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Dear Laird School families:

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update regarding the school review process currently underway for Laird School. In accordance with provincial legislation, this letter will also be sent to Laird families via CanadaPost.

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education is carefully following the school review process as detailed in *The School Division Administration Regulations*. As part of this structured process, the legislation requires a motion from the Board of Education prior to February 1, to determine if the school review process will continue or be suspended.

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education passed the following motion on January 19:

*THAT the Board of Education continues with a school review of the viability of Laird School with the potential closure of the school or discontinuance of one or more grades taught in the school, as the case may be, with the potential effective date of June 30, 2026.*

The Board continues to gather information to inform its decision regarding the school review process. The next step in the review process is a meeting of electors, which will be held before the end of March. We will provide the details for this meeting once they are confirmed. It is important to note that a final decision about the future of Laird School has not yet been made.

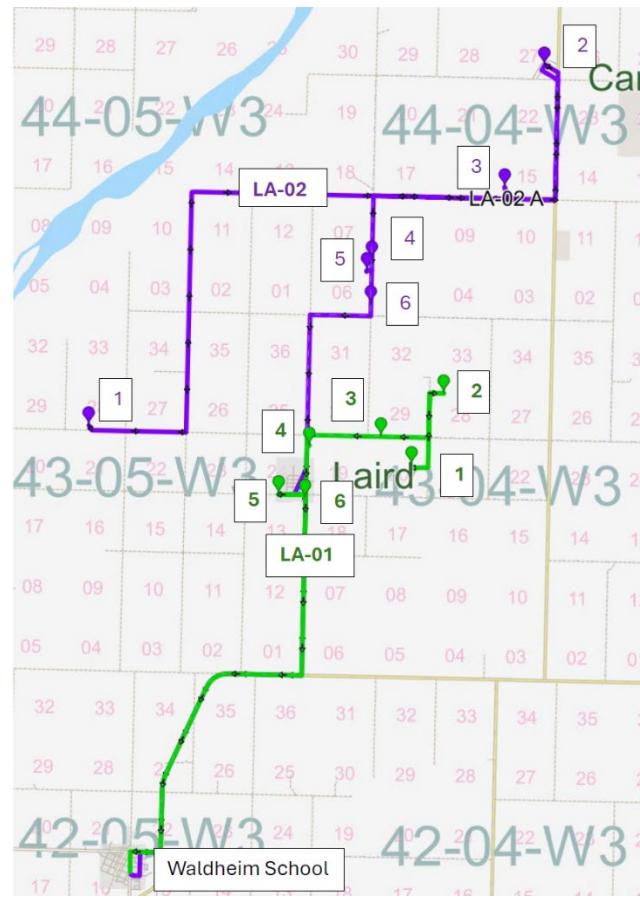
**Information for families**

At this point in the school review process, provincial legislation dictates that the Board provides information to families regarding the potential receiving school and student transportation in the event of school closure.

If the decision is made to close Laird School, Laird students will attend Waldheim School.

There is currently one bus route which transports Laird students to Laird School (Kindergarten - Grade 8) and Waldheim School (Grade 9 - 12). In the event that Laird School closes, there would be two potential bus routes for Laird students (see next page for details).

## Potential bus routes



The following information provides an overview of current pick up and drop off times and daily ride times in minutes, as well as projected information in the event of school closure.

Route - LA-01		Current				Proposed		
	Current School	Current Pick Up AM	Current Drop Off PM	Daily Ride Time in Minutes	Proposed Pick up AM	Proposed Drop Off PM	Daily Ride Time in Minutes	
Stop 1	Waldheim	8:15	3:40	57	8:11	3:54	68	
Stop 2	Laird	8:10	3:45	39	8:06	3:59	78	
Stop 3	Laird	8:20	3:36	25	8:16	3:49	58	
Stop 4	Laird	8:25	3:33	12	8:20	3:45	50	
Stop 5	Laird	8:27	3:30	9	8:23	3:40	42	
Stop 6	Waldheim	8:35	3:26	34	8:28	3:37	34	
Stop 6	Laird	0	0	0	8:28	3:37	34	

Route - LA-02		Current				Proposed		
	Current School	Current Pick Up AM	Current Drop Off PM	Daily Ride Time in Minutes	Proposed Pick up AM	Proposed Drop Off PM	Daily Ride Time in Minutes	
Stop 1	Waldheim	7:20	4:35	150	7:40	4:20	125	
Stop 2	Laird	7:45	4:10	90	8:02	4:00	83	
Stop 2	Waldheim	7:45	4:10	120	8:02	4:00	83	
Stop 3	Laird	7:50	4:04	88	8:08	3:53	70	
Stop 3	Waldheim	7:50	4:04	109	8:08	3:53	70	
Stop 4	Laird	7:56	4:00	68	8:14	8:48	60	
Stop 5	Laird	7:57	3:57	63	8:16	3:46	55	
Stop 6	Waldheim	8:00	3:48	80	8:22	3:40	43	

The final Board motion for the school review process will be considered at the Board meeting on Monday, April 20. At that time, the Board will choose one of the following options:

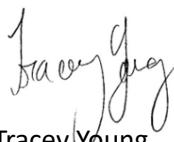
- suspend school review and Laird School remains open
- discontinue grades at the end of the current school year
- close Laird School at the end of the current school year

We appreciate your understanding and engagement as we go through the school review process and we will continue to provide updates.

Sincerely,



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