

March 30, 2020

## Memorandum: Covid-19 Update for Students and Parents

Dear WQSB students and parents,

As you are aware the COVID-19 pandemic has required unprecedented actions by our government including the closing of schools and centres. Our school board will continue to follow directives issued to us by the Ministry of Education; please see the list of updates below.

- March 13, 2020: Premier Legault mandated the closure of schools and centres for a two-week period, ending on March 27<sup>th</sup>
- March 21, 2020: Premier Legault extended the school and centre closure period until May 1, 2020
- Other directives include:
  - All Ministry of Education year-end exams are cancelled; it is important to note that the school year is not compromised, as the Ministry will be sending further directives and clarification regarding year-end evaluation of students for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - Beginning today, March 30, 2020, the Ministry of Education is providing a series of **optional educational activities** for students and parents via an on-line platform. You can access the **Open School** website at <https://ecoleouverte.ca/en/>
  - Beginning April 6, 2020, the Ministry of Education will provide school boards and schools with **optional weekly activities** targeted to each grade level. You will receive updates on how to access these optional activities as they are provided to us by the Ministry.
  - The WQSB senior administration team is working collaboratively with the in-school administrators to develop a pedagogical communications plan; please expect to receive updated information within a week.
  - As per Ministry of Education directives, schools and centres remain closed to the public.
- Finally, I have also posted a letter (in both English and French) from our Minister of Education, Mr. Jean-François Roberge, which was issued earlier today.

Please do not hesitate to forward your questions to [WQQuestions@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:WQQuestions@wqsb.qc.ca)

Sincerely,



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