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To: Horizon Families & Staff
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Cc: Horizon Board of Education
Date: April 19, 2021
Re: Masking at Recess

Good afternoon, Horizon families & staff.

The Board of Education and my office hope and trust each of you and your families are doing well. We want to thank you for your undeniable support of the plans put in place at the Division and school level to mitigate transmission risks. The purpose of this letter is to share an important direction with you regarding masking during recess.

In a recent survey, it was clear that a majority of schools were masking during recess. Given the current situation in the province and the desire to ensure that schools remain open, we are following the strong recommendations from our Medical Health Officials and providing the following direction:

Effective Tuesday, April 20, all students and staff in Horizon School Division will be required to wear masks during recess whenever a physical distance of 2 meters is not able to be maintained.

We continue to believe that masking breaks are important so any time the 2-meter physical distance is maintained outdoors, children will not be required to wear their masks. Staff will continue to find opportunities for students to take masking breaks throughout the school day.

Masks are proven to protect the wearer and the people around them from the spread of COVID-19. We all work hard to maintain health and safety in our schools, and this is one more step we are going to take to keep our students, staff, and families safe.

We would like to remind you to visit saskatchewan.ca/covid19 for guidelines, information, and the Self-Assessment Tool. If you or your child are feeling symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home and call 811. I also want take this time to share my thoughts and wishes and those of the Board of Education for a speedy recovery for all those impacted by COVID-19 across Horizon School Division, and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin C. Garinger', written over a white background.

Kevin C. Garinger
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