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Dear SWLSB Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to put the health, safety and security of our students and staff at the forefront of our decisions, our school teams are preparing the reopening of the following nine elementary schools currently scheduled for May 11:

- Arundel Elementary School
- Grenville Elementary School
- Joliette Elementary School
- Laurentia Elementary School
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- Morin-Heights Elementary School
- Rawdon Elementary School
- Sainte-Adèle Elementary School
- Sainte-Agathe Academy (elementary)

Earlier this week, we emailed elementary parents a **preliminary** survey to get the pulse of the community and collect data, as to know how many students we could potentially expect back. We understand that you can change your minds and that some of you are still undecided. Nonetheless, these preliminary results give us an indication as to how many students to be ready for.

Your school may have, or will be communicating with you to gather more precise results and also provide you with additional information regarding your specific school. We will give the necessary time to our school teams to be ready and fully prepared to welcome your children in a safe and secure environment that meets the public health directives and guidelines:

- ⇒ Cleanliness and strict hygiene measures will be enforced and modeled
- ⇒ Compliance with 2-meter physical distancing will be applied
- ⇒ Regular handwashing and avoid physical contact with one another
- ⇒ Reorganization of classes to respect ratio and to maintain social distancing (as such, students may have a different teacher)
- ⇒ Children will remain in the same room for lunch and daycare and take turns using the school yard
- ⇒ Hand sanitizers in specific areas
- ⇒ Limited travel within the school
- ⇒ Visitors will not be allowed in the school
- ⇒ Posters, signs and floor decals promoting physical distancing and hygiene habits will be posted
- ⇒ Students will need to bring their lunch and will not have access to microwaves

Upon the reopening of elementary schools, all school staff will be asked to prioritize the focus on teaching students the proper hygiene habits in a school/classroom environment. Based on the staff present in the school, some services may be reduced or shared in these unprecedented circumstances.

Please note that no elementary school will be reopened to students until we are certain that proper safety, security and hygiene conditions are in place.

Rest assured that we will continue to inform you of any new directives or of any changes. The priority for the coming days is to organize our schools and classrooms so that they are ready to welcome students and staff, in a safe and secure environment that respects the hygiene measures specified by the Public Health authorities.

We take this opportunity to remind you to consult the following resources made available by the Government concerning the reopening of schools.

- [Questions and answers on education](#)
- [Safety measures for elementary schools and daycares](#)

As well, today, the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) issued the following news release that you can read [here](#). We thank you for your patience, support and adaptability during these fast-moving times.

Stay safe. Be well.

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