



March 19, 2020

Dear LPSD Families,

This letter is an update to the provincial response to COVID-19 and the plans that are underway in Lloydminster Public School Division. We know that there is much uncertainty for families and staff, and wish we had all of the answers to your questions. Our goal continues to be to support your children and your family, and we are committed to providing information as we become aware of it.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the indefinite suspension of schools in Saskatchewan beginning Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. "Indefinite" may mean that school is finished for the year, or it may mean that when the COVID-19 outbreak stabilizes, we will be able to return to school sometime sooner than next fall. When we have more information from the Ministry of Health, we will let you know.

The Ministry has also announced an education pause period for school programming in Saskatchewan from Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive. As a result of this announcement, Lloydminster Public School Division has activated our Business Continuity Plan to ensure essential business services continue to function while ensuring the safety of all our staff. This plan will include availability for the public to contact the division office if they have questions or concerns that need to be addressed during this period. We would ask that during this time, you refrain from contacting your child's teacher. Although eager to reengage in offering learning opportunities all LPSD teachers are following the direction of the Ministry in Saskatchewan to pause and take care of themselves and their families.

During this education pause period, education sector partners will be developing a plan to guide the work of school divisions in serving the learning needs of students across Saskatchewan. When the pause is lifted, our teachers will reach out to provide instructional support for students and resources for parents.

We appreciate fully the concerns that many of you have regarding your child's education, however now is the time to focus on the health and wellness of our families. Please make the next week a memorable one with your children, read books together, bake some cookies or spend time playing a board game. Monitor what, and with whom, your children are interacting with online and most importantly keep your children at home, practice social distancing and increase prevention measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Lloydminster Public School Division is collaborating with the Ministry of Education and other Sector partners to ensure your child's return to educational activities will be smooth and efficient. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work through this challenging period.

Once again, further information will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages as well as posted on [www.lpsd.ca](http://www.lpsd.ca). For more information about COVID 19, please visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus).

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

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