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**Temporary Suspension of School in Langenburg**

On the afternoon of Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, as a result of air quality concerns in the building, the decision was made to suspend school for up to one week at Langenburg High School.

As the situation is changing as information becomes available, the following provides an overview as of today's date:

- The suspension of school was communicated both by letter and telephone message to parents/guardians, students and staff by end of school day last week. Updated communication is a top priority and we have been using a variety of methods to do so (ie website and social media).
- We are working with experts in the fields of air quality and mechanical engineering, as well as our own Facilities team, to determine the scope of the problem and an action plan going forward.
- Our Education Continuity Plan or protocol has been put into action with specific teams in various areas working together to see the action plan implemented as soon as possible and that the information is appropriately shared going forward.
- This was a proactive approach to the situation and one that is temporary until we know the scope of the possible issue(s) in this situation.
- We are working to provide both short and long term plans; alternate locations for program delivery are being investigated in case required.
- A new school in Langenburg has been approved by the Ministry with plans to award the tender in October.
- Our ultimate priority is the safety of staff and students in a safe learning environment.

For further information, contact Dwayne Reeve, Director of Education, at 306-786-5500.

The Good Spirit School Division strives to provide safe, caring, welcoming schools for children. Our primary objective is to foster a respectful learning environment to achieve student success and well-being in each of our 28 public schools throughout East-Central Saskatchewan. Our values of belonging, respect, responsibility, learning and nurturing ensures "Students Come First". Visit us at [www.gssd.ca](http://www.gssd.ca); contact 306-786-5500 or 1-866-390-0773.

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