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IMPORTANT UPDATE | TEACHING FOR ABSENT STUDENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are doing well. As you know, for a year now, our lives have been turned upside down by COVID-19. On this day following National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of COVID-19, I would like to thank you for your cooperation over the past 12 months. Your commitment, your flexibility and your understanding of the many measures put in place to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff have allowed us to continue to offer caring and safe school environments, in person and in virtual.

Clarification: teaching for absent students

Since the start of the school year, students have had to be absent for various reasons, including instructions from public health units. We would like to remind you that when a student is absent, he receives from his teacher a work plan in asynchronous mode, comparable to lessons and homework, so that he/she can continue their learning at home. Teachers in schools are not allowed to provide in person and virtual teaching at the same time.

Students whose entire class is closed on instructions from a public health office receive a work plan that includes teaching in synchronous mode, that is, online teaching offered in real time by their teacher.

We want to assure you that in both cases, our staff continues to support students by providing them with supported supervision.

Symptoms of COVID-19

We encourage you to visit a COVID-19 testing center if you or your child has one or more symptoms of COVID-19. Screening tests are an important way to fight COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of everyone. You can find a testing center near your home and find out how to take a test by visiting the following site ([follow the link](#)).

REMINDER - Self-assessment

We remind you that you must complete the COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment each morning for each of your children. This is available on your child's school website and on the [CEPEO website](#).

Each student in Grades 9 to 12 must verbally confirm to their teacher that they have completed the self-assessment and that the result indicates they can attend school.

We also thank you for continuing to follow all health and safety measures. This is the best way to protect yourself and others from the virus.

Well-being and mental health

The situation we have been going through for a year now may have had a negative impact on the well-being and mental health of your family. We encourage you to review the resources available on our [website](#). These are regularly updated and are adapted to the current context. There you will find information for you and your children.

I wish you a safe and happy weekend with your family.

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