



PINE CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION

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COVID-19 Update for March 17, 2020

Thank you for taking the time to read this update for our Pine Creek School Division families.

We continue to be in regular contact with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, who provides directives daily, based on the advice of Manitoba Public Health.

1. Today, Premier Brian Pallister announced that the Chief Medical Officer of Manitoba is encouraging children to stay home from school for the rest of the week if possible. Teachers and other school staff will be available, providing classes for children who are unable to stay home, until Thursday, March 19. (For further information, please see the recorded news conference here: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>)
2. Parents or guardians who choose to keep children out of school should continue to inform the school as per regular absence procedures. While we will record attendance for safety purposes, attendance this week will not be on the student record.
3. As previously communicated, no assessments or evaluations of student learning will be recorded during this week. Once classes have ended, lessons will be provided to students for this week, and for the two designated weeks of cancelled classes. Teachers will be preparing these lessons, and individual schools will communicate with parents regarding how these home learning materials will be distributed.
4. For children attending MES and MCI, we have made the decision to cancel classes tomorrow as the water supply is unreliable and we cannot be assured that students will be able to practice proper hand washing procedures.

Several staff members have shared with me the sadness they feel right now, and how much we miss the children and students that we have come to love and care for throughout this school year. It is an emotional time for everyone involved in the education of our next generation. Staff are working to help our children understand the nature of these incredible changes, and to reassure them during this very challenging time.

As parents and guardians, if you need further resources to assist in talking to your children about the global pandemic, please reach out to your school.

Please continue to check this provincial site for updated Manitoba Coronavirus information: <http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/>

Take care of each other.

Donna Miller Fry

Superintendent,
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