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Dear Parents,

The Province of Saskatchewan has been closely monitoring the coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, China. We were advised on January 30, 2020 that there have been no cases of the virus in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Both LCSD and LPSD were advised this week by the Ministry of Health that the risk to Canadians of coronavirus is very low. Health Officials are closely monitoring the situation and will provide advice as it becomes available.

Though the virus has been identified in Canada, cases have been associated with people who have recently returned from travel to China. Therefore, if a person has travelled to China -- specifically Wuhan and Hubei province -- and has come to school with cough and cold-like symptoms, that child should go home and their family should contact HealthLine 811 or their healthcare provider with information on their symptoms and travel history. At this time, there is a risk only to those who have cough and cold symptoms and have travelled to a part of the world with 2019-nCoV outbreaks.

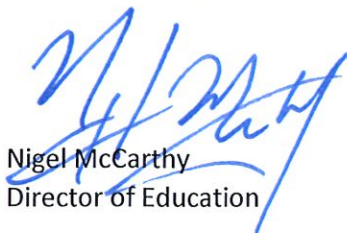
The Ministry of Health also indicates that if a student had a cough and came to school but has now gone home to recover, the risk to others is also very low. Though there is limited human-to-human spread of the coronavirus between close contacts (e.g. members in the same household), there has been no indication at this time that this coronavirus is easily spread beyond close contacts.

We continue to monitor this situation and keep in close contact with Government to ensure that the best information is provided to our school and parent communities. This is also an opportunity to remind everyone that during cold and flu season it is important to wash hands with soap and water, use tissues when we cough or sneeze and to stay home when you are sick.


For further information a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the virus is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/frequently-asked-questions.html>.

We appreciate the support and care that the staff of LPSD and LCSD provides to all of Lloydminster's children each day and will look forward to keeping you informed as information becomes available to us.

Sincerely yours,



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