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IMPORTANT UPDATE: REMINDER - TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURES AND TRANSITION TO VIRTUAL MODE

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you and your child continue to enjoy Spring Break.

We remind you that all schools will be closed temporarily as of April 19 until further notice and that learning will take place online.

During the school closure period, your child will not be able to attend school in person.

As of Tuesday, April 20, your child will switch to virtual learning mode except for PAVÉ students and certain students registered in distinct classes, who will begin classes on April 19. (see below for details).

REMINDER - April 19: preparation for distance education

Monday, April 19 will be a day devoted to the preparation of distance learning by school staff. **This means that your child will not have school on April 19 and their absence will not be noted on their report card.** Their teacher will contact you on April 19 to share with you instructions for accessing the online learning platform on Google.

REMINDER - 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 child will continue their learning activities shared by their teacher asynchronously, like homework and lessons.

NEW - Grades 9 to 12 students from designated schools

The alternation of cohorts will be temporarily suspended for designated secondary schools for students in grades 9 to 12 (De La Salle, Louis-Riel, Gisèle-Lalonde, Maurice-Lapointe and Omer-Deslauriers). Thus, students will have virtual classes every day, as in non-designated high schools, from April 20 until the return to in-person learning.

REMINDER - Systemic Distinct Classes

Certain systemic distinct classes (TSA, DIL / HD, TSA and DIL, Hybrid classes) will continue in person. This also applies to the day treatment and Respite Transit center programs at Le Transit

school. Classes will start on April 19. Parents and affected staff have received details to this effect.

REMINDER - P.A.V.É.

The Virtual School Learning Program (P.A.V.É) is not affected by these measures. Education for students enrolled in the P.A.V.É. will resume as scheduled on April 19, 2021.

REMINDER - 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 childcare services may offer emergency services for front-line workers. We will provide you with more details about these services, if applicable.

Loan of computer equipment

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

If you are having difficulty with the loaned computer equipment, please submit a support request through this [Google form](#).

Health and wellness resources

The current situation can cause a mix of emotions. We therefore want to assure you that social work services will continue in virtual mode during the temporary school closure. Students and parents who would like to request services should contact a member of their school administration. You can also refer to the Mental Health section of the [CEPEO website](#) for access to additional information and guidance or to [external services](#) depending on your region.

We thank you for your cooperation and wish you a wonderful weekend.

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