



FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Province of Manitoba announcement, January 4, 2022: All schools in Manitoba will return to remote learning for the period of Monday, January 10 - Friday, January 14th.

During this period of remote learning, FLB schools will be closed to in-person learning with the exception of students of Critical Service Workers in Kindergarten to Grade 6 and all high-risk students with special learning needs in Kindergarten to Grade 12 if no alternate care is available. If you have a child with identified special needs, the school will contact you to determine the appropriate course of action in consultation with the family. Busing will still be provided for these students if they currently ride the bus.

In-class learning is scheduled to return on Monday, January 17. We all believe that in-class learning is the best approach for our children. This phased-in return to in-class learning on January 17 will allow health care officials more time to better understand the impact of Omicron on our students, staff and schools.

The Critical Service Worker classification is provided below:

Classification Tier One:

- Health/Health Services
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers (all teachers, administrators and support staff)
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers

Classification Tier Two:

Additional Critical Service Providers (This may include people who provide essential services to Manitobans such as front-line natural resource workers, gas station attendants, grocery store staff, and hospital/clinic support staff, such as those listed in the Essential Services Act.)

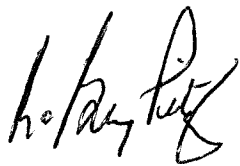
Please be advised that during this period of remote learning, children of Critical Service Workers/providers deemed eligible for in-person learning may still be receiving lessons remotely within the school environment under the supervision of school staff. *For example, the teacher providing instruction may be at a different site or classroom with on-site learners receiving instruction remotely.*

If you are a Critical Service Worker/Provider, and were deemed eligible in 2020-2021, your eligibility remains, and you do not need to re-apply. If you are new to FLBSD, or if your status has changed making you eligible, please contact your child's school directly.

Regarding improved school ventilation, our school division has identified areas of concern and is awaiting government approval for funding support.

To close, despite this disruption, plans are in place for a safe return on January 17. I would like everyone to know that our schools and staff will continue to make school a pleasant return as we bring in 2022.

Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Safe New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Pitz". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Barry Pitz, Superintendent of Schools

c.c. School Principals