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Prairie South begins phase one of Comprehensive Learning Framework

Prairie South has been working together for the last year to design a Comprehensive Learning Framework (CLF). Members of the design team included 50 of our stakeholders – board members, administrators, teachers and parents.

The goal of the framework is to improve learning for students and staff by building on existing effective practices as well as in response to a global shift in curriculum, teaching and learning practices. Like many school divisions in Canada and the world, we want to improve our ability to support teachers, students and leadership in an accountable and purposeful way.

Through the framework, teachers will work together to address student-learning needs by shifting to a collaborative approach for learning and professional development. Collaboration creates a pool of resources for teachers, which is a shift from the past where teachers worked alone in a classroom. This shift is backed heavily by research that shows collaboration amongst teachers improves student learning.

Prairie South is in phase one of the Comprehensive Learning framework. We are working with the following nine schools as they work through the process for the first time:

- Coronach School
- Empire Community School, Moose Jaw
- Eyebrow School
- King George School, Moose Jaw
- Prince Arthur Community School, Moose Jaw
- Rockglen School
- Rouleau School
- Sunningdale School, Moose Jaw
- Westmount School, Moose Jaw

In January the nine schools will dismiss one hour early (on a set day) every second week. The early dismissals will give teachers time to work together and take a collaborative approach to student learning. Our teachers at the nine schools started working in small groups in the fall, called Learning Improvement Teams.

Parents and guardians at each school have been notified of the change. Early dismissals will continue until the end of June. All preK-grade12 students, at the nine schools that ride a school bus, will be dropped off one hour early at their regular stop on early dismissal days.

We look forward to learning together to ensure positive outcomes for all students!