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Dear Living Sky School Division Families:

Even though students will not be in school starting on Friday, we wanted to keep our families in the loop on what is happening provincially and in our division:

Please see this email from the Ministry regarding School Staff:

*On behalf of the education sector Response Planning team and in conjunction with advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Saskatchewan, **starting Friday, March 20, all 27 Saskatchewan school boards should pause educational operations for a one-week period.***

This one week away will allow the Response Planning team and individual school divisions to put in longer term plans to supports students, staff and families moving forward to ensure that no student's education is negatively impacted by the closing schools indefinitely

***To achieve this, divisions will need to direct all school staff to stay home until end of day Friday, March 27.** This includes teachers, support and professional staff. It is important to ensure that staff understand that this time served at home will be paid in full and there will be no loss of benefits. Layoff notices will not occur during this time.*

*Each school division will be enacting their business continuity plans to ensure that core functions such as payroll and building security continue to function while ensuring all staff safety. **This plan should include having availability for parents, families and staff to call or email your school divisions if they have questions during this time.***

Our school division team continues to work on a learning plan for our students and will be in touch in the next few days with more details. Thank you for your continued understanding and support during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Ronna Pethick
Board Chair