



BORDER LAND

SCHOOL DIVISION

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Border Land School Division Parents and Guardians,

As the COVID-19 Pandemic continues, Border Land School Division staff continues to plan for what may occur in the future. If the Manitoba Government places schools in the Red (Critical) Level of the Pandemic Response, the intent is that we decrease the number of people coming into schools and as such the following would occur:

- Grade 7-12 students switch to remote learning
- Grade K-6 students, of non-Critical Service Workers (defined by the Province of Mb), switch to remote learning
- Grade K-6 students, of Critical Service Workers where no other arrangements can be made, attend in school learning
- Bussing may be available when 2m of distancing can occur

With the intent to reduce the numbers of students coming to school, priority will be given to K-6 students who have 2 parents/guardians that are defined as critical service workers by the Manitoba Government. To ensure we have accurate information for planning, if you are a family where parents/guardians are critical services workers and alternate care arrangements are not feasible for your child(ren), please complete and submit [this survey](#) by Monday November 23.

If the decision is made to move schools to red and engage in remote learning, it will look different than it did in the spring. Programming for all students, in school or in remote, will be consistent and will follow the [Standards for Remote Learning](#) developed by Manitoba Education. Your local school staff will be in touch with you to share what programming for your child(ren) will be.

Manitoba Education has allocated three additional planning days to school divisions to collaborate and prepare for teaching and learning throughout the pandemic. Two of these days are to be used prior to the break in December. **Friday December 4, Monday December 7, and Friday March 5 are now designated as non-instructional days in Border Land School Division.**

We know that changes at school impact you at home. Please trust that decisions are always made with student and staff safety being of the utmost importance. When changes do occur, we will continue to communicate in a timely way.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work to support you and your children throughout this pandemic.

Yours truly

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