



## Board Office

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

On January 4<sup>th</sup> the Province of Manitoba announced a phased reopening of schools beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The week of January 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> most students will be learning remotely.

Parents / Guardians of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who work in critical services as defined by the province and are not able to make alternate arrangements as well as parents/guardians of children with additional needs will be invited to bring their children to school for in-person learning.

In-class learning for all students will resume January 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to take all reasonable steps to keep our schools safe.

### **Medical Masks Required**

All staff and students will be required to wear medical grade masks (schools will have them on hand).

### **Stay Home When Ill**

It is more important than ever that students and staff stay home when they have cold and flu symptoms.

### **Vaccines Remain Our Best Defense**

Families are encouraged to get themselves and their children vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccination is effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death.

### **Rapid Antigen Tests**

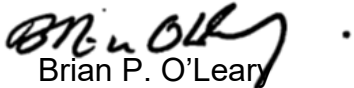
We have a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests for the use of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students that schools will distribute to families late next week. The tests are easy to use and will provide an added measure of security.

**Ventilation**

All our schools are in full compliance with Province of Manitoba guidelines.

This is a challenging time for us all. Thanks to our staff for their perseverance and dedication. Thanks to you for your cooperation and support. It will get better.

Sincerely,

  
Brian P. O'Leary  
Superintendent

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