



COVID-19 , May 22, 2020 – Parent Update

As you are aware, schools will remain closed for the remainder of our 2019-2020 school year. Learning is proceeding in different ways since our provincial Chief Medical Health Officer closed schools in Saskatchewan. For many of our students who were enrolled in our Distance Learning Centre (DLC), learning has proceeded in much the same manner as before. For those online students, their assignments are expected to be submitted no later than June 16, 2020. This will then allow teachers time to mark these assignments and to carry out reviews with students preparing them for their final exams prior to the end of June.

For students who were in our brick and mortar schools and who agreed to continue learning from our teachers, their school work/learning continues until June 26. Teachers are busy preparing learning packages and activities that should take students to that June 26th date. Some classes may be completing their work prior to that in order to prepare for and write final exams. As in normal school years, teachers will be busy finalizing report cards on June 29th and preparing them for distribution on June 30th.

We have received many enquiries about proper protocols allowing for some sort of graduation exercise during this pandemic. The provincial Ministry's Response Planning Team (RPT) continues to recognize the importance of, and positive impact, that high school graduation ceremonies have on graduates, families, staff and the broader community. It is important to note that, as per the May 6, 2020 RPT update, virtual and online-type ceremonies continue to be recommended. Our health officials are currently working on reviewing guidelines regarding public gatherings, including the use of car-based events in regards to graduation ceremonies. The RPT's intent is to communicate with you as soon as they receive confirmation on direction from the health officials.

Provincial and division leadership teams are busy preparing plans for the various learning scenarios that may present themselves for the start of 2020-2021 school year in September. As soon as these scenarios have been developed, our intention will be to get feedback on them from as many stakeholder groups as possible. Please stay tuned for more information on this in the weeks to come. Thank you for your patience and your collaboration as we continue to support student learning during these most difficult times.

Sincerely,

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Sun West School Division

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