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Monday, March 16, 2020, 2 p.m.

Dear Prairie Spirit families and staff:

**Re: Suspension of classes – effective Friday, March 20**

The Government of Saskatchewan announced today that all classes in Saskatchewan Pre-K to Grade 12 schools **will be suspended indefinitely**, effective **Friday, March 20**, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For the period of March 16 to March 19, Pre-K to Grade 12 classes will wind down.

The following details pertain to March 17 - 19:

**Students**

- Parents who are able to keep children home should do so **immediately**, with no absence or grade impacts. Please ensure the school is aware of your student's absence.
- Students will not be allowed at school starting on **Friday, March 20**.
- Parents with limited childcare options have a window until the end of the day on Thursday, March 19, to make plans to respond to class suspensions.
- The Ministry of Education has provided the following guidelines and we are seeking further clarity:
  - Every student will receive a final grade based on their current grade, and students will progress to their next grade level next year.
  - Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate.
  - The Ministry of Education and school divisions will work with Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions to adapt entry requirements for programs commencing in the next academic year.

**Staff**

- Staff will continue to come to work, following the COVID-19 guidelines.

**Schools and Transportation**

- Regular school hours and school bus transportation will remain in place this week and will conclude at the end of the school day on Thursday, March 19.

Prairie Spirit will continue to share information with staff and families once it becomes available.

Up-to-date information is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus), as well as on Prairie Spirit's website at [www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca).

Thank you for your understanding through these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke  
Director of Education