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Dear Kindergarten Families:

One of our District priorities is to ensure a smooth transition into Kindergarten for the children who will begin school in the upcoming school year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold the Kindergarten Orientation last year for your family, and our new kindergarten families were not able to participate in Welcome to Kindergarten activities this past fall.

This year we are able to invite new kindergarten families to the Kindergarten Orientation in early June where teachers can meet the new students (in small groups). Children can begin to learn about routines and have a school bus orientation. We are working with our Healthy Learners Nurse and Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator to have an Operational Plan for this day during this “yellow” phase of recovery. Feedback on this event is always very positive and it is unfortunate that given the closing of schools from March to June 2020, this was not possible for your family.

As the teachers will be hosting the new students on the Orientation Day, we are asking that you keep your kindergarten child home on the day selected by your school to allow the new students to come to school. In some schools, we would not have enough space if we had the current kindergarten children present on the day the new children arrive. We also need all of the teachers and support staff who are working in Kindergarten to be available to work with the new children on that day.

I realize that in many cases this will mean making child care arrangements for this day**.** Hopefully by letting you know early, you will be able to make these arrangements without too much difficulty. Schools will be informing you shortly of the date for your school. This plan could change if we have outbreaks in the local community.

In Anglophone South School District, we consider families our partners and thank you for your ongoing support of education. This has been a very challenging school year and we are very proud of our students and staff.

Yours truly,

Zoë Watson

Superintendent

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