

DATE: July 28, 2014

TO: Home-based Educators

FROM: Rob Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

RE: REGISTRATION FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

I am looking forward to working with home-schooling families again this year. Please review the following information:

Education Plans:

The Ministry of Education requirements for registration in home-based education are unchanged from last year. Home-based educators will need to identify three educational goals in four core subject areas – English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The goals need to be quite specific. I am recommending the Ministry of Education Curriculum website as a resource: <http://www.curriculum.gov.sk.ca>

The Ministry timeline for reporting student enrollment has been changed from the end of September to the middle of September. This is forcing us to change the deadline for home-based student registration to September 5th.

Year End Reports:

You are required to indicate in your learning plan how you intend to assess your child's progress. A student's progress may be reported in two ways: a brief portfolio of the student's work **or** achievement test results. The portfolios should consist of a brief sample of the student's work in each of the four core subject areas. Assessment results must be from nationally normed standardized achievement tests.

Funding:

The division's Administrative Procedures on home-based education, including the grant structure, are posted on-line through the SRPSD website under Administrative Procedures #270: <http://www.srsd119.ca/boardpolicyfiles/Administrative%20Procedures%20Manual/AP%20270%20HOME-BASED%20EDUCATIONv2.pdf>

Our current home-based education grant is \$400.00 per student in grades 1 – 12; \$200 for Kindergarten students.

Communication:

I am encouraging families to communicate using email. This includes any aspect of our correspondence: registration, education plans, year-end reports, etc. Of course, traditional means of correspondence are welcome as well. My email address is: rclarke@srsd119.ca

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.