

Ottawa, September 2, 2021

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE: BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2021-2022**

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope your child enjoys a great start to the new school year. I really enjoyed witnessing some students' arrival in some of our schools. The happiness and enthusiasm of our students, staff and parents was palpable! We are happy to be able to offer your child and his or her peers a caring and safe learning environment, both face-to-face and virtual.

### **Back-to-school guide**

I invite you to read the latest updates to our Main Guide back to school 2021-2022 by [following this link](#).

### **Mandatory vaccination disclosure policy**

The policy of mandatory disclosure of COVID-19 vaccination for all CEPEO employees will be effective by September 7, as required by the Ministry of Education. Employees will be required to inform their employer of their vaccination status. This information will remain confidential and will not be released to the public. Unvaccinated employees should be tested regularly. For more information on this ministerial requirement, [please see this link](#).

### **Ventilation measures**

The Council meets all ministerial school ventilation requirements and will continue to optimize air quality in schools by improving ventilation and filtration. Please consult our website to learn about the ventilation measures we have taken in each of our schools ([Follow the link](#)).

## **REMINDER - COVID-19 Symptom Assessment Tool:**

### **Junior kindergarten-Grade 8 students**

- Parents should complete the daily self-assessment every morning for their children before they arrive at school. The updated student self-assessment tool is available on the [CEPEO website](#) and for your child's school. **This self-assessment should not be sent to school.** Verbal confirmation that students have completed their daily COVID-19 symptom self-assessment will be requested by classroom teachers each morning.

### **Grades 9-12-adults**

- Students in grades 9 to 12 are 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 [CEPEO website](#) and the school's website. **This self-assessment should not be sent to school.**

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### **Virtual public meeting with Ottawa Public Health**

We are pleased to invite you to a virtual town hall on our [YouTube channel](#) with Ottawa Public Health's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Vera Etches and representatives of the Council. The assembly will be held on Wednesday, September 8 at 6 p.m. We invite you to complete [this form](#) to send us your questions. Please note that a limited number of questions will be retained. You have until September 7 at noon to send your questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and let me wish you a great long weekend with your family.

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