



June 24, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 24

Dear SWLSB Parents/Guardians,

Following the [latest communication](#) you received from the MEES, schools across Québec will be reopening to students for the 2020-2021 school year. Our schools/centres and head office are currently planning the back-to-school period, and many criteria, directives and recommendations from the MEES and public health authorities must be taken into consideration.

Back to School 2020

- All pre-K to Secondary 3 students are expected to be physically in school full-time.
- For Secondary 4 and 5 students, a combination of face-to-face teaching and online learning could be considered.
- The usual student ratios should be maintained, and the layout of classes will be modified to respect the new physical distancing rules and minimize student circulation in the school/centre.
- Teachers, rather than students, will be moving from class to class.
- Optional courses for high school students will be impacted as essential knowledge will be the main focus.
- The set-up of the new school year will be very different than what we've known before this pandemic. Additional information will be communicated to parents in August.

Transportation

- Transportation will be offered; however, we must comply with the current physical distancing rules (one student per bench) established by public health.
- Given these parameters, space is extremely limited. Whenever possible, parents are strongly encouraged to transport their child(ren) to and from school each day.
- A transportation survey will be sent to parents shortly.

Summer School

Summer school will be offered from July 13 to 31, 2020, with the following parameters:

- Available for Secondary 4 and 5 students who received a final mark between 50 and 59% in their June report card.
- Offered online in collaboration with LEARN.
- Registrations take place on the [LEARN website](#). The website also provides a list of courses and the available schedule: mornings (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) or afternoons (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.).
- There will be exam retakes for students who failed June 2019 or January 2020 Ministry exams between July 24 and 31.
- For any questions about summer school or to register for an exam retake, please call 450 621-5600 extension 8560 or visit our [website](#).

School Elections | New Governance Model

Updated information about the upcoming school elections (November 1, 2020) and new governance model (Bill 40) can be found on the SWLSB [website](#).

Thank You

We thank you for your precious collaboration to help ensuring a safe back-to-school period for the 2020-2021 school year.



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Before heading to the summer break, we want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your support and understanding. Together, we have navigated and adapted through various challenges.

We will continue to keep you informed as we receive more details from the MEES and the public health authorities. In the meantime, you can visit the government's [Education FAQ](#) page which is updated on a regular basis.

We wish our students and families a restful and healthy summer.



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