



## BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families,

I am pleased to be reaching out to you all today. As the school start date is approaching, the excitement and anticipation is growing for the whole staff!

In this brief letter, I will update the **Soft Start Groupings** for Borden School, and clarify the message regarding water fountains and water-bottles at Borden School.

### **Soft Start Groupings:**

The soft start will happen the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Borden School students will attend two days that week:

Group #1 attends Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Group #2 attends Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The reason behind the soft start is that it provides an opportunity to teach the new routines, procedures, and expectations with smaller groups. It will also be easier to maintain physical distancing inside Grade 4-12 classrooms, so masks can be removed more often with reduced student numbers in the first week.

Following this letter home, all families will receive a general email indicating whether your child(ren) are in Group #1 or Group #2.

*For families starting from home, please reach out to the school to make a final confirmation of your plan to start learning from home. Contact information is found at the end of this letter.*

### **Water Fountains & Water Bottles**

Borden School is on the list to have a water bottle fill station installed. These are back ordered. I am anticipating that Borden School will **not** have its water bottle fill station installed before September 8<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, water fountains will have paper cup dispensers installed beside them so that students will not need to place their mouths near a fountain spout. In the first days of school, teachers will model and practice water fountain procedures. With proper hand hygiene and sanitation, this is the safest practice until the water bottle fill station is installed.

Water bottles are an *essential item* and should travel between home and school frequently for regular cleaning. Having the water bottles clearly labelled is very important for safe usage of water bottles.

I would also like to clarify that the water bottles that have been donated to Borden School have arrived. There are 20 reusable water bottles that have been donated. They will be given to students as they are needed (bottles will be labelled when they are given to a student). Families and students who are able to provide their own water bottle are still requested to do so.

### **Closing**

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. A second email will be delivered soon indicating which group your child(ren) are in for the soft start. I know that there has been plenty of information going out to families in the last weeks. Please feel free to contact the school with your questions and concerns. We are so pleased to have the dialogue with you. I can be reached by email at [brody.morris@spiritsd.ca](mailto:brody.morris@spiritsd.ca), a phone call to the school at (306) 997-2090, or you can call or text my cell phone which is (306) 371-2888.

Our staff is also ready and willing to hear from you and address any questions that you might have for specific staff members. Your gracious support and kindness are always appreciated!

Brody Morris – Borden School Principal