



January 5, 2022

Dear Seine River School Division Families:

**Re: K-12 Move to Temporary Remote Learning**

On January 4, 2022, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced that schools in Manitoba will move to remote learning on Monday, January 10-14, 2022, a one-week period.

Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of critical service workers, as well as K-12 students with special learning needs, will be able to attend school in-person if no alternative care arrangements are available. 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:

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

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/response-management-K-12-critical.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/response-management-K-12-critical.pdf)

All our schools are in the process of completing 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 have identified 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 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,

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Co-Superintendents

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