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IMPORTANT UPDATE: BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2021-2022

Dear parents and guardians,

On the eve of the first day of school, our teams are looking forward to welcoming our students and beginning an exciting new academic year.

I invite you to watch [this short video](#), where I share with you the pedagogical and human approach that will be privileged in all our schools.



Back-to-school Guide

Please take the time to read the latest updates to our 2021-2022 Back-to-School Guide by [following this link](#). These updates are highlighted in yellow and will help you prepare for the start of the school year.

In particular, you will find recent updates on:

- the self-assessment of symptoms of COVID-19,
- music programs,
- physical education and gymnasiums,
- indoor gatherings, and
- extracurricular activities and field trips.

The Guide is updated regularly, as we follow changes in the health situation and instructions from government and public health authorities.

COVID-19 Symptoms Assessment Tool:

- **NEW - Junior kindergarten-Grade 8 students**

Parents will be required to complete the daily self-assessment every morning for their child before they arrive at school. The updated student self-assessment tool is available on the [CEPEO website](#) and your child's school website. Verbal confirmation that students have completed their daily COVID-19 symptom self-assessment will be requested by classroom teachers each morning.

- **Reminder - Grades 9-12-adults**

Students in grades 9 to 12 will be required to complete the daily self-assessment every morning before they arrive at school. The updated self-assessment tools for students and the one for adult learners are available on the [Council's website](#) and the school's website. Verbal confirmation that students have completed their daily COVID-19 symptoms self-assessment will be requested by classroom teachers each morning.

REMINDER - Masks

Wearing a mask is mandatory for all junior kindergarten to grade 12 students in all CEPEO schools. Wearing a mask is required outdoors for all students if physical distancing is not maintained between cohorts.

In closing, I want to assure you that all CEPEO staff will be present to accompany and reassure your child. We are committed to supporting our students throughout the year so that they can benefit from all the support necessary for their well-being.

I thank you for your trust and I look forward to working with you to ensure your child's school year is filled with caring, learning, success and great opportunities.

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