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Date: November 17, 2026

To: Parents and Guardians of Morris School Students

From: RRVSD Superintendent

Subject: Important Notice: School Closure Due to Planned Power Outage – Friday, November 20, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming planned power outage scheduled by Manitoba Hydro that will affect Morris School this Friday, November 20, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

While we recognize that Manitoba Hydro has essential maintenance work that must be completed, an outage spanning the majority of the school day presents significant organizational and functional challenges for both staff and students. Upon receiving notice of this schedule, divisional administration reached out to Manitoba Hydro officials to request that the work be moved to Saturday to avoid disrupting student learning; however, we have not received a response.

Our primary concern is maintaining a safe, comfortable, and effective learning environment for everyone in the building. Because several classrooms and offices are located in the interior of the school without access to natural light, visibility will be a major challenge. Furthermore, large instructional spaces without windows—such as the gymnasium and the band room—will be completely dark and unusable. While the building is equipped with emergency lighting, these lights are only located in the washrooms and hallways, and the backup battery systems will not last for the entire four-hour duration of the outage.

Based on a thorough analysis of the situation and our commitment to offering the safest and best possible environment for everyone, we will be forced to cancel classes for all Morris School students this Friday, November 20. Classes will resume as normal on Monday, November 23.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support as we navigate this disruption. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the divisional office or Morris School directly.

Sincerely,

Daniel Preteau
Superintendent
RRVSD