

April 12, 2021

## Subject: April 14 Teachers' Strike - Online virtual classes

Dear SWLSB Families,

Following our last communication, we confirm that there will be a strike this Wednesday, April 14, from 12:01 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Teachers across Québec will exercise their right to strike to express their dissatisfaction with the negotiations of their collective agreement with the Government.

The strike will have major repercussions on bus schedules and daycare services. Most of our students are transported by school bus and, in many cases, our school buses must make several trips to a number of schools. There will also be more traffic around schools that morning since picket lines are expected in front of our buildings. In addition, without the supervision required to comply with Public Health directives, schools will not be able to accommodate students.

While we are focusing all our efforts on providing educational services to our students, the health and safety of all our stakeholders represents our main concern.

For all these reasons, on April 14, we will be offering online virtual classes for all Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education students as of 9:45 a.m., as per students' regular schedule for that day. The purpose of this decision is to avoid logistical confusion that could compromise the health and safety of students, staff and families.

Please note that daycare services will not be offered on April 14.

For Vocational Training, classes will resume at 9:45 a.m. in the usual manner and as scheduled for the rest of the day.

Your school / centre will communicate any additional information to you prior to April 14.

We thank you for your understanding in these exceptional times.



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