



July 30, 2020

Classroom learning will resume on Sept. 8 for all students in Nursery through Grade 12 at WSD schools following last spring's suspension caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. (note Nursery and Kindergarten start later than other grades. Nursery is half days and Kindergarten is either half day or full day depending on the program).

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“The province is welcoming students back to classrooms for the new school year, while working closely with school divisions and Public Health,” said Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen. “The best place for students is in class, giving them the full benefits of the tremendous work of Manitoba teachers and providing parents and caregivers with certainty that their children are receiving the best education possible.”

Learning in classrooms will be full-time for WSD students in Nursery through Grade 8 and for special-needs students in all grades, with five days of instruction per week. Some remote learning may be required for students in Grades 9 to 12, based on the ability of high schools to implement necessary public health measures including physical distancing and the use of cohorts (designated groups of students) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and to support contact tracing.

The WSD (division) Framework for School Planning during the pandemic will be updated to reflect the July 30 direction from the province by mid-August. Each of the 79 schools in Winnipeg School Division will then further develop their return to school plans based on their space and resources, working within the guidelines provided by the Province and the division before sharing that plan with parents in early September.

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Wherever possible, alternative transportation to school is encouraged. Parents/caregivers/students may provide their own transportation, including carpooling, walking or cycling, to avoid possible virus exposure on the bus. Note that carpooling can also be a risk for transmission.