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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Re: Driver Education – Learner’s Licence Changes

SGI recently shared the following information with Prairie Spirit School Division.

Effective immediately, SGI is providing novice drivers an additional pathway to acquire a learner’s licence. A 15-year-old student can now get a learner’s licence as soon as they are enrolled in a current or future High School Driver Education Program.

Previously, a 15-year-old would have to wait until they were actively taking their High School Driver Education Program to be eligible for a learner’s licence. Due to course scheduling and the demand for driver training, there were times when students couldn’t get into a class until well into their 15th year, meaning they couldn’t get their driver’s licence until well into their 16th year.

Now, they only need to be enrolled in the program to be eligible for a learner’s licence. Once enrolled, they may immediately visit an SGI testing office to write the learner’s test and validate a learner’s licence at their own cost (\$25). Students will still have to complete the full driver education course (30 hours in class and six hours in car) before becoming eligible to take their road test once they turn 16. This change simply allows 15-year-old drivers a chance to begin accumulating supervised driving experience without delay. Should the 15-year-old learner become unenrolled in the class, the school will inform SGI and their learner’s licence will be cancelled.

Before 15-year-olds visit SGI to get their learner’s licence it is important that they have completed the following:

- Create a MySGI Account (further instructions can be found at <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/mysgi>)
- See the school office for an official “Signature Form / Guarantor Form for First Time Drivers”
  - This must be signed by both the administration and the students’ parent/guardian
- Phone SGI for the available testing schedule

**Please note:** The past required pathway to a learner’s licence is still an option for students moving forward. Families may choose to have their child actively engaged in the school course to attain their learner’s licence simultaneously. Students are not required to seek their learner’s licence independently at SGI prior to the school-based driver education program.

Sincerely,

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