



Friday, October 30, 2020

Today the Province of Manitoba announced that all school divisions will be transitioning to **Orange** on the [Pandemic Response System](#) effective Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**All schools in Western School Division have developed plans to move to Orange.** A great deal of time has gone into planning for this scenario and schools will begin this transition on Monday. Our goal would be to fully complete our transition no later than Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Roussin has stated that **schools are safe**. Our students, staff and parents have done an exceptional job of adhering to Public Health orders and we expect little disruption to learning from this shift.

**Bus transportation will not be affected** by the move to **Orange**.

**Schools will be reaching out directly to families** next week (Nov. 2-6) to ensure the information we gathered from you in August is still accurate.

With **Student Involved Conferences** quickly approaching, it is likely that virtual Student Involved Conferences will be the norm. Schools will endeavour to accommodate families for whom in person interviews are needed.

You can [click here](#) to review the changes that are expected in Orange.

We appreciate the tremendous support our students, parents and community have provided to our staff and schools during this challenging time. We are working hard to ensure children can safely flourish in our schools.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

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