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**PROVINCE CREATES WEB PORTAL TO SUPPLEMENT HOME
LEARNING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

New Online Resource Will Grow as Educational Materials are Updated and Added: Goertzen

The province is providing a supplemental online resource for Manitoba families whose children are learning at home during the suspension of in-school classes because of COVID-19, Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced today.

“This web portal, My Learning at Home/Mon Apprentissage Chez Moi, is a comprehensive resource that will be continually updated for families and caregivers as they support students who are carrying on with their school year and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Goertzen. “This is a tool to supplement learning, but not to replace the impressive, quality work that teachers are continuing to do remotely for students across the province during this public health emergency.”

The My Learning at Home portal will go live online today, providing a resource designed to assist families in supporting the work of teachers as they continue to educate students. Available in English and French as well as for families in French immersion, My Learning at Home will grow over time as more resources are developed for kindergarten through Grade 12. In addition, supporting materials for adult learners and for early childhood years will be updated regularly.

“Learning can be done at home using computers and tablets, allowing parents and caregivers to enhance the education of students with family-centred resources,” said Goertzen. “However, teachers remain the primary guide in helping students learn and meet curriculum expectations. This online portal is another important tool for teaching and learning.”

Goertzen noted that parents, caregivers and students are encouraged to be curious and to continue seeking out learning resources.

The My Learning at Home/Mon Apprentissage Chez Moi portal can be found at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/mylearning/index.html.

The provincial Department of Education appreciates the continued assistance and collaboration of school division administrators and trustees, principals, teachers and support staff as they all work with families for the benefit of students across Manitoba during the suspension of in-school classes. Together, they are helping develop ways for Manitoba students to learn at home to complete the 2019-20 school year.

Meanwhile, the province continues to rely on the recommendations of the chief provincial public health officer during the pandemic, and encourages all Manitobans to engage in social distancing protocols and the three Ps – protect yourself, protect your loved ones and protect your community. For more information visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

A comprehensive list of Manitoba government COVID-19 measures can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html>.

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