



BORDEN SCHOOL
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Dear Borden School Families,

After two episodes of severe weather and a day of Level 4 learning (January 14th) due to unsafe road conditions, I have decided to share an update with families. Before diving into the content, I do want to express sincere gratitude for all the patient support and understanding that has been extended to the Borden School staff by our students and families. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to support the learning at Borden School. We couldn't do it without you!

Yesterday (Level 4 Learning on January 14th, 2021) was a very valuable learning experience for the Borden School staff team. We are grateful for the flexibility, adaptability, and resiliency displayed by our students and families in a light of a challenging task on short notice. Here are some of the big takeaways from our staff experience:

Feedback:

We need your feedback! Please share with us what worked for your child(ren) and your family during Level 4 Learning. Please share with us the challenges that your child(ren) and your family struggled with during Level 4 Learning. I know from my own instruction and experience yesterday that there are adjustments that I can make to streamline and simplify the process for my students. Hearing your feedback will help us identify areas to address. Please share your experiences with me or with your child(ren)'s classroom teachers.

In addition to the feedback requested above, there are also 2 surveys that families and students are invited to complete. These surveys are on the topic of the block system (mostly impacting students in Grades 7-12). The division is compiling this information across all Prairie Spirit Schools and your input is very valuable.

[Parent Survey](#)

[Student Survey](#)

Level 3 & 4:

These levels are defined the following way:

- Level 3 – Reduced in-class learning.
- Level 4 – Transition to alternative learning opportunities offered by divisions.

If Borden School moves to either Level 3 or Level 4 on a permanent basis, student participation is **mandatory**. The expectation for student participation has been laid out by the Ministry of Education. Families who choose not to have their child(ren) engage with Borden School instruction and course work in a Level 3 or Level 4 setting will be directed to pursue alternate plans for their child(ren)'s education.

School Technology:

The Technology campaign has been very successful and has left Borden School well-positioned to support families if Level 3 or Level 4 is engaged on an ongoing basis. Borden School has Chromebooks available that could be borrowed by families as a supplement for the duration of Level 3 or Level 4 periods. We compiled some information late in 2020 and remain confident that we can meet the needs of our families if there is a shift to Level 3 or Level 4.

School Communication:

Yesterday was a challenging day – the late notice posed a significant strain and the first day of Level 4 was complicated for staff as well. As a school, we strive to communicate in an honest and timely way. The primary method for communication is email. Please check parent email accounts frequently and pay even closer attention on the out of the ordinary days like Wednesday and Thursday this week (January 13th and 14th, 2021). Living in the COVID world has forced us to accept that things can change suddenly, and we want folks to be as up to date with information as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Important Dates:

January 29th – No School for ALL STUDENTS (Semester Turnaround Day)

February 1st – Quarter 3 begins

February 15th-19th – Spring Break (no classes)

Conclusion:

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. 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!

Brody Morris – Borden School Principal