



BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families,

The Borden School staff engaged in our first official staff meeting yesterday (Monday, September 14th). In that meeting, we have come to an agreement on 3 revisions to our school practices that we are sharing with all families today.

- 1) **TikTok** – Borden School is going to be a TikTok free zone. After the first few days of school, we have determined that we are not comfortable with the content that is accessible in a school setting. The expectation that TikTok not be accessed extends to recess, breaks, and all non-instructional time as well. Homeroom teachers will be explaining this shift to students today (Tuesday, September 15th).
- 2) **Elementary Technology** – Borden school will be a technology free school during the AM arrival time before classes start, AM recess, and lunch break for Grades K-6. Students may leave their technology in their backpack upon arriving at school or in the school during recess and lunch breaks. There are a couple of reasons for this request. First of all, the aim of these breaks is for students to have an active, social time embedded within their school day. Secondly, there are privacy issues that arise from students filming or photographing peers without consent. These are the reasons that we are requiring K-6 students to leave their personal technology aside during the AM arrival, AM recess, and lunch breaks. Students that ride the bus are still allowed to use personal technology on the bus ride so long as they are not filming or photographing any of the other passengers on the bus in any way.
- 3) **Staggered Dismissal** – During the soft start, we experimented with dismissing students living in town 5 minutes early to decrease the congestion at school exits. Given the small size of our school, this support is not necessary. We will no longer stagger dismissals at this time. All students will be dismissed at 3:10. School exits will continue to be monitored closely to ensure appropriate physical distancing.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your understanding and support in making these adjustments is very much appreciated. If you have questions or would like to speak about anything at Borden School, please reach out to me. I can be reached by email at 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. Your gracious support and kindness are always appreciated!

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