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Dear Seven Oaks Parents/Guardians:

Re: Back to School

We have enjoyed the opportunity to have students back at school this month albeit on a limited basis. We are now looking forward to September.

Manitoba has been really successful in limiting the spread of COVID-19. As of today, we only have a small number of active cases and none require hospital care. Daycares have been open throughout the pandemic and schools have been open throughout June. There has been no incidence of COVID-19 infection spreading in daycares or schools in Manitoba.

Schools in Seven Oaks will open to students Tuesday, September 8th. We are taking a number of steps to ensure that we are minimizing health risks.

- Urging students and staff experiencing any symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath) to stay home.
- Encouraging frequent hand washing and proper cough etiquette.
- Limiting large gatherings like assemblies and concerts.
- Keeping students in cohort groups as much as possible and not mixing groups.
- Staggering lunch and recess breaks to prevent large gatherings.
- Maintaining social distancing to the extent possible.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting.

These measures will reduce risk. We've posted a report on school reopening by Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children on our website that details why medical experts are urging school reopening and what schools can do to limit risk and operate safely.

We will review our plans and adjust them as necessary based on the recommendations of Public Health Officials.

Some details:

- Schools will communicate specific plans directly with parents and guardians.
- Grade One to Eight students will have orientation meetings with teachers as planned on September 8th and 9th with regular classes beginning September 10th.
- Grade Nine students will begin classes on September 8th. All other high school classes will begin September 9th.
- Kindergarten students will attend in smaller groups every second day for the first week, September 8th to 11th and attend every day beginning September 14th.
- Our Transportation Department will communicate bus arrangements in August. These arrangements will be dependent on public health advice and may be limited.

Look for more detailed information from your children's school. We look forward to welcoming them back.

Sincerely,



Brian P. O'Leary,
Superintendent

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