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Dear school families,

Last week, Regina Public schools recorded 526 self-reported school cases of COVID-19. The majority of these cases were reported by school families and students. In that same period, 53 of the cases were amongst school staff. Regina Public Schools has also moved seven classrooms to remote learning.

To date, school operations have been strained as teaching, administrative and facilities staff have had to cover for absent colleagues. At the same time the availability of substitute staff, for both teaching and support, have also been in very short supply.

I'm sharing this information with you to make families aware that, on short notice, we may have to make changes to in-class learning. We want school families to be prepared for the contingency of remote learning.

The following interruption to classroom learning may occur:

- Continued move to remote learning for classrooms reporting multiple cases
- Student transportation may be disrupted or cancelled due to lack of drivers
- An entire school and all its classrooms may need to move to remote learning, if there are not enough teaching, administrative, support and facilities staff available to ensure that a school is safe to operate for students

In any of the above potential scenarios, we would quickly contact you with details and next steps. Watch for communication from your schools by email or EDSBY, from Regina Public Schools website www.reginapublicschools.ca, our Twitter account @regpublicschool and from the Regina news media.

We very much look forward to returning to learning in an environment without risk. For now, increased vaccination, frequent use of Rapid Antigen Tests, careful mask use, hand hygiene, and keeping students home if they test positive or are not feeling well may help us see a reduction in the number of cases in schools.

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued vigilance.

In learning and in health.
Greg Enion