



COVID-19 March 16 Parent Update – School Closures

As you know the Health Authority and the Ministry of Education have directed all public schools in Saskatchewan be closed effective Friday, March 20th for an indefinite period of time. For the period of March 16 to March 19, prekindergarten to Grade 12 classes will wind down. This means that parents may choose to keep their children home.

Transportation will remain as normal and schools will remain open until the end of Thursday.

Please note the following updated information:

- That the provincial Health Authority now expects any Canadians returning from “outside” Canada to “self-isolate” for two weeks before interacting with the general public.
- For Sun West staff and/or students, this means that self-isolation for two weeks is now automatically expected as soon as the person has returned to Canada.
- Previous planned events such as the Student Leadership Conference, Local Association Convention, Student Career Fair, Annual Public Meeting are cancelled.
- Student/parent/teacher conferences will be postponed. Further information regarding student progress and plans to support their learning for the duration of the closure will be shared once the province and division have an opportunity to develop those plans.
- Community use of school facilities outside of school time is now suspended.

Currently there is a provincial committee working to provide direction for school divisions regarding staff and student expectations during closure. Further information will be communicated as it becomes known to us.

In the meantime, please continue to check the provincial health authority website (www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) and the Sun West School Division website (www.sunwestsd.ca) and our social media platforms for further updates.

Sincerely,

Karen Itterman, Board Chair
Sun West School Division

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