

March 13, 2020

Dear parents and legal guardians,

With the arrival of Covid-19 in Manitoba, we believe it is important to keep you informed of the latest developments and information from the Department of Education and the Department of Health. We would have preferred to send you this letter earlier, but we were awaiting instructions from the province, which we received yesterday afternoon.

The province has informed us that we are currently in "prevention" mode.

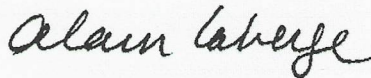
The Division scolaire franco-manitobaine must ensure that the recommendations of the Department of Education are put forward and to do so, we need your help. The Department of Health suggests the following actions:

- Keep children at home if they have flu symptoms: fever, sneezing, etc. and call Health Links to report cases;
- Wash your hands frequently;
- Distance (when possible) student desks;
- Limit proximity contacts;
- Clean flat surfaces (offices, counters, etc.) daily;
- Limit student assemblies as well as gatherings;
- Ask parents who have traveled abroad to go into voluntary quarantine for 14 days (unless the trip was to Iran or China where we require quarantine);
- Ask staff members who have traveled abroad to put themselves under voluntary quarantine (unless the trip was to Iran and China).

Bearing in mind the latest information, we are not considering school closures at this time. We are aware of the urgency of the situation. Please be assured that the health and well-being of our students and school staff remains our top priority. We are working with the provincial health authorities to ensure the best possible follow-up.

Thank you for your collaboration in this matter.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent

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