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Dear parents and guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the Warman Community Middle School (WCMS) project to parents in the community of Warman. This is a large and exciting project with many facets. Overall, the school facility is progressing well. The general contractor for the project tells us they are where they hoped to be at this point in the year. In terms of preparation for the upcoming school year, the classrooms, administrative offices and the library are priority spaces for completion. Although the project is on schedule, it is probably too early to determine if the project will be entirely finished before the school opens in fall, 2013.

At its regular Board meeting on Monday, December 17, the Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved a motion to set the grades in WCMS at grades 4 - 7 for the 2013/14 school year. This decision was made based on a variety of factors, including the overall projected enrollments for Warman in 2013/14, the necessary coordination with the building project and in support of a smooth transition for all stakeholders involved in the new school. The plan is to expand the school to include grades 4 - 8 the following year.

WCMS Principal Greg Tebay has initiated a process to gather community input for the new school's colours and logo. More information on this process and the school project itself can be found on the WCMS blog site (blogs.spiritsd.ca/wms). Ideas and suggestions from the community will be gathered until the end of January, 2013, and then considered by a local committee in collaboration with a graphic designer. We expect to present the logo and other details sometime in April, 2013.

We will continue to provide updates to the community about this exciting project.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Noel Roche
Learning Superintendent