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December 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Following consultation with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Saskatoon Public Schools will be continuing with its current operations for elementary schools and collegiates after the Christmas break. All students will be returning to in-class learning on Monday, January 4 as scheduled.

Collegiates will continue at Level 3 of the [Safe Schools Plan](#). Continuing at Level 3 best supports student and staff safety in collegiates. Eight collegiates will return at Level 3 – Aden Bowman, Bedford Road, Centennial, Evan Hardy, Marion M. Graham, Mount Royal, Tommy Douglas and Walter Murray. Due to enrolment size and differing schedules, City Park School, Nutana Collegiate and Royal West Campus will remain at Level 2. The Online Learning Centre will operate as scheduled.

Our schools remain safe places for students and staff members. Throughout this school year, while our division's response to the pandemic has evolved, we have been able to maintain staffing levels to support in-class learning. In addition, the SHA has consistently acknowledged the effectiveness of our safety protocols for reducing transmission of the virus. To date, we have had a total of 151 positive cases between 43 schools and the board office. The majority of these cases originated from the community. Thankfully, 18 of our schools haven't had a single case.

I acknowledge there have been disruptions to school operations, which have repeatedly challenged our staff members. I am incredibly proud of the dedication, resilience and professionalism they have shown. They have remained focused on ensuring student learning continues, while modeling safe behaviour and gently encouraging students to follow new safety protocols. Staff members have made sure that while our schools may operate differently, the joy in learning remains.

As we head into the holiday break, I hope you will take a moment to share your thanks and show appreciation for school staff members who have continued to show up every day to support students. Their work is essential to not only our schools but our community, and they are providing important lessons for students through their actions.

Best wishes for a safe and quiet holiday break. Let's all work towards a brighter and healthier 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Skjerven".

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