

Norwood School



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January 30, 2020

RE: Budget Efficiencies

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools is facing cuts to programs, services and staff effective January 2020 due to a reduction in provincial funding, a decline in student enrolment and insurance premium increases.

This letter is intended to inform you of changes being made at Norwood School programming. As a consequence, services and supports may look different but we will make every effort to minimize the impact on student learning. The Division will continue to evaluate all programs and services with the intent to eliminate those programs that are not sustainable.

The following change took effect January 6th, 2020. First, Norwood School eliminated the half time Librarian support position. Students will continue to have access to the Library and be able to access books for reading. We will be investigating options in the coming weeks and months to determine how to support the school library on a long term basis. Second, Norwood School has shifted the responsibility of counselling to Ms. Micklich and reduced the Learning Support allocation to our school by a half time teaching assignment. Ms. Micklich has a Masters Degree in in School counselling and is looking forward to working with our students in this new role. Mrs. Jones will be the primary Learning Support Teacher in the school taking on most of the duties she shared with Ms. Micklich.

Questions about school related changes can be directed to Frank Heinrichs at Norwood School. Further question regarding division programs and services should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Terry Pearson at terry.pearson@wrps11.ca or by calling 780-352-6018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Heinrichs".

Frank Heinrichs, Principal