

**Manitoba K to 12 COVID-19 Response Planning Team**  
**1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, February 10, 2021**  
**Teams Meeting**

Item	Record of Discussion
<b>Review of Minutes/Action Items</b>	<p><b>Review of Minutes:</b> No errors or omissions.</p> <p><b>Review of Action Tracker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manitoba Education Structure - Who to call? Item shared when ready.</li> <li>• Notification Process – A presentation will take place during today’s meeting.</li> <li>• Planning for Fall 2021 – This item is on the meeting’s agenda.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for Fall 2021 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning for the fall will have to take into consider public health measures, vaccination roll-out and virus variants.</li> <li>○ Need Planning Assumptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Restriction Levels – For Fall 2020, plans were made based on the Restriction level (Yellow). <i>Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools</i> document (updated October 2020) guided planning. Are further/any changes required for this document? If schools are in Restricted Level (Orange), what changes are possible? Should alternate plans be prepared in case of a restriction level changes?</li> <li>▪ Safe Schools Funding is expected until June 2021. Will there be the ability to carry-over unused funds? Will additional funding be provided?</li> <li>▪ Recovery Learning – Many schools did not have the opportunity to do so this year. What will recovery learning look like? It will require funding.</li> <li>▪ Mental Health &amp; Well-being. As the pandemic continues, more and more individuals are going to be affected.</li> <li>▪ Calendar - additional planned breaks (non-instructional days) to give teachers the time needed.</li> <li>▪ Assessment of Students – In particular Gr. 12 students who are preparing for post-secondary education.</li> <li>▪ Staffing levels, PPE – COVID response support?</li> <li>▪ Supports for families – Consider areas beyond education such as food security issues and homelessness.</li> <li>▪ Remote Learning – Consider immuno-compromised students. What remote learning supports will be available?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ What strategies/structure can be used to plan for next school year? It was suggested that some time be taken to think about these items and discuss at a future meeting. Donna will share this information with department staff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Notification Process Update – EDU – Timed Item, 1:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Megan Prydun presented on the notification of cases in schools process which was launched on January 4, 2021.</li> <li>○ The Notification Support Team (NST) is available to assist schools between Monday and Friday (8:00 – 5:00) and they may be reached throughout the process at <a href="mailto:casesinschools@gov.mb.ca">casesinschools@gov.mb.ca</a> .</li> <li>○ Schools and the public have access on-line to the <i>Toolkit Notification of Cases in Schools</i> document. In addition, schools have received two additional documents which are for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>internal use only – a notification quick reference guide and a training PowerPoint which includes template letters and e-form links.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School officials and public health play an integral role in the process. The NST receives the data provided on the e-form and immediately will verify with schools officials if public health has contacted them.</li> <li>○ The feedback received from the individuals who had used the team is varied. The quick reference guide was well received. The e-form sends an extra copy for the school's records. Many principals didn't know about the toolkit so the information was resent. Some principals were only using the toolkit and not the reference guide.</li> <li>○ Concerns were raised about the difficulties using the templates and they have been revised to be fillable Word documents.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remote Learning Support Centre Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Remote Learning Support Centre offers assistance for two areas – remote learning and home schooling.</li> <li>○ 485 are students in the process of onboarding for remote learning.</li> <li>○ 18 school divisions are participating</li> <li>○ Donna and the RLSC principal are planning to meet with the participating school divisions.</li> <li>○ 20 high school students have been hired to offer tutoring in French after school. They will be working under the guidance of a French Resource teacher.</li> <li>○ EA's are also available to assist students.</li> <li>○ 102 students are connect to the centre via a home-school connector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Definition of Homeschooling – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Department definition of homeschooling was provided. For more information on homeschooling, visit <a href="https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html">https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html</a></li> <li>○ Currently, students participating in remote learning have also had the term "homeschooling" applied to them. To prevent confusion in the future, it will be helpful to have a clear distinction between students learning at home via support from a school division or MRLSC and students being educated by their parents.</li> <li>○ Donna Davidson will discuss with department staff.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Future Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning for Fall</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wednesday, February 17 , 2021, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</li> </ul>