



November 6, 2020

Dear High School Parent/Guardian,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge our city and our safety in schools. At Regina Public Schools, our focus is to minimize health and safety risks for students and staff. We have enhanced cleaning protocols, we are improving ventilation in all our schools and, as of November 9th, we are requiring all students, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 to wear masks in schools, buses and in all learning spaces where physical distancing is not possible.

We have seen the number of COVID-19 cases rise in our schools and we are confident that the measures we have taken in the past have limited the spread, and have allowed our students to continue their learning, or return to learning as quickly and safely as possible.

The Government of Saskatchewan Safe School Plan provides the opportunity for further safety protocols. We are currently in Level 2 of the Saskatchewan Safe School Plan. **Effective November 12, 2020, we will be moving to Level 3 in all Regina Public High Schools. All Regina Public high school students will attend on alternate days in order to reduce the school capacity by approximately 50% each day. A calendar is attached to this letter explaining that we will be following a Day 1 (Orange) and a Day 2 (Blue) schedule.** More details will be shared directly by the schools.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has recommended that this is an appropriate safety measure for our high schools. **We will continue to monitor our elementary schools and prepare for Level 3, if necessary.** We understand that this change may create some inconvenience for school families, especially for those that may have students in both high school and elementary school. Our hope, however, is to ensure that your children and our staff can learn and work safely, and that there is as little interruption to learning as possible.

What this means for high school students is that, generally, they will be attending school every other day. This will effectively allow for the following improved safety measures:

- better ability to complete a quint for students in the event of an outbreak,
- improved physical distancing in high schools,
- reduction of the number of close contacts in a high school, if there is a case of COVID-19, and
- better ability for high school students to continue and quickly return to their learning, in the event of an outbreak.

This change may not apply to students in low enrollment congregated programs or lower enrollment classes, as those programs already have a low number of students. Families in those programs may choose to have their students attend on a day 1 or a day 2.

I wanted to share this information as soon as possible with families to allow you to prepare. You can expect to hear more from your high school about this change. If it becomes necessary to move to Level 3 at our elementary schools, further communication will be provided.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Enion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Greg Enion
Director of Education