



COVID-19 UPDATE: NEXT STEPS AT GRAY ACADEMY

Dear Gray Academy Families:

I am reaching out to all of you this evening on behalf of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, as we navigate the evolving situation with COVID-19. Adding to the emails you have received to date, we would like to share additional information, as we plan for the coming days and weeks.

Over the past few weeks, we have taken proactive measures in anticipation of the probability of COVID-19 cases in Winnipeg impacting the ongoing operations of the Gray Academy. Our leadership team, together with our faculty and staff, have taken great care to follow all recommendations from the Province, while also caring for the emotional and educational needs of your children.

The leadership team has enacted a school response team that includes:

- Head of School and CEO Lori Binder;
- Elementary Principal Joyce Kerr;
- High School Principal Tracy White;
- Director of Teaching and Learning Rob Dalgliesh; and
- Director of Marketing and Communications Andrea Ritter.

We have also put together a WBJE response team which includes:

- Me, WBJE President;
- Vice President, Bryan Borzykowski;

- Dr. Laura Kravetsky-Chisick;
- Tracy Kasner;
- Diane Shindleman; and
- Josh Weinstein.

As I'm sure everyone can appreciate, this is an unprecedented situation. We know families have a lot of questions, some of which we have endeavored to answer below. Our goal is to support the work of our staff in following the protocols set out by the Government of Manitoba to minimize the spread of COVID-19, while ensuring as little disruption as possible to our children's education.

Over the coming days, our school response team will be working tirelessly to put a structure in place to continue teaching your children, while also helping you care for your family. With this situation unfolding so quickly, Gray Academy's leadership team may not be in position to respond immediately to individual questions, as they remain focused on the immediate tasks at hand. We appreciate your consideration and understanding.

We are continuing to monitor the situation in Manitoba. Staff will make sure you receive up-to-date information as it becomes available. The team will also ensure you remain aware of any changes to government directives, as they occur.

Thank you for your understanding, ongoing support and partnership. We are truly proud of our Gray Academy school community, especially in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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