*MEDIA STATEMENT*

*For Immediate Release – December 11, 2020*

**Schools in Prince Albert Catholic School Division and the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division will Move to Remote Learning effective December 14, 2020.**

PRINCE ALBERT- December 11, 2020- Prince Albert Catholic Schools and the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, in alignment with recommendations from Public Health Officials, are announcing that all their schools will move to Level 4 of the Saskatchewan Safe School Plan. Effective December 14, 2020, all students Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 will temporarily participate in remote learning until January 15, 2021.

Students will participate in remote learning during this time and can expect to return to the current structure for learning on January 18, 2021, pending further review of health data. This preventative measure is in response to Public Health recommendations based on the increased rates of community transmission of COVID-19.

Students will participate and engage in remote learning programming as learning expectations will remain a priority. Schools will provide specialized programming or support for intensive learning needs on an individualized basis. Information and instruction for all students and families will be forthcoming from their school administration and staff early next week.

Students and families are reminded to continue to be diligent in performing daily health screening, staying home if ill, calling HealthLine 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practicing proper hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, wearing a mask when appropriate, and doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

Thank you for your continued support as matters evolve by emerging health risk assessments related to COVID-19.

*Direct any questions of clarity to the appropriate Director of Education:*

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