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*“Preparing Today’s Learner for Tomorrow”*

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Dear ISD Families,

We hope that you are having a great summer! The ISD Team is looking forward to seeing you again soon with a new school year just around the corner. As shared by Manitoba Education earlier this month, Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in Manitoba will be open for full-time in-class learning for all students in September, with contingency plans in place should provincial guidance change throughout the school year.

ISD schools will reopen in September at the Yellow (Caution) level of the Manitoba Pandemic Response System. For detailed information about Manitoba’s re-opening plans for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit:

- [\*Restoring Safe Schools – A Planning Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year\*](#); and
- [\*Restoring Safe Schools – A Guide for Parents, Caregivers and Students\*](#)

Our staff are currently using the planning documents referenced above to prepare for the return of students when the school year begins on Thursday, September 9. Each school is unique based on the grade levels and communities served, so all ISD families will hear directly from their child’s school during the week of August 30 – September 3 with further details on what to expect for your child and for your family this fall.

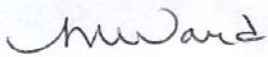
To promote the health and safety of students, staff, and families, the following measures will be in place division-wide to begin the school year and will be reviewed and updated as needed:

- All staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear masks indoors in ISD buildings and while on school buses. ISD will provide disposable masks as needed.
- All staff, students, and visitors are expected to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 each day and to stay home when symptomatic.
- Cohorting will be in place for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students to limit exposure and to support contact tracing.

Remote learning will be available for students who are medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-19 related factors. The [Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre](#) will provide remote learning online for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. For students in Grades 9-12, [InformNet](#), Manitoba's online platform for remote learning, will be used in combination with support from The Infinity Program, ISD's alternative off-campus high school. For further information about remote learning and to register your child, please contact Mr. John Bock, ISD Program Support, via email at: [jbock@isd21.mb.ca](mailto:jbock@isd21.mb.ca)

We are looking forward to an exciting school year and a return to many of the services and opportunities that are so important to students, staff, and community members. And, we will continue to plan and to be prepared to adapt should the public health situation in Manitoba require it. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Enjoy the last few weeks of the summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M Ward". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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