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## **BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE - JUNE 29, 2020**

Dear parents and guardians,

We are pleased to offer you the first edition of our summer newsletter! During the summer and until the start of the new school year, you will regularly receive the most recent updates from the *Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario* (CEPEO) related to COVID-19 and the reopening of schools. You will be able to get the latest news regarding learning plans, health measures, school transportation and more. Enjoy!

### **Extension of emergency decrees**

The Ontario government announced on June 25 that it is extending the provincial state of emergency until July 15, 2020. For more details, see the [official government release](#).

### **New mathematics curriculum**

There will be some changes to mathematics education next year. The Ministry of Education has announced the release of a new math curriculum for students in grades 1 to 8. The program will be posted on the brand new [Curriculum and Resources website](#), which you can already view. You can also find out more about this announcement by consulting the government [press release](#).

### **EQAO tests**

Unlike in previous years, students in grades 3 and 6 will not participate in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) exams during the 2020-2021 school year. The Ministry of Education wishes to harmonize the tests with the new mathematics curriculum during the coming year. As in previous years, Grade 9 students will take the math tests and Grade 10 students will take the provincial language skills test (OSSLT). It is expected that students who were scheduled to take the OSSLT in 2019-2020, but were unable to do so due to COVID-19, will be able to do so next fall.

### **Report cards**

A communication form for your child's grades (unofficial report card) will be available on the Parent portal as of June 30, pending the official version of the final report card. The same applies to your child's IEP (Individual Education Program) progress report, if they have one. Official report cards and learning reports for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 will be available on the Parent portal starting July 17. You can log on to the Parent portal by clicking on the following link: [parents.cepeo.on.ca](#).

I wish you a great week and a happy Canada Day!

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