



September 9, 2020

Subject: **Information Back to School _ Update #4**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We all have an important role to play to limit the transmission of COVID-19. It is crucial that everyone respects and models directives received from public health and that our students also respect the directives given by their schools and centres.

Wearing of Mask

INDOOR SPACES & TRANSPORTATION

All students, from grades 5 and up, **must wear a mask** during transportation to and from school as well as in common areas outside the classroom. Although the wearing of the mask is not compulsory for the other grade levels, it is strongly recommended.

Please refer to the following [detailed chart](#) for the wearing of a mask in various indoor spaces. You can also view this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EC2OxVSX53M>

OUTDOORS

Masks are **not required** if students remain within their **stable group** or if they can **maintain physical distancing**.

CONSEQUENCES

Schools and centres will be firm in ensuring that these directives are respected at all times. Therefore, students who do not respect the public health directives and measures implemented, will have consequences which may lead to (but not limited to):

- loss of privileges
- loss of transportation services
- immediate suspension

The purpose of these directives is to protect the health of all students and staff and it is our obligation, as a school board, to make sure they are respected at all times.

We thank you for modeling, practicing and reinforcing proper hygiene habits (hand washing, physical distancing, coughing in elbow, wearing of face covering or mask) with your child. Your role as a parent is crucial and helps reinforce the message conveyed at school as one common message for our student population.

Virtual Campus (strictly for exempted students)

We are pleased to announce that the SWLSB will have a virtual campus **strictly reserved for students** who have been **exempted to be at school by a physician** and **approved by our Pedagogical Services**. The Virtual Campus will be in operation as of the week of September 14th. To date, we have over 100 students enrolled. Parents of exempted students received by email, all the required information.

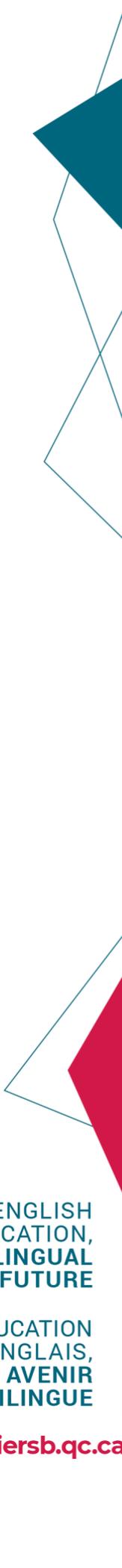


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Communication

Communication during these times is key and we wish to continue informing parents in a timely manner. To that effect, we strongly advise parents to opt in to receive **SMS emergency notifications** from our school board. It's quick and easy. Simply [click here](#) and follow the instructions.

Information evolves quickly and is updated on a regular basis on the Quebec.ca/rentree website. We encourage you to regularly visit this site for accurate and up to date information.

School Elections

School elections are still scheduled to take place on November 1, 2020. You can visit our [website](#) for more information on this topic.

By joining forces and through our collective efforts, we will have greater results in reducing the spread of the virus within our SWLSB community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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