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Hello West Central Public School Community,

My name is Kevin Tait and I have the privilege of being the new principal of West Central Public School. I grew up outside of MacDowall, on a farm, near the Donnybrook School. I am proud to be from this area and appreciate the roots that I have throughout the community. I have 25 years of teaching experience, including 10 as a vice principal. The majority of my experience has been in rural K-12 schools. I look forward to renewing and establishing relationships with all members of our school community.

This year will be a unique one for all stakeholders involved in the school. It provides us with challenges and obstacles in an evolving global event. One of our next steps is to reopen schools and provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff. The Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division's team has created a plan to guide us through these unknown times. This plan takes its directions from the provincial government and is adapted to fit our division. The Division has provided guidelines for each school, allowing for individual focus plans to be created by each school. West Central Public School has its own plan to address the safety and care of everyone involved.

The West Central Plan will be fluid, changing and adjusting as we navigate different situations. The plan will be attached and feel free to read it over at your own convenience. The plan will address the changes to the school operation to provide safety, while at the same time providing full curriculum requirements.

As parents and guardians of our students, there are some items you can work on to create an easier transfer back to school. All students, from grades 3-8, will be wearing masks on the bus and in the school for most of the day. Practicing proper use of the mask and wearing the mask will help the child adjust to this requirement. Hand washing and using sanitizer will be important in the school for all students. Students will be asked to limit the resources they bring to school. The students will be directed not to share their supplies or their lunch. Students should have a reusable, non-breakable water bottle because only the bottle fill fountain will be used.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We will be continually updating our plan as a new situation arise. If you have any questions please call me at the school (306 922 8339) or email at ktait@srsd119.ca.

Thank you,

Kevin Tait