

Ottawa, June 6, 2023

OBJET : Impact of forest fires on air quality

Dear parents and guardians,

Earlier today, a special air quality bulletin was issued jointly by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MEPP), due to higher-than-normal levels of air pollution.

Given this situation, we would like to inform you that we have taken a series of measures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff in our schools.

Ventilation

- Portable air filtration units (HEPA) continue to operate at all times when students and staff are present.
- Windows remain closed whenever possible (if the temperature is comfortable).

School outings

- School outings to outdoor locations are cancelled until the situation improves.

Outdoor activities

- Outdoor activities (BBQs, country parties, etc.), including recess, are cancelled.
- Staff and students are encouraged to remain inside the school during the day.

Gymnasium activities

- Intensive physical activities in gymnasiums are limited, and educational activities (health classes) are preferred.

Activities at the école secondaire publique Louis-Riel dome

- All sports activities and rentals in the Louis Riel dome are canceled.

Sports competitions

- Sports competitions organized by the NCSSAA have, for the time being, been postponed until tomorrow.
- The decision to maintain OFSAA sports competitions will be communicated at a later date.

Decisions concerning activities taking place over the next few days will be made as the situation evolves.

Rest assured that we are taking the situation seriously and will continue to keep you informed as it evolves. The health and safety of our students remains our priority.

I thank you for your usual cooperation and wish you a pleasant week.

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