



November 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians:

Thank you for making a request to switch from online to face-to-face education, or vice-versa, in reporting period two. At this time, we have approximately 50 students asking to return to face-to-face education and about 60 students requesting online learning. Most students transitioning to face-to-face programming are at the elementary level, while most students wishing to participate in online learning are in junior high. Therefore, we have had to make some important decisions based on room and resources in both our online and face-to-face schools.

We will accommodate all students wishing to return to their designated school for face-to-face education. Additionally, we will accept those students who are asking for K-5 English online programming or K-9 for French Immersion online programming.

There are a few complexities relative to online programming in junior high. Our online junior high class sizes are much higher than our online elementary classes, and while we have chosen to increase staffing at that level to accommodate this round of requests, it is not tenable to expect to solve requests by expending funds on additional staffing as an ongoing strategy. Therefore, moving forward, we will continue to check with you as to whether you wish to move from face-to-face to online programming and vice versa, as indicated on pages 20-21 of the [Parent Guidebook for School Re-entry 2020-2021](#), but we cannot say with certainty that future requests can be accommodated. This means that, in our next round of notifications, we will accept changes that can assure your child(ren) continue(s) to receive an excellent education based on space and resources.

*At this time, if your request was for online education, your child has been **accepted** to move into the **GSACRD Online Learning Pathway** as of **November 23, 2020**. If you had asked to have your child return to face-to-face education in your designated school, your request can be accommodated and that process will take place on **November 16, 2020** or **November 23, 2020**, depending on the designated school.*

*On **November 5, 2020**, Mr. Evan Holstein, Principal of the GSACRD Online Learning Pathway K-9, will send you an email with further information regarding details of who your child's teacher will be and other pertinent information, if you have requested online learning. On **November 5, 2020**, your designated school principal will send you an email with details to confirm your child's grade and teacher, and other pertinent information, if you chose to have your child return to face-to-face programming.*

Thank you for working with us as partners in education during this most unusual year. Your patience and flexibility is much appreciated as we try to be as accommodating as possible and financially feasible. Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clint Moroziuk
Superintendent of Schools

