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Dear Interlake School Division Families,

As indicated by Manitoba’s Minister of Education on July 30, in-class learning will resume on September 8th for students in all public and independent schools across the province. Of particular importance for families, Minister Goertzen shared the following provincial expectations for all schools:

- Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will return for five days of in-class instruction per week.
- Students in Grades 9 to 12 will return for up to five days per week of in-class instruction if high schools can effectively implement physical distancing and the use of cohorts to reduce the risk of transmission and to ensure documentation for contact tracing.
- Students with special needs in all grades will return for five days of in-class instruction per week.

To review Manitoba Education’s K-12 guidelines for September, 2020 in full, please review their document entitled *Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools* online at: <http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/safeschools-stage2.html>

We are thankful for the opportunity to begin the 2020-2021 school year with in-class learning and hopeful that our schools will be able to provide full-time in-class learning for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. We are currently finalizing a divisional plan which will address all public health requirements and provincial guidelines for student programming. ISD’s plan will be posted online at www.interlakesd.ca during the week of August 10-14 for public access.

The return to in-class learning will look different at each of ISD’s schools based on the student population and the grade levels they serve. Following the release of ISD’s divisional plan in the week of August 10-14, each school will finalize a school-specific plan aligned with provincial and divisional expectations. Schools will communicate their plan directly to families by August 31.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We are excited for the return of students to our school buildings in September. Please visit us online regularly for updates at www.interlakesd.ca and please communicate directly with your child’s school as needed upon receipt of their school-specific plan later this month.

Sincerely,

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