



June 4, 2021

Dear Seine River School Division families:

Re: Classroom Remote Learning St. Norbert – Classroom Learning Seine River School Division

On June 3, 2021, Education Minister Cliff Cullen and Dr. Atwal announced that schools within Winnipeg, Brandon, Garden Valley and Red River Valley School Divisions **will continue with remote learning until the end of June**. This means that Parc la Salle School, La Barrière Crossings School, École St. Norbert Immersion, and Collège St. Norbert Collegiate will continue with their remote learning plans for K-12 students.

School principals in St. Norbert will be meeting to discuss and plan for bringing in up to 6 students per class per day commencing June 14. Students will be brought in based upon learning, assessment and mental health needs. Your school will be contacting you prior to June 14 to arrange for any optional student return to school at this time. Obviously public health conditions could alter these plans as we continue to monitor changing conditions.

Dawson Trail School and École Lorette Immersion School in Lorette, Manitoba will **return to their regular classroom schedule on Monday, June 7, 2021**. The remainder of the schools in Seine River School Division will continue to follow their regular school schedules unless otherwise indicated by Public Health.

As a community shifts to a “Critical” (Red) response level under the Manitoba Pandemic Response System, school divisions and schools will endeavour to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of critical service workers, where alternative care arrangements are not feasible. Our schools will be taking all necessary measures to maintain safe schools for those children who are able to attend.

Manitoba Education Considers the following to be critical service workers:

Tier One:

- Health/Health Services Workers
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers (all teachers, administrators and support staff)
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers



Tier Two:

Following accommodation of Tier One, divisions will then accommodate additional critical services workers.

This may include people who provide critical services to Manitobans, such as front-line natural resource workers, gas station attendants, and grocery store staff.

All our schools have completed parental/guardian surveys to identify critical service workers and school principals will be contacting families identified as a critical service worker. If your situation has changed please ensure that you communicate directly with your school and let them know of your change in circumstances.

Additionally, classroom learning will also be available for students in need of special supports and school teams will be identifying students needing in person learning. Schools will communicate those invitations to families within the next 1-2 days. In certain cases, additional virtual support will also be offered.

We also recognize that year end celebrations for students moving on to new schools and graduation events are also impacted by Public Health orders. We are meeting with school principals next week to review upcoming changes to these events. We are endeavouring to ensure that schools can celebrate students as much as possible in the coming weeks. We understand how important these milestones are to students and families.

We recognize the challenges remote learning places on families and our school teams have been preparing to implement successful remote learning plans. We know how important that support at home is to a successful home learning environment.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all work together to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Michael Borgfjord
Superintendent