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IMPORTANT UPDATE: TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURES AND TRANSITION TO VIRTUAL LEARNING

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you and your children are doing well and enjoying Spring Break.

The Ontario government announced today that due to the high number of COVID-19 cases in the province, **all schools will be temporarily closed effective April 19 until further notice**. You can read the government press release by [clicking on this link](#).

During the temporary school closures, your children will not be able to attend school.

Starting Tuesday, April 20, your children will switch to virtual learning. The staff will take the day of April 19 to properly prepare for this transition.

Systemic distinct classes

Some distinct systemic classes will continue face-to-face learning. More details will be communicated shortly to the concerned parents.

P.A.V.É.

The Student Virtual Learning Program (P.A.V.É.) is not affected by these measures. Learning will therefore resume as planned, on April 19, 2021.

Childcare centers and daycare services

CEPEO and partner childcare centers for preschool children (infant, toddler and preschool groups) will remain open.

Before and after school care will be suspended while schools are temporarily closed.

Some CEPEO and partner daycare services will provide emergency services for front-line workers. We will provide you with more details on these services shortly.

IMPORTANT - April 19: preparation for distance learning

Monday, April 19 will be a day dedicated to the preparation of distance learning by school staff. **This means that your children will not have school on April 19 and their absence will not be noted on their report card.** Their teacher will contact you to inform you of how to access the online learning platform on Google.

IMPORTANT - April 20: start of online classes

Virtual classes will begin for all students on Tuesday April 20.

During this period, teaching will continue remotely, in synchronous mode (that is to say in a real-time exchange between the teacher and the students) via the Google Meet platform. Outside of synchronous connection hours, your children will continue their learning activities shared by their teacher asynchronously, like homework and lessons.

Loan of computer equipment

If you need a Chromebook, please complete the form on the [Parent Portal](#) or contact the school, starting April 19.

Mental health and wellness resources

We remind you that CEPEO has put several [health and well-being resources](#) online, which are aimed at both students and their families. We encourage you to consult them.

We are aware that learning at home involves certain challenges in balancing work and family life. Rest assured that our staff is committed to supporting your children's success. We encourage you to contact their teacher with any questions related to the learning plan.

The current circumstances are exceptional and we are confident that with your cooperation we will be able to support your children and their learning well.

We thank you for your cooperation and wish you a pleasant week.

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