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To: All Division Staff

Date: September 4, 2020

From: Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: COVID-19 Update

Hello everyone:

A case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in a staff member at St. Theresa School in Wabasca-Desmarais. We are working closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. Public Health will be contacting parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in close contact with the individual. A staggered entry for in-school learning is still scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Out of respect to this individual and in accordance with Alberta Health Services guidelines, we cannot disclose personal details.

We remind staff to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#). Please remember to complete the checklist each day prior to attending school. If you or a member of your family has any of the symptoms of illness listed, please fill out the online [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811. In addition to the above-mentioned, we also encourage staff to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution and as we continue our focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19, we have directed our custodial services team to conduct enhanced cleaning protocols. This additional cleaning will focus on areas where the individual was present along with high touch areas and surfaces throughout the facility.

The health and safety of our staff, students, and community is paramount. We know this news can be distressing and supports are available. You are encouraged to visit the [Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan Homewood Health Employee & Family Assistance](#) and the [NSD Mental Health Resources](#) webpage.

Please rest assured that we will continue to work closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure that we follow their ongoing recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras
Superintendent of Schools