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Dear Living Sky School Division Families:

Re: Return to School Plans - Update

Now that you've had an opportunity to review the province's Safe Schools Plan and our school division's Return to School Plan released earlier this week, we know that you may have many questions. Although we don't have all the answers right now, we want to assure you that we are working on updating and adjusting our plan as more information becomes available. Because we are making updates to our division plan, please note that your school's plan will not be posted on Monday as previously stated. There are still some details that we are working on before those plans will be ready for you.

We wanted to reach out today to let you know that even though we haven't worked out every detail of what return to school will look like in the fall, we want to make sure you know what our top priorities are right now.

Our first priority is to have students and staff come back to school in the fall knowing we have done everything we can to create a safe and healthy environment for them. We are also working on ways to support students who need to learn from home. We are meeting next week to finalize remote learning plans for K-12 students and will be sending out details of those plans as soon as possible.

Today, Minister Wyant announced that the province is actively considering a mandatory masking policy under Level 2 of Saskatchewan's Safe Schools Plan. We have been discussing, as a school division, the use of masks for a while now and are waiting for the province to come out with their next steps before making a decision on what best meets the needs of our staff and students.

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

Brenda Vickers, Director of Education