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To: Horizon Families & Staff
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Date: March 16, 2020
Re: All Saskatchewan Schools Closed - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Good morning, everyone.

As announced this morning by the [Government of Saskatchewan](#), all Saskatchewan K-12 schools will be closed effective Friday, March 20, 2020. At this time, school closures are set to last indefinitely. Myself and our Board Chair will be meeting with government personnel this afternoon, and we will be providing you with further details as soon as possible following those meetings.

Between Monday, March 16 and Thursday, March 19, classes will wind down. Students remaining in class during this period still face a low risk of exposure to COVID-19, as indicated by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Officer. However, families who are able to keep children home should do so immediately. The wind-down period between now and Thursday, March 19, will give families time to plan for the suspension of classes. This preventative measure means reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our communities.

I will remind you again of the Government of Saskatchewan's resources available on [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](#) and [horizonsd.ca](#), including the following steps to keep yourself and others safe:

- Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow);
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Maintain safe food practices; and
- Avoid large crowds and practice social distancing (do not shake hands, hug, or kiss)
- Practice social distancing
- Stay home when sick
- Self-isolate for 14 days upon return from out-of-country trip

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We will continue to share further updates as this situation develops.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin C. Garinger'.

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