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Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 5

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following today's press conferences from the Premier, François Legault, the Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge, and the Minister of Families, Mathieu Lacombe, we would like to inform you of the following measures in place at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

It is important that basic hygiene measures be maintained and that social distancing be respected to avoid catching the virus yourself, and avoid passing it to others. It is our collective responsibility to protect the vulnerable and each other. As such, we are urging you to remain flexible and understanding of these new measures in place. We understand that they are disruptive, but they are necessary to be effective.

The following **NEW measures are effective immediately:**

- **Neither students nor parents will be permitted** to enter school/centre buildings at any time during this 2-week closure, including to pick up personal belongings.
- The head office will remain open for essential services, with minimal employees present.
- For daycare user parents, **there will be no fees during the 2-week closure.**
- The Government has required some schools to offer daycare services to school-aged children of professionals working in essential services such as healthcare, law enforcement, and public security. Services will only be offered to these individuals.

The following measures remain in effect:

- Schools/centres and daycares will be closed to students for two full weeks.
- For the next two weeks, **teachers are not expected to send homework or assignments to students and will not be communicating with parents through any platform.**
- Parents should not be contacting teachers during this 2-week period.
- During this two-week period, **all meetings and activities scheduled** in SWLSB schools/centres, at the head office building, or that require the presence of our school board personnel **are cancelled.**

As always, we will continue communicating to you by:

- **SMS:** To receive text messages, you must have opted in to our Communicate mass notification system. ([Click here](#) for more information).
- **Email:** Please check your clutter or junk mail folder to make sure you do not miss any important communications.
- **SWLSB website** (www.swlauriersb.qc.ca): section on COVID-19
- **SWLSB Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/swlsb).

Given the nature of the situation, we remind you to check your emails or text messages on a regular basis for the most up-to-date information. Thank you for your understanding during this challenging period.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

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