



# Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre

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To MRLSC Families,

In January 2021, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, in partnership with the St. James-Assiniboia School Division, opened the Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre (MRLSC) to support students, families, and local school divisions in providing a remote learning option for students in Grades K-8.

With the return to full time in-person classroom learning, the enrolment in the Centre has significantly declined. In addition, public health and mental health experts tell us that students, particularly those in K-8, learn best in-person by connecting with their local learning community. It is important that relationships at the local level are strong, and that wrap-around supports are provided to students to support their learning and social/mental well-being.

For these reasons, for the 2023-24 school year, the Centre's students will return to their local schools and be supported by their local teachers. MRLSC staff will be working closely with families and schools to ensure that students have a smooth transition back to their resident school for the fall of 2023. Centre staff will work closely with your child's resident school to ensure that their path in 2023-24 will provide an appropriate education as was done pre-pandemic.

For students moving from grade 8 to grade 9, a new provincial online high school will be available, by leveraging the skills and experience of InformNet, for the 2023-24 school year. It is on-track to be launched by September 2023. More details will be provided in the coming months.

We value the feedback of families who were supported by the MRLSC. We will be sending out a survey soon to gather input on how we can best support students in their return to in-class learning. Together, we can ensure that all students have a successful and fulfilling school experience.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, the St. James-Assiniboia School Division, MRLSC staff, and the support of families during this challenging time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this plan.

Sincerely,

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