



April 1, 2020

## Message to PCSD Families - COVID-19 Pandemic

Good afternoon;

Yesterday, the Province of Manitoba announced an indefinite suspension of regular classes. The date of the resumption of classes will be based on the recommendation of Manitoba Public Health, but for now we are planning through to the end of June.

Some key elements of the provincial announcement include:

- All K-12 students will be expected to engage in remote learning.
- Teachers will be remotely teaching and remotely assessing students.
- Students who are on track to graduate this year will graduate.
- Grade 12 provincial exams scheduled for June are cancelled.
- No student will be held back because of COVID-19.
- Students will receive a final grade and report card.
- Marks for all students will be established at their current level or baseline. That means the lowest mark a student may get in a course is their current mark (as of March 13, 2020).
- Students will have an opportunity to increase their marks through ongoing learning.
- School buildings will close, while maintaining minimal staffing for teacher access.

Planning is underway to develop a framework for teaching and learning for the remainder of the school year. Manitoba Education will share the specific framework and more details in the days ahead.

To assist in the planning, Manitoba Education has established planning teams related to seven priority areas. These groups have begun to meet remotely.

The teams include:

- Distance and Online Learning Technology
- Child Nutrition
- Students without Technology
- Clinical Supports and Special Needs
- K-8 Assessment and Learning
- 9-12 Assessment and Learning
- Graduating Students and Adult Learners



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While we await direction from these provincial committees, Pine Creek School Division has begun planning to support students with their home studies for the indefinite period of class suspension. April report cards will be distributed to families by mail.

Please continue to use these important resources:

Kids Help Phone - 1-800-668-6868 <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Manitoba COVID-19 Information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>

To help 'flatten the curve' and reduce the impact of COVID-19 throughout the province it is important for all of us to engage in good social distancing protocols, including practicing the 3Ps – protect yourself, protect your loved ones and protect your community.

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