



BORDER LAND

SCHOOL DIVISION

March 7, 2022

Border Land School Division Community,

On Friday March 4, 2022, based on the public health orders to be effective March 15, 2022, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning shared the direction schools are to follow. This update included the following information:

- *After two years of restrictions and public health orders, public health officials advise we are in a position to start to return to normal. As changes to public health requirements take place in the community, they will be mirrored in schools and child care facilities.*
- *Effective March 15, 2022, masks will no longer be required in indoor places, this includes schools and child care facilities. As mask requirements are removed, it is important to note that anyone can continue to choose to wear masks, based on their individual risk and personal preference.*
- *Child care facilities, school divisions and schools can continue to order masks during this time of transition. The supply of personal protective equipment will be assessed in the coming weeks.*
- *Work to monitor the situation is ongoing, and schools and child care facilities need to be prepared for future scenarios that may require additional preventive measures.*
- *We encourage all to continue to follow preventive measures as much as possible*
 - *Be sure to stay home if you're sick.*
 - *Wash your hands frequently.*
 - *Assess your risk and know if you are eligible for treatment.*
 - *And get vaccinated and get boosted when you can.*
- *Our goal is for schools and child care facilities to create welcoming environments for all, whether they choose to wear masks or not. We need to be kind, compassionate and understanding to ourselves, and to those around us.*

Border Land School Division continues to follow direction from Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. As such, as of March 15, 2022, the wearing

of a mask in a school or on the bus is not required. Staff, students, and visitors may still choose to wear a mask.

This is another step that moves us into our new normal. We wish to express our continued appreciation for your support and patience over the past two years. As we shift into post-pandemic planning, we will continue to keep you updated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Krista Curry". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Krista Curry
BLSD Superintendent