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IMPORTANT UPDATE - GRADUAL RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are well. All our teams are currently mobilized and are getting ready to welcome back our students.

We would like to inform you that the Ministry of Education has authorized school boards to take advantage of a gradual return to school during the first week of the school year, in order to ensure a safe return to class for all.

The return to school for students who will be returning in person will be gradual, between September 3 and September 9. Your child's school will contact you by the end of the week to send you the school calendar for this first week.

Details of how the first day of school will work will also be communicated to you by your child's school.

Staggered entry - kindergarten (for elementary schools)

Kindergarten students will enter over a period of two days: half the group on September 8 and the other half on September 9. Both groups will be in class on September 10.

One-on-one meetings for kindergarten and new registrations in senior kindergarten will take place on Thursday, September 3, in virtual format. The groups' school calendar and all details will be sent to the concerned parents by the school administration.

Before-and-after-school programs

We would like to inform you that the before-and-after-school programs plan to resume their services on September 3. More information will be sent to you shortly by your service provider.

Guide to reopening schools

We remind you that you will find many answers to your questions in the [Back to School Guide](#), which is updated regularly. The guide is also available in [English](#).

If you have any questions, we invite you to contact your child's school.

I wish you a great week with your children,

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