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To: High School and Middle School Parents/Guardians
From: Cheryl Gilmore, Superintendent

Dear Parents / Guardians of Lethbridge School Division High Schools:

Update: Update regarding Spectator Attendance at Sport and Recreation Activities

When first implemented, the application of the Restriction Exemption Program for spectator attendance was limited to adults. This has been changed to at least one adult. In other words, a child or youth can be a spectator if accompanied by an adult. The child or youth is counted as one of the allocated spectators.

Secondary school administrators have discussed how spectators can be facilitated at special events such as plays and concerts. This may be somewhat confusing for spectators because the process of spectator allocation will vary among the schools and events. All events will follow these guidelines:

- o The facility cannot have more than one third of the spectator capacity. Spectator capacity at any given venue may vary because the number of student participants will vary and they are counted as part of the facility capacity. For example, an event may have 25 student participants in a performance and the space will allow for three spectators for each participant while a different event may have 100 student participants within the same space allowing for only two spectators for each participant.
- o All events will continue to follow the Division Restriction Exemption Program requiring proof of vaccination (QR code) OR proof of negative COVID test within last 72 hours.
- o The only accurate avenue for understanding participant access to one of these special events is the school organizing the event.

Secondary schools administrators and the central office leadership team continue to revisit spectator parameters on an ongoing basis. We appreciate that our protocols may look different than other community events or other school jurisdictions. As has been conveyed previously, we are excited about having spectators this year and hope to continue to expand access. Schools will continue to proceed with the implementation of protocols with caution being guided by a focus on the student participants, and confidence in their capacity to implement and supervise the protocols.

Take care,
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