

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know the health and wellness of our students and staff is the top priority in LPSD. The last week has been challenging for all involved as we navigate the emergence and rapid growth of the COVID-19 pandemic.

LPSD is committed to sharing updates about COVID-19 and how this is impacting our schools.

Today we received notice that schools in Saskatchewan will be suspended indefinitely, effective March 20, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **For the period of March 17th to 19th, Parents who are able to keep children home should do so immediately with no absence or grade impact.**

We understand the significant impact that today's announcement will have on families who require childcare. Therefore, schools will remain open until end of day on Thursday March 19th to accommodate the necessary arrangements that families must make in short order. Busing will be provided as scheduled.

Schools will be communicating with families within the next 24 hours with regards to how they can proceed with gathering their child's possessions.

Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate. For the rest of the regular school year, the Ministry of Education will work with School Divisions and Saskatchewan teachers to implement a supplemental curriculum program through distance and alternative learning methods. LPSD will commit to communicating the specifics of how we intend to deliver the supplemental curriculum. The suspension of schools has led to the cancellation of Student Led Conferences in their current format. Teachers will connect with families to provide communication on their child's progress.

As mentioned earlier, LPSD is committed to the wellness of our students and staff. The rapidly evolving circumstances around COVID-19 can cause anxiety and stress for your children. Ensure the information you are sharing with your child is from a reputable source and provide them with tools to navigate this unique environment. We have included a few resources that will provide you with quality information on COVID-19 as well as some excellent resources for working with your children.

Resources:

- [Saskatchewan Health](#), [Alberta Health Services](#), [Lloydminster Public School Division](#)

We want to thank-you in advance for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time. As a division we commit to promptly communicating any new developments on our Social Media channels and Division website.

Take care!



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