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Manitoba Government Suspends Classroom Learning Indefinitely

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at the advice of the Chief Provincial Health Officer, Manitoba, Minister of Education, Kelvin Goertzen, announced that classroom learning has been suspended indefinitely for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to help 'flatten the curve' and reduce the impact of COVID-19 throughout the province.

"We must do everything we can to flatten the COVID curve and protect the health and well-being of all Manitobans," said Premier Pallister. "The decision to suspend classroom learning indefinitely during this school year was not an easy one to make, but it is the right one to make to protect our communities across our province."

No student will be held back due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but students must actively engage in learning. All students on track to graduate will do so. Teachers will teach remotely, assign work, conduct assessments and prepare final report cards. For students in Grade 12, provincial exams will be cancelled, but teacher assessments will be implemented. For students in early and middle years, provincial assessments are complete for the current school year, but other assessments will continue.

As stated in our March 27, 2020, update, PRSD will be meeting with our principals to set minimum standard guidelines for student learning during the indefinite extension of class suspensions. PRSD guidelines will be set in accordance to the guiding principles set by Manitoba Education. As these guidelines are finalized, PRSD and our schools will keep all stakeholders updated.

PRSD completely understands that these uncertain times are challenging times for everyone. We know that each family has different circumstances and that all families and community members are currently dealing with additional stresses because of COVID-19. PRSD's guidelines for student learning from home will be sure to consider these challenges when learning from home programs are being planned for students.

Your patience, understanding, and support is appreciated.