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Dear Interlake School Division Families,

Thank you for supporting the return to in-class learning in ISD this month. We are reaching out today to share information about a new strategy that we have developed for reporting student attendance to families and community members.

Manitoba Education’s process for reporting and communicating about COVID cases in schools has changed significantly since December and is detailed in their [Toolkit for Notification of Cases in Schools](#). Most notably, letters are no longer distributed to families and to school communities when a case is identified in a school. With that in mind and to ensure transparency of attendance trends in ISD schools, an online attendance tracker is now available to the public on our [website](#).

The attendance tracker will be updated on Tuesdays and Thursdays to report the number of students in attendance at each school. It is important to note that overall student attendance on any given date is very rarely 100% due to the variety of reasons that families are familiar with, so we typically expect daily attendance to fall within the range of 85% - 95%. Should the attendance at one or more of ISD’s schools change significantly at any time, staff will work closely with public health and with Manitoba Education to determine next steps and to communicate with families.

For general inquiries about divisional student attendance, please email ISD at: isd@isd21.mb.ca And, please contact your child’s school directly with school-specific attendance inquiries. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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