

August 11, 2020

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Dear Parents,

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We look forward to welcoming your child to school on September 2, 2020. The return to school is supported by Ministries of Education in both Alberta and Saskatchewan as well as the Chief Medical Officer of Health in Saskatchewan. www.lcsd.ca

The Provinces have announced that students from Grades 4-12 will wear masks to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in schools. We have learned from jurisdictions across the country and around the world as they plan and go through school re-entry. We see, in their examples, the wisdom of using masks in schools. Opening schools with masks will enhance the safety of students and staff while we continue to deliver an excellent education for your child.

With the support of masks and PPE equipment being provided to us by the Provinces, the Board of Trustees has approved a motion to use masks in our schools. We believe that this will reduce illness, help keep schools open for all our students and support the health of our staff.

What you can expect for your child beginning September 2, 2020

- All students will receive two reusable cloth face masks when they arrive at their school on September 2, 2020.
- All students in grades 4-12 will be required to wear their masks where physical distancing is not possible such as common areas and hallways. Masks may also be removed for outside play.
- Students on busses will be required to wear a face mask.
- Medical exemptions from wearing a mask will be submitted to the school principal.
- All visitors and parents in our schools will be required to wear a mask.

In the same way that we will teach proper hand washing, we can teach with masks. Further communication will follow on how parents can prepare their children returning to school. We are confident that our staff can support children in understanding that we all have a role in preventing illness in ourselves, fellow students and in those who are most vulnerable.

We appreciate the thoughts that you have shared with us over the summer. This step is about prevention. We have added to time for our caretakers' schedules to ensure cleaning all day. We are training specialized staff to support dealing with students or staff who might become ill during school. We are also sanitizing busses after runs and organizing our schools to prevent the spread of illness. We will continue to build on these plans.

We believe wearing masks is good for staff and students and we look forward to continuing to keep you informed of any changes to our plans for school re-entry throughout August.

Thank you,

Nigel McCarthy
Director of Education

