



**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021

**Topic:** **Update to parents, guardians, and staff**

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### Meeting for Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

- Our next biweekly meeting for parents, guardians, and staff is Tuesday, August 31.
- The primary focus of this meeting will be the provincial and divisional plans for Return to School.

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Time: Aug 31, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97884505916?pwd=dFR4aGpXSvFwU2doNHRyeFQ0RUh4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 8450 5916

Passcode: 382325

### Manitoba Education Announcement:

- Yesterday, the Province made two announcements related to the Return to School:
  - A K-12 mask mandate for all indoor public settings, including schools.
  - A requirement for all provincial employees who work with vulnerable populations, including education workers, to be fully immunized for COVID-19 or undergo regular testing.
- **Mask Mandate** - Masks are required for all students and staff in all buildings and on buses when 2-metre physical distancing is not possible. Masks are not required outdoors. Masks will be available to students and staff.
- **Vaccine Requirement** – All school division employees must be fully vaccinated by October 31, which means they must get their first dose no later than September 7, the first day of school, and their second dose by October 17. Any employee who hasn't been fully vaccinated or who can't show proof of vaccination must take regular COVID-19 tests, up to three times a week for full-time employees. The details of implementation for this vaccine requirement will be provided by the Province in the near future.

### Other Divisional Planning:

- A provincial document released on August 5 provides additional guidance for the Return to School.
- Park West has been reviewing this guidance in the development of our plans for return of students and staff. This review has included multiple meetings with both the Board and school administrators.
- The Park West specific plan will be released on August 31.