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**To:** Horizon Families and Staff  
**From:** Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education  
**Date:** May 7, 2020  
**Re:** In-Class Learning Suspended for Remainder of School Year

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Good evening, Horizon families and staff.

The Government of Saskatchewan announced today that In-class learning will be suspended in Saskatchewan until at least September, 2020. Horizon School Division will continue to offer teacher-directed Supplemental Learning for students.

According to a news release issued by the Government of Saskatchewan: *Saskatchewan Education's Response Planning Team encourages everyone in Saskatchewan's education community to continue with these learning opportunities until the end of the school year, as in-class learning will not take place until at least September...Education's Response Planning Team is working with education sector partners to begin work on what in-class learning may look like this fall, although the timelines will depend on the safety of everyone in Saskatchewan schools including students, teachers and school staff. For those students graduating this year, school divisions are working with graduates and staff to consider virtual graduation ceremonies and possible postponements as well, as public health orders remain which prevent more than 10 people from gathering together.*

The full media release can be viewed on [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca). For more detail, you can also review the [attached letter from the Saskatchewan Education Response Planning Team](#).

Students and families are encouraged to continue participating in Supplemental Learning. Horizon School Division continues to plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Updates regarding the upcoming school year will be shared with all families and staff as soon as possible.

Plans are in development for graduation, with postponements or the potential for virtual ceremonies being discussed across the province. Your schools will be in touch with you if your child is graduating this year. Some schools will have been in touch already. Throughout this challenging situation, our thoughts have been with the Class of 2020. While graduation will look different this year, we are so proud of our students' work, and we will celebrate their achievements and success. I will share more as these plans are finalized.

For questions or concerns, please continue to use Horizon School Division's Communications Centre Hotline at **1-306-682-2558** (please ask for the Communications Centre). Continue to visit [www.horizonsd.ca](http://www.horizonsd.ca) for regular updates. I will continue to remind you all of the resources available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19) and the provincial HealthLine that can be reached by dialing **811**. On behalf of our Board of Education, I wish you all continued good health and safety during this challenging time.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin C. Garinger', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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