

IMPORTANT UPDATE | NEW STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

I wish you a good start to the month of December.

New student support program

The Ontario government has announced the creation of a Student Support Program, aimed at providing financial assistance to families affected by new education expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read it by consulting the official press release.

Public health resources

Public health resources, available on the <u>CEPEO website</u>, also continue to be updated and we encourage you to consult them regularly. You will find among all the resources, tips for maintaining good mental health during the winter. You can read it by consulting the following document.

Virtual student town hall meeting

The first virtual student town hall was held last Monday. Hosted by the *Sénat des élèves*, the event allowed secondary school students to ask questions about the impact of the pandemic to members of the CEPEO leadership team, as well as a representative from Ottawa Public Health. You can watch the event on the <u>CEPEO YouTube channel</u>.

REMINDER - Self-assessment

We remind you of the importance of doing symptom self-assessment each morning for each of your children before they go to school. This is available on the <u>CEPEO website</u>.

I thank you for your cooperation and wish you and your family a happy and safe weekend.

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