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Dear Borden School Families,

I hope that the summer months have been safe, healthy, and enjoyable for all of you and your families! As we progress through August, there are still many questions to be answered regarding school in September. I have meetings throughout August, and I anticipate sharing another update soon based on the Ministry of Education announcements made yesterday.

This letter is going to focus on *School Supply Lists* for the 2020-2021 school year. Our goals in crafting the supply lists are safety, simplicity, efficiency, and versatility. We are still awaiting clarity on several key topics about school in the fall. As of this time, we are anticipating that students will not be permitted to share supplies (this is counter to how we have operated in the past where sharing and communal supplies were encouraged).

In addition to the supplies below, we are also expecting each student to come with these 3 items prepared:

1. A plastic, wipeable case that is labelled with the student's name for their personal supplies.
2. A refillable water bottle labelled with the student's name – as of this time we are anticipating having a bottle-fill station installed and water fountains being unavailable.
3. An approved (Canada Health Guidelines) bottle of hand sanitizer for personal use. We are anticipating having hand sanitizer in dispensers around the school, and having students have access to a personal supply will be helpful.

Below are the supply lists. The first chart contains the basic supplies that will be generally required for all students in addition to the three items listed above.

The second chart shows what will be required in specific classes/grades.

Borden School Basic Supply List	
Grades: K-6	Grades: 7-12 Supplies
Pencils Erasers Glue Stick Scissors (there are many scissors available at Borden School, so students are welcome to take a pair, label them, and keep them)	Pens (blue and black ink for sure) Pencils Erasers Colouring Implements (student choice of crayons, pencil crayons, or markers) 1-5 binders (depending on individual students preferred organization of courses)

Borden School Class Specific Supply List			
Grades: K-1	Grades: 2, 3, 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Crayons Pencil Crayons (K only) Markers (Grade 1 only) White Glue Bottle	Pencil Crayons White-board markers (fine tip – 4xpack) Ruler (Grade 2 only)	Pencil Crayons	Pens (blue and/or black ink for sure) Pencil Crayons Markers

Next is a list of items that will be provided by Borden School for students' use:

- Paper (loose-leaf, grid, and unlined)
- Exercise books
- Report Covers/Duo-tangs

The supplies that are provided by the school will be distributed once and then labelled by students so that these supplies are not shared, but a bank of available supplies. We are providing these supplies as we feel it gives families the most flexibility heading into a year with a high potential for variability. Families that would prefer to supply their own are welcome to do so.

As a last comment on school supplies, we will send home communication before the first day of classes indicating how many supplies to send to school for the first day. Our goal is to bring enough supplies to keep students operating and comfortable for 6 weeks. We will commit to ongoing communication with families as additional supplies are required. We are going to work hard to limit the amount of supplies at school at any one time.

I thank you for your patience and for taking the time to read this letter. I am eager to be in touch with you again as August progresses. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. The best way to do so over the summer is via email where I can be reached at brody.morris@spritsd.ca.

Take care and stay healthy!

Brody Morris – Borden School Principal