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Canwood Public School Return to School Plan 1.0

August 26th 2020

Introduction

Our focus for the return to school plan is to provide a safe educational environment for our students and staff. We will be following the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD). Our plan will be updated as discussions and further planning takes place with Canwood staff in the coming days.

The SRPSD has made the decision to have stricter guidelines to start the school year. The idea behind this decision is it will be easier to relax guidelines such as the use of masks rather than trying to tighten guidelines partway into the year.

SRPSD has made available online and remote learning options for students who either are not ready to return or require medical accommodation. Students who choose this option will remain Canwood students, but will receive instruction from centralized distance learning specific SRPSD teachers. For information about these options and to view the complete SRPSD Return to School Plan please visit srsd119.ca

Staggered Return September 8th -11th

- Students in grades 1-12 with last names starting with A-L will come to school September 8th and 10th
- Students in grades 1-12 with last names starting with M-Z will come to school September 9th and 11th
- All students grades 1-12 will start daily attendance on September 14th
- Kindergarten students with last names starting A-L will start September 15th
- Kindergarten students with last names starting M-Z will start September 17th
- All kindergarten students will attend September 18th

Hygiene and Sanitation

- All students (grades 4-12) and staff are required in accordance with the SRPSD plan to wear face masks at all times while in the building. The only exception to this is during meal and snack times.
 - Disposable masks will be available.
 - Masks from home are welcome. Artwork, logos and slogans must be school appropriate. Health Canada recommends masks be made from 2-3 layers of tightly knit fabric.
 - Buffs, Gators, Bandanas, and Scarfs are not recommended by Health Canada and are not allowed at this time.
 - Experience from other sectors which require masks shows using a variety of masks (ear loop type vs. around the head elastics) can help with comfort.
 - Masks are not required when the students are both outside and can socially distance. We will be working as a staff to plan for ways to have the students outside as much as possible to give breaks from mask wearing.
 - Parents can prepare students for the use of masks by modeling mask usage and having their child wear masks around the home at times prior to the first day of school to help getting used to mask usage.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been set up outside all rooms. Staff and students are required to hand sanitize when entering or exiting rooms.
 - Sending a small bottle of hand lotion with your child may be helpful as regular use of hand sanitizer can dry out and irritate skin.
- Shared materials and equipment will be limited as much as possible. When items (such as laptops) are required to be shared the equipment will be sanitized before and after each use.
- Our custodial staff has a track record of providing an extremely clean and sanitary school. They are committed to ongoing sanitization by wiping high touch surfaces throughout the day and thorough cleaning at the end of each day.

Limiting Physical Contact

- There will be a Hands Off policy for students and staff. Students and staff will be required to avoid physical contact at all times both in the school and on the playground.

- One exception to this will be in emergency situations where immediate care is required.
- The school will be segregated into four sections: PK-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Students will be required to use dedicated entrances and stay in their designated area unless directed by a staff member.
- As a staff we will be arranging staggered recess and lunch breaks.
- Busses will unload one at a time and will be spaced out for loading.
- Added teacher supervisors will be out to direct traffic and bus loading and unloading times.

How parents can help limit physical contact:

- Have conversations with your child about the necessity of not touching other students even those who are in your 'bubble' and who they would have regular physical contact with outside of school.

Extra-Curricular and Field Trips

- Are suspended until further notice in accordance with the SRPSD plan.

Access to Facility

- Rental of Canwood School for community clubs is suspended until further notice in accordance with the SRPSD plan.
- At this point parents are expected to limit their physical presence in the school to essential visits. Please contact the school prior to coming into the school. Upon arrival you must wear a mask, hand sanitize and present yourself to the office.

Nutrition Programs

- The following nutrition programs are suspended until further notice:
 - Snack program
 - Hot Lunch & Soup Sandwich
 - Canteen
 - All special event meals
- Microwaves will not be available until further notice. This is to limit student movement and contact with high touch surfaces.
- Water fountains will not be available until further notice.
- Water bottle fill stations will be available.

What parents can do to help:

- Pack extra snacks.
- Limit the amount of high sugar foods.
- Ensure your child has a water bottle.

- Pack hot foods in a Thermos
- Send all required cutlery

Transportation

- Whenever possible students are encouraged to walk, bike, or drive to school.
- School busses are available and drivers will be in touch with their students to provide details about riding the bus.
 - Masks are mandatory for drivers and students in grades 4-12.
 - Guest riders are not allowed on busses. You may only ride your regular bus.
- In accordance with the SRPSD plan staff are not allowed to transport students in private vehicles.

Mental Health and Students with Intensive Needs

- During the first week of school the priority of staff will be to provide a soft and smooth return to school. We will work as a staff in the coming days and weeks to develop ways to make the students feel comfortable and safe while returning to school.
- The SRPSD plan cites a long list of mental health resources.
- If your child has intensive needs we will develop a plan to provide supports as needed either in school, online or through remote learning.
 - If your child requires a medical accommodation please contact the school to start the referral process for this accommodation.

Illness at School

- If your child is sick keep them home and notify the school of the absence.
- If a student is displaying Covid symptoms, they will be moved to a designated isolation room and parents will be contacted to pick up their child.
 - While the student is in the isolation room they will be required to wear a mask. Any staff entering the room will be required to wear PPE including mask, face shield and gloves.
 - In the event this takes place it is very important that parents pick up their child within one hour and seek medical attention in a timely manner.

- Families will be notified of any confirmed cases of Covid at Canwood Public School as per Public Health Protocol. The identity of the staff or student will not be included.

Communications

- As new information becomes available and our school plan evolves we will communicate these updates and changes through:
 - School website <https://cw.srsd119.ca/>
 - The Canwood School Facebook page
 - School Messenger email/text service
- Classroom teachers will communicate their mass communication tool such as See Saw, Google Drive, Remind etc.

What parents can do to help:

- When sending back registration forms make sure contact information including email is current.
- Sign up for tools or apps used by your child's classroom to communicate.