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To: Horizon Families & Staff
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Cc: Horizon Board of Education
Date: November 26, 2020
Re: NEW Mask Policies in Saskatchewan Schools

Good evening, Horizon families and staff.

The Government of Saskatchewan announced new public health measures for our province yesterday, and these new measures impact our masking protocols in schools. You can see the official release from the Government of Saskatchewan here: [COVID-19 Update: New Measures in Effect November 27](#).

The following changes will be in place in all Saskatchewan schools starting tomorrow, Friday, November 27:

- **All students and staff will wear masks throughout the school day.**
 - **This now includes students in PreK to Grade 3. We will continue to work with our younger students to help them get used to wearing their masks throughout the school day.**
- **These new masking policies from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer apply to all indoor locations, including where we are able to socially distance. This means that students and staff are encouraged to keep masks on during all times of day, with the exception of when eating or drinking. This includes while doing physical activity, with the exception of aquatic fitness.**
- **Masks are not required outdoors.**

Horizon School Division will be pausing all school-based extracurricular activity, effective tomorrow. We will continue to review, with the hope of returning to some level of extracurricular opportunity as soon as possible in the new year.

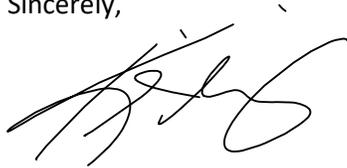
Horizon has provided students in all grades with a reusable, non-medical mask, and we have also provided schools with disposable masks for use as needed. We have asked families to include reusable masks in their child's school supplies. More information about children and masks can be found in the [Government of Saskatchewan's Safe Schools Parent Package](#).

We will continue with our other mitigating practices such as student cohorts, regular hand hygiene, sanitizing surfaces between use, and physical distancing. Horizon's students and staff have been remarkable at adapting and adhering to our new health & safety protocols that we have in place in our buildings and classrooms. Horizon's families and staff have been outstanding caregivers, role models, mentors, instructors, and supports for kids. I will never be able to thank each of you enough for your work. With this expansion of the provincial mask protocols, I know that we will see more of the same great work and adherence that we have seen so far this year.

Creating a better world, one student at a time.

Reminder to visit saskatchewan.ca/covid19 for guidelines, information, and the [Self-Assessment Tool](#), and if you or your child(ren) are sick or feeling symptoms associated with COVID-19, stay home and call 811. I share my thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery for all those impacted by COVID-19 across Horizon School Division and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin C. Garinger', written in a cursive style.

Kevin C. Garinger
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