

Ottawa, July 9, 2020

SUMMER UPDATE - COVID-19

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful summer days despite the heat.

Please take note of the latest updates announced by the provincial government today:

- Emergency orders have been extended until July 22 ([official press release](#)).
- New measures have been announced to address racism and inequality in schools ([official press release](#)).

Well-being and mental health of students

Additional support for students with mental health issues is available from July 6 to August 31 by appointment, for students experiencing anxiety, depression or suicidal ideation.

Please refer to our [student and parent portal](#) in the Health and well-being sections to access resources.

If you need more urgent support, please refer to [these resources](#) for immediate help.

Back to school survey

A survey will be sent to you soon in order to consult you on your intentions regarding the method of school attendance (attendance at school or virtual learning at home) for the upcoming school year. Rest assured that we will do our utmost to ensure that the school reopening takes place in the best possible conditions for our students, our learners and their families. We will update you throughout the summer.

Bilingualism test

We congratulate all the students who participated in the Bright bilingualism test last spring. Please note that their certificates for passing the test will be sent to them next fall to highlight their success.

Child care service survey

Please note that the Ontario Ministry of Education is seeking parents' comments to improve the requirements under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. You are invited to complete a survey before July 21 on how to improve the child care system.

Please [click here](#) to access it.

I remind you that our teams are mobilized to prepare for the reopening of schools in accordance to the instructions of government and public health authorities.



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I wish you a wonderful time with your loved ones as you continue to enjoy this beautiful summer!

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