



June 25th, 2020.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It has been four months since we were last able to have students in school and we are excited to be starting the planning to welcome our students and staff back to LPSD schools! Although the last four months is not something any of us would have chosen, it is something that we should all take pride in, as this week we will celebrate the graduation of over 300 amazing students from LPSD!

With the recent announcements from the Government of Saskatchewan, we can now share with confidence how our staff and students will navigate school when they return on September 1st.

How will we keep students and staff safe? Over the coming weeks, Lloydminster Public School Division will continue to refine a plan for the re-opening of LPSD schools. The plan will be based on the [Government of Saskatchewan's Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines](#) and we are committed to doing everything we can to plan for a safe return in the fall.

In advance of the plan we have engaged parents, staff and school based administrators on thoughts and suggestions that should be considered as we re-open schools. The feedback that we have gathered has provided us with some great suggestions and will be reflected in our final framework.

There are many questions and we hope this letter can provide you with some clarity on the preparations that are being made to ensure your children and our staff will be safe. Some of the key requirements or expectations will be:

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols
- Physical distancing, however, a two meter distance is no longer the requirement in schools.
- Adjustments to bus pick-up and drop off times and routines
- Adjustments to the school day such as bell times and timing of recess and lunch breaks
- Education on handwashing expectations, respecting space and not sharing materials or equipment.
- Large assemblies and school wide gatherings being held virtually or cancelled.
- Visits to schools being minimized.
- Extra curricular activities such as school sports being put on hold until we have more information or guidelines, likely in August.

Though these are significant changes, they are required to allow us to return to classes. We are confident that our schools can do this and still be great schools built on healthy relationships and high levels of engagement which are the hallmarks of an LPSD education.

We will be asking for your partnership in adhering to the requirements contained within the Re-opening LPSD Schools plan. Most importantly, students and staff who are sick must not go to school. If your child does become symptomatic while at school we will be required to move them into an isolation area and will expect your cooperation to ensure your child is picked up immediately. In addition, we will be seeking your support with transportation. Parents will be asked, where possible, to transport their children to and from school. Students that do require transportation will be required to register for transportation services and will be provided with assigned seating while on the bus. We are hopeful that many families will support us by driving their children to and from school, where possible. Accompanying this letter is an update from our Transportation department regarding the registration process for the upcoming school year.

On June 30th, 2020, we are submitting a plan to the Government of Saskatchewan for approval. We anticipate being able to share our final Reopening LPSD schools plan during the first week of August. Please keep an eye on our social media channels for this very important information.

Until then, we wish you a wonderful summer filled with family time, fun and adventure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Robinson  
Director of Education