

Message to Families: Remote Learning in 2020-21

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Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that **remote learning for all students in K-12 is now part of our SRPSD Return to School Plan**. SRPSD has a long tradition of commitment to inclusion, being well-connected to families and responsive to their needs. This decision is a good example of that tradition. We have been in conversation with many families and these parents have provided support, requests and suggestions about how to best meet their needs. We will continue to provide full remote learning support for students whose documented medical needs prevent them from attending school but now we will also offer online programming for students in Grade 1-12 who choose that platform.

SRPSD continues to place great value on the amazing things that happen when peers gather in classrooms and are supported in their learning journey by great teachers and support staff in a school. However, we recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic may present significant risks for students and their loved-ones and that remote learning may be in the best interest of their health and safety. Choosing to engage in online learning is a commitment by both student and families to dedicate time, energy and resources on a daily basis to a new learning platform. If you believe remote learning programming is the best option for your child, please ensure you are registered with your local school and then express your interest in remote learning by completing the form at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfQ7MbAwtLSuJlBjG_jjVLbaRWdjwufa0h0qxJlGqJ0ywog/viewform. If you cannot access the form online, please call Cindy at the Education Centre and she will assist you in completing the form in other ways. Please complete the form as soon as possible.

Our schools are ready and excited to welcome your children to another year of learning. On August 26 schools will share their school-specific plans to support your child's mental wellness, physical health and educational learning needs. By August 31, the next version of the division plan will be published as well. These plans will be enhanced and revised as needed so please stay connected to your local school. If you have questions about the plans to support health and learning please reach out to your local principal. Those conversations are valuable and reassuring.

As always, please continue to share your comments, questions and suggestions as we move into the 2020-2021 school year.

Yours in Education,

Barry Hollick, Board Chair and Robert Bratvold, Director of Education