

September 1, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the beginning of September is upon us, I trust that you and your family have enjoyed the warm summer months. At RETSD, we are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school and to the incredible learning experiences that lie ahead!

In preparation for the beginning of the school year, I would like you to know that the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff remain a top priority. The Government of Manitoba continues to recommend following these health fundamentals that include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and staying at home when sick.
- Recommending self-isolation for five days if you test positive for COVID-19 or if you have symptoms without testing and wearing a mask for 10 days after testing/symptoms.
- Continuing to follow public health guidelines related to mask use and ensuring that individual choice is respected. While masks are no longer required to be worn in indoor public spaces in Manitoba, including schools, individuals may choose to wear a mask based on personal risk assessment or preference. If your child chooses to wear a mask, they are encouraged to bring their own. A supply will be available in schools in the short term for use, when needed.
- Encouraging proper and frequent hand washing.
- Practising respiratory etiquette (i.e., covering coughs and sneezes).
- Encouraging students and staff to be vaccinated (COVID-19 and routine immunizations) as soon as they are eligible.

For your information, public health updates can be found on [Province of Manitoba | COVID-19 Information for Manitobans](#).

Please note that schools are no longer expected to issue community notification letters at this time. Instead, Public Health may notify a school community if high absenteeism due to COVID-19 is suspected.

As the River East Transcona community, we have worked collectively to keep our schools safe and healthy places for our students to learn and thrive. Together, we can ensure that these fundamentals are followed, and we ask for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Sandra Herbst
Superintendent/CEO