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Dear Parents/Guardians,
At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we have introduced a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, and makes it easy for you to report your child's absence. For ease of use, ensure the school has up-to-date email addresses for all parents/ guardians.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at https:// go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Use the SafeArrival website, https://go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. To prevent attendance calls home, the cut-off time is 1:00 pm.

Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/ emailing the school.

The school will be using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with this system.


