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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

We continue to be committed to communicating with our families at least once a week. The purpose of this communication today is to connect with you at the end of the first week of school in this extraordinary year.

Teachers and school staff members are so happy and thrilled to be back at school with students. It's been a long time and I know our staff members were so excited to welcome students this week!

In Prairie Spirit School Division, we are about learning. We continue to LEARN EVERYWHERE and most importantly, we LEARN TOGETHER!



As parents, I trust that you feel reassured after seeing your school's robust safety plan in action. Students are making a smooth transition back to school, in spite of the new protocols they must follow.

I know parents have been actively preparing their children for this unique return to school. I want to sincerely thank you, our Prairie Spirit families, for your assistance, cooperation and partnership at the start of the school year. Your ongoing support for both your child and the school team is invaluable.

I want to acknowledge and recognize the hard work of our school teams as they prepared for the start of school. Each school team has spent countless hours planning for students and doing everything they can to keep both students and staff safe. These safety plans will develop and adapt as we navigate the school year.

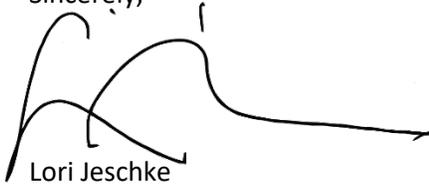
At the start of a school year like no other, Prairie Spirit has launched a brand-new Kindergarten to Grade 12 online school called **Spirit eLearning**. This option is ideally suited for students who are unable to be in class in person at this time. **Spirit eLearning** provides a unique and innovative learning experience. I am so proud of the work that has been done to offer this opportunity to students at home.

Following our staggered or "soft" start this week, we look forward to having all students at school starting on Monday, September 14.

We look forward to this new school year and are grateful that we get to partner with our families and communities as we focus on learning in safe and caring places.

If you have questions, please continue to contact your school's administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal tail extending to the right.

Lori Jeschke  
Director of Education