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**To: Horizon Families and Staff**  
**From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education**  
**Jim Hack, Board of Education Chair**  
**Date: June 9, 2020**  
**Re: In-Class Learning to Resume in the Fall, 2020 Graduation Messages, and More**

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Good evening, Horizon families and staff.

I am writing today with a number of important updates, and new information.

### **In-Class Learning to Resume in the Fall**

Earlier today, the Minister of Education announced that Saskatchewan's PreK-12 schools will plan for in-class learning to return for students in the fall of the 2020-2021 school year.

[You can find the Government of Saskatchewan media release here.](#)

Words cannot express how excited we are for the day that we can welcome our students back to classrooms in the fall. We will be sharing further details, plans, and safety guidelines as soon as possible, once these are finalized.

### **2020 Graduation**

Horizon's Board of Education and I have put together congratulatory video messages to share with all graduates in Horizon School Division. These messages can be found through the links below. Please feel free to share these videos with the graduates in your lives.

[Horizon Board of Education's message for the graduating classes of 2020](#)

[Director of Education's message for the graduating classes of 2020](#)

Planning for several of our graduation ceremonies continues at the school level, aligned with the latest guidelines from Health and the Ministry of Education. Several schools have recognized their graduates in some form already, through a number of innovative ways. Other schools are still engaged in that planning.

We have been proud to sponsor grad banners or signs for our graduating students, at the request of our schools. You may have seen these in your communities already, on mainstreets or on the lawns of your graduates. This is such an important milestone in the lives of our students, our teachers and staff, and in our families and communities. While outside circumstances and new health and safety precautions have brought many challenges this grad season, I am so proud of our students, families, schools, staff, and communities for ensuring our students are recognized and celebrated in whatever ways we have available to us. Thank you, all.

### **Supplemental Learning and “Thoughtexchange”**

First, a reminder that with [Supplemental Learning wrapping up on June 16](#), students have until **Tuesday, June 23**, to complete any remaining assignments and submit their work for grading. They will be able to continue to connect with their teachers and support staff on an individual basis up to and including June 23. We encourage students and families to continue their engagement with teacher-directed Supplemental Learning right up to June 16, and complete any and all requirements from their teachers up to June 23.

Along with our plans for in-class learning in the fall, we will also continue planning for the following scenarios, to ensure we are fully prepared:

- a partial or modified return to in-class learning
- full-time learning from home

To help us in this planning, I ask that all Horizon stakeholders (staff, families, community members, students) take a few moments to provide your anonymous feedback through the Thoughtexchange found in the following link:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/753512161>

Through this Thoughtexchange, we ask for your thoughts, feedback, and comments on the following question:

**“What has worked well with Supplemental Learning, and what could we improve if we are required to support learning from home during the 2020/2021 school year?”**

This Thoughtexchange is now live, and will remain open for your feedback **until 11:59 PM on June 16**.

With your feedback and the work of our staff, we will be prepared to support all student and family needs for the 2020-2021 school year. I will be sending separate reminders regarding this Thoughtexchange throughout the week, because an important part of the process involves your review of the thoughts submitted by others.

## “Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan”

In line with the Government’s [Phase 3 of the Provincial Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan](#), which began on June 8, Horizon has allowed staff to return to schools and worksites on a voluntary basis, following the guidelines of our “Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan” ([found here](#)). I want to thank staff for their help and feedback in developing this plan, and for helping us ensure the health and safety of ourselves and our colleagues.

As always, for questions or concerns, please continue to use Horizon School Division’s Communications Centre Hotline at **1-306-682-2558** (please ask for the Communications Centre). Please continue to visit [www.horizonsd.ca](http://www.horizonsd.ca) for regular updates. We remind you all of the resources available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19) and the provincial HealthLine that can be reached by dialing **811**. On behalf of our Board of Education, thank you for your support and understanding. Take care and stay safe!

Thank you,



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