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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

2020/21 School year

Earlier this week, the Minister of Education announced a [return to class](#) for students and staff this fall. The Minister has indicated that the government will provide guidelines for the new school year within the next few days.

We are excited to hear this news as we continue to make plans for the new school year. We will ensure that all measures recommended by the Saskatchewan Health Authority are in place at our schools and offices. We will share details with you about guidelines for schools once they are available from the Ministry.

Graduation

Yesterday afternoon the provincial government announced updated [guidelines](#) for graduation celebrations. Prairie Spirit recognizes that graduation is an important milestone event for students, families, school staffs, and communities.

The Chief Medical Health Officer continues to recommend virtual grads as the safest option. This is the consistent message we have received throughout these last few months and it continues to be our focus as a Division. Our priority is the safety of students and staff.

Our schools have planned creative ways to celebrate graduation, based on the information and guidelines we had at the time. Prairie Spirit will maintain its criteria for school graduation events.

Playgrounds

Earlier this week, the provincial government announced that playgrounds can reopen effective today, Friday, June 12. Please go to the following [link](#) for the full details of this announcement.

Prairie Spirit will be posting signage at our school playgrounds, with the following guidelines:

- If you are sick, stay home!
- Maintain a physical distance of two metres with people outside your family.
- Wash your hands before and after using parks and playgrounds.
- Avoid overcrowding: groups at parks must not exceed the current restrictions on public gatherings.

This is good news for our students and families as we enjoy the lovely summer weather together.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke
Director of Education