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MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 Cases in Living Sky School Division (Level 4 Learning at Macklin School)

A case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in an individual in the following schools between April 23-30:

- North Battleford Comprehensive High School (2 cases)
- Battleford Central School (1 case)
- Macklin School (3 cases)

We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. Any individuals who were in close contact have been notified with directions. Following the division's health and safety protocols, the schools have received a deep cleaning/sanitizing.

Due to higher numbers of individuals either self-isolating or self-monitoring at Macklin School due to COVID 19 exposure, the decision has been made with the Regional Medical Health Officer to move Macklin School to level 4 effective April 29, 2021. Level 4 restrictions will be in place until Thursday May 13th, at which time public health will re-evaluate. Under the Safe Schools Plan, level 4 is a transition to alternative learning opportunities. This means that Macklin School students will be engaging in full-time compulsory off-campus learning. Regular curriculum will continue to be taught during this time away from school

Our school plans contain many important measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools including promoting proper hygiene, implementing mask wearing, maintaining cohorts, and asking students and staff to stay home when experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

We wish the members of the LSSD family a speedy recovery. To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further details are being shared at this time.

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Living Sky School Division is proudly located in Treaty 6 Territory in Northwest Central Saskatchewan. It encompasses a wide geographic area including the Battlefords, many communities, villages, First Nation communities and Hutterite colonies. Currently, twenty-nine schools are located in eighteen communities. Our schools include PreK-12, elementary, high schools and alternate schools with a student population of approximately 5,300 students.

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