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Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for the support you have provided your child(ren) during the period of suspended classes and supplemental learning since March 20, 2020. Today is the last day for supplemental learning in the North East School Division and report cards will be emailed on June 26, 2020.

Teachers and staff are excited to begin preparing for the resumption of classes on September 1, 2020. In the fall, schools will increase sanitation measures and continue to promote proper hygiene practices. This includes the availability of hand washing stations or hand sanitizer wherever possible, establishing clear protocols for bringing school materials such as backpacks and school supplies in and out of schools, and planning for minimized contact among students as much as possible.

School schedules for the fall will provide for minimal contact between groups of students during the school day as outlined in the Re-open Saskatchewan document. Students will stay with the same classmates as much as possible and be instructed by as few teachers and education assistants as possible. A homeroom setting or a block schedule approach will be utilized to provide for fewer transitions during the day and longer time spent with the same cohort of students and teacher.

When school resumes parents and caregivers are asked to monitor their children for any signs or symptoms of illness. COVID-19 infections in children tend to be mild and similar to other viral respiratory infections. If any symptoms are present, both students and school staff will be asked to remain home. The North East School Division will be prepared to support remote learning in cases in which a student or a class of students is not able to attend school for a short or extended period of time due to COVID-19.

Please look for a request next week to complete a Thoughtexchange survey asking parents and caregivers of any concerns and considerations they may have with students returning to school in the fall. Your thoughts will inform our summer planning. More information on the first days of school will be provided to parents and caregivers by our schools in August before classes begin.

In closing I would like to thank you for your support of education during the COVID-19 pandemic and wish everyone a safe summer and a successful return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Don Rempel
Director of Education