August 12, 2020

Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Prairie Spirit is committed to providing updated information to our families regarding a safe return to school this fall. Please see the following information from the provincial government, as well as a link to our parent survey.

**Additional guidelines for schools**

The Minister of Education and the Chief Medical Health Officer have provided additional guidelines to school divisions. It is recommended that school divisions consider moving to Level 2 of the government’s Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan, which includes masks in schools.

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education and senior leadership team have decided to move to Level 2 in the Division’s planning for a safe return to school. As a result, masks will be required for students in Grades 4 through 12 where physical distancing is not possible (e.g. hallways and buses). Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are encouraged to wear masks.

Prairie Spirit staff members will be expected to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

**Parent survey**

As the school division continues to plan for the start of the new school year, it is important that we hear from our families regarding their plans for their children. Please complete this brief [survey*](#) at your earliest convenience. The survey will close at noon on Monday, August 17.

*This survey uses a third-party online survey provider called SurveyMonkey. By completing this survey, you understand that SurveyMonkey is not affiliated with Prairie Spirit School Division and you are trusting SurveyMonkey with the data you enter. If you do not want to share your information with SurveyMonkey, please email your responses to: contact@spiritsd.ca.*

As we plan for the return to school, the safety of our students and staff continues to be our primary concern. We will continue to closely follow the guidelines provided by the provincial government and the Chief Medical Health Officer. We will be providing more information for Prairie Spirit families throughout August.

Sincerely,

Sam Dyck, Chair  
Prairie Spirit Board of Education

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