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Dear parents/guardians:

**Re: Prairie Spirit introduces *Safe and Secure Protocol***

Each Prairie Spirit school provides a safe environment for students and staff, while offering a learning environment that is welcoming to visitors.

In September 2015, Prairie Spirit will be launching our new *Safe and Secure Protocol*, which will promote safety and restrict unauthorized access to the school building. As a result, there may be some changes in the way students and parents access their school. This change was recommended by the RCMP and better aligns our practices with our partner school divisions in the Saskatoon and area *Community Threat Assessment Support Team* (CTAST).

During the school day, access to the school will only be allowed through the main entrance doors. If a student is late for school, they will be advised to go to the main doors. As the protocol is being implemented, staff will be directed to check for young students who may be waiting outside their usual entrance. Other school doors may be unlocked by school staff at the beginning of the day and at break times to allow students to access the school.

In some instances, schools may not be able to immediately comply with the protocol, due to facility considerations. Prairie Spirit staff will be working with the principal to address the changes that need to be made for the school to comply with this new practice. Schools have the option to implement this protocol prior to September if they feel that they have adequately prepared their students and community members.

If you have any questions about the *Safe and Secure Protocol* or would like a copy of the document, please speak to the principal.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to continue to provide safe and caring environments for all of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dave Carter  
Coordinator of Schools and Learning