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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Students

The Government of Saskatchewan has mandated all Saskatchewan school divisions to return to in-class learning in September and to prepare school re-opening plans, based on the provincial guidelines. In July, your school division created a *Fall 2020 School Re-Opening Plan* which was approved by the Government of Saskatchewan as of August 1, 2020. You can read the Plan at www.reginapublicschools.ca.

This Plan lists a number of commitments and responsibilities of both the school division and individual schools. Our school administrators and staff will continue to adjust and modify the plans, according to staff feedback and the needs of our students and direction from the Ministry of Education, Chief Medical Health Officer and our local medical health officials.

While not mandated by Government of Saskatchewan guidelines, Regina Public Schools recommends that all our staff wear non-medical face masks in our schools when physical distancing is not feasible. We are also asking all parents and guardians to consider including face masks for their children in their school supplies. School staffs will lead and reinforce established public health practices, such as hand washing, physical distancing and the wearing of masks, when necessary.

Over the next few weeks, school-based administrators will be using this Plan to create individual school plans. The strength of our approach, is that education and school workplace professionals who are most familiar with their school environments, their colleagues and their students will be the ones creating the back-to-class plans for their specific schools, based on the school division's overall Plan.

You can expect to hear directly from your schools about next steps over the weeks leading into September, including details about transportation, for those who use it. Parents and guardians of students with intensive needs may also be contacted directly with details relevant to them and their families. Lastly, all school families will also learn about their options for those who do not wish their children to return to school because of health concerns.

My commitment to you continues to be to keep you informed and to strive to create a safe and flexible return to classes for students and staff. Please read *The Fall 2020 School Re-Opening Plan* and continue to reference our website www.reginapublicschools.ca for updates as they become available.

I know I speak on behalf of all our school-based staff that we are eager to welcome back our students and to return to some level of normalcy in learning for the 2020-2021 school year.
Thank you!

In health and in learning,

Greg Enion
Director of Education