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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Today is the last day of Supplemental Learning plans in our schools. Thank you for supporting your child's learning and engagement throughout this time. We know it hasn't been an easy process for families, but we are grateful for your support and understanding as we have made changes and adapted to new ways of teaching and learning.

Yesterday afternoon, the Minister of Education released [guidelines](#) for the return to school this fall. We know there are many questions regarding start up and the re-opening of our schools. The Division will continue to plan for the fall with these guidelines, recognizing that these plans will need to be flexible and responsive as the situation evolves over the summer. The safety of staff and students will always be our priority.

Prairie Spirit will continue to provide information to families before school year starts in September. At this point in time, we will proceed with our 2020/21 school year [calendar](#) start date of Tuesday, September 1.

The provincial Response Planning Team (RPT), along with the Chief Medical Health Officer, has provided the following information for families:

- The Government of Saskatchewan announced on June 9, 2020 that Prekindergarten to Grade 12 students and school staff will be returning to schools this September 2020.
- Under the direction of Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer, and with the help of the Education Response Planning Team (RPT), the Ministry of Education announced on June 18, 2020 the Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines for the return to classroom learning.
- Schools will increase sanitation measures and continue to promote proper hygiene practices. This includes the availability of hand sanitizer wherever possible, establishing clear protocols for bringing supplementary school materials such as backpacks and school supplies in and out of schools, and planning for minimized contact among students as much as possible.
- As this situation evolves, the guidelines may be updated and adjusted depending on the impact of COVID-19 over the course of the summer.
- While a return to in-class learning is the goal for this upcoming fall, the RPT is continually working to ensure contingency plans are in place in the event of elevated risk of transmission, both regionally and provincially. School divisions are being encouraged to share their plans for re-opening with families and school staff to maintain constant support and communication.

Thank you again for your patience during this extraordinary time. Best wishes for a wonderful summer together!

Sincerely,

Sam Dyck, Chair  
Prairie Spirit Board of Education

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