



## Superintendent's Report September 17, 2024

- On September 6, 2024 a Divisional team attended an information session hosted by the Manitoba School Boards Association on the new Provincial Teacher Collective Agreement. The session was not as informative as the team would have hoped. In fairness many of the questions asked presented situations which had the potential to be interpreted differently by MSBA and the Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Consistent with the provincial directive, Sunrise School Division rolled out its new Personal Digital Device Procedure at the start of the school year. There were two situations that arose where divisional clarification was requested by schools and families regarding students with medical conditions. Assistant Superintendent Feilberg was aware of information from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba and was able to provide clarification for schools. The procedure will be re-drafted in the future to include the additional information, but not before we have allowed more time for feedback. Otherwise, schools have reported a relatively smooth implementation of the new restrictions.
- Monday, September 30, 2024, is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day seeks to acknowledge the harm the residential school system has caused to Indigenous peoples, commemorate the children who died in the system, honour Survivors and their communities, and encourage Manitobans to come together. In recent years many of our schools in Sunrise have organized events that recognize and promote learning on the topics associated with the day.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is now a provincial statutory holiday and schools will be closed. Schools in Sunrise will incorporate their activities and learning during the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Overall, the school division has experienced a smooth start to the 2024-25 school year. A very big thank you to our schools, school leaders, and operational departments for welcoming our students and families. The start of the school year requires a tremendous amount of communication and collaboration between schools and families.

A reminder that if questions, concerns or challenges arise during the year, we ask families to reach out to their school first. We have many caring adults who are eager to help. Building and maintaining strong relationships with our families throughout the year is a Sunrise priority. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for the role they play in supporting children and their learning.