate any updates.

From now through Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, classes will wind down. This means that parents who **are able to keep children home should do so immediately**, with no absence or grade impacts. Parents with limited childcare options will have some time to make arrangements.

If your child(ren) **are going to school this week** (until Thursday), **please call your school office** so they are expecting them and together we can ensure all students' safety.

As per Ministry of Education guidelines, every student will receive a final grade based on their current grade and students will progress to their next grade level next year. Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate. The Ministry has established a Response Planning Team and more details and information will be clarified and forthcoming through this process.

We have heard from some of you today that you are concerned about the discontinuation of learning for your children. Living Sky School Division is committed to staying connected with our students and continuing to offer valuable learning during these unprecedented times. Tomorrow, our school division team will be brainstorming alternative ways of learning. We will update families as our learning plans unfold.

As the situation is changing extremely quickly, we promise to keep the lines of communication open with our families, staff and community members. We know that there are significant implications for families, and we want you to know that we are thinking of you and are working hard to make the best decisions possible.

We are in this together and sincerely thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Ronna Pethick, Board Chair