



June 4, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 22

Dear SWLSB Parents/Guardians,

We hope you are keeping well. We received several new directives from the Ministry of Education over the past few days, with additional clarifications received late last night. You will find below the information on how these latest directives impact us, at the SWLSB. Please note that this information is the most up to date, and could differ from what your school has communicated to you yesterday.

Vulnerable At-Risk Students

A new ministerial decree orders school boards to offer services to students in the following programs:

- High school students enrolled in the WOTP (Work-Oriented Training Path): pre-work training or semi-skilled trade.
SWLSB schools offering this service: Joliette High, Lake of Two Mountains High, LRHS, Laval Senior Academy, Rosemere High, Sainte-Agathe Academy, Mountainview High.
- Adult learners enrolled in social integration services (SIS).
SWLSB adult education centre offering this service: CDC Vimont.
- Mountainview High School has also reopened its Portage, Prevost and Cartier campuses.

Each school/centre mentioned above is currently contacting the students/parents in these programs to provide them with additional information. Transportation services will be provided for these students.

The elementary schools that re-opened on May 11 will continue to operate as they have been doing and are not affected by this decree.

Optional Pedagogical Camps

In response to recent developments about optional pedagogical camps, we wish to reassure parents that it is our intention to ensure we provide support to all our students until the end of the school year (June 23) with distance learning. Optional pedagogical camps will not be offered on-site, rather distance education will continue to be prioritized while emphasis will be placed on our most vulnerable students. We will continue to invest in online and distance education. Our school teams remain available and committed to student success.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your child's pedagogical services, please contact your school administration.

Graduation or Send Off for Grade 6 and Secondary 5

The Minister of Education has authorized, with the approval of Public Health, that schools organize alternate graduation ceremonies for Grade 6 and Secondary 5 students while respecting the highest safety, security and hygiene measures:

- Maintain physical distancing
- Hand washing regularly
- Social gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited
- Outdoor gatherings must respect the rule of 10 people maximum

Each school will organize their end-of-year celebration and will communicate the details and schedule to parents. The organization and format of these alternate graduations are at the school's discretion.



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Final Report Card – MEES directives

The Ministry of Education has made some changes to the *Basic school regulation for preschool, elementary and secondary education* for the 2019-2020 school year. As a result, changes to the third report card and the end-of-year report card have been made, as illustrated in the table below:

LEVEL	3 rd TERM	END OF YEAR
Pre-K	Status quo	Status quo
Kindergarten	A, B, C, D	A, B, C, D
Grade 1 to Secondary 3	P, F or NE	P or F
Secondary 4 and 5	P, F or NE	%

Pass (P) | Fail (F) | Not evaluated (NE)

We invite you to read the Education Deputy Minister's [letter](#) for more details about the final report card.

Summer school

The MEES, with the authorization of Public health has authorized school boards to offer summer school for secondary 4 and 5 students. A committee is currently looking at our SWLSB offer of service and more information will be provided soon.

Health Care Facility Patient Service Support Skills Training Certificate

The Minister of Education announced a new, full-time, 375-hour program that will begin on June 15. This program will be offered at our CDC Pont-Viau Centre in Laval. The government created this program as an exceptional measure to fill the gap of 10,000 qualified orderlies needed in CHSLDs across Québec. For more information, you can call CDC Pont-Viau at 450 680-3032 extension 4100 or visit their [website](#).

Free Online Workshop for Parents

Our pedagogical services professionals are offering four workshops for parents starting next week. You can visit the news section of our website for more information about these [free workshops](#).

We understand that this is a lot of information to process in a short period of time and that ministerial directives change/evolve regularly. We can assure you that all our school/centre teams are working diligently to provide quality educational services to our students during this extraordinary context. The safety of our students and staff remains our utmost priority.

We continue to appreciate your ongoing collaboration and understanding in these ever-evolving times. Thank you for your patience and resilience.

Should you have any questions, we invite you to contact your school/centre administration.

Stay safe and keep well.



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