

April 2, 2020

WQSB Staff

We hope you are safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the latest directive we received from Jean-Francois Roberge, Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur April 2, 2020. As you know the situation is evolving day to day requiring us to adapt to new ministry directives.

The latest directive requires that school personnel, including all teachers, work together to provide support to our students during the closures. This includes contributing to supporting the pedagogical activities for students, weekly follow ups with students, and communication with parents.

What does this mean ?

- Beginning April 6 the ministry will provide school boards with a kit containing pedagogical activities for the week. These will be for each grade level and will focus on the required subjects in the Basic School Regulations.
- Each week the school board will send the appropriate kits to school principals who will then forward them to teachers.
- Teachers will be required to adjust the activities to their learners and make them available to parents and students. How these are forwarded to parents and students is a school decision. Emails may be used however other means may have to be considered.
- **While the activities can be used to consolidate previous learning, none of these activities are to be used for evaluation purposes.**
- **All activities are optional for students.**
- The ministry asks that as much as possible weekly follow-ups be made with all students.
- Given the context of secondary schools (students have many teachers), secondary school staff, teachers and support alike, will contact (phone, email etc.) assigned students. The principal will determine how this is best organized.
- Professionals and support staff are also asked to communicate with parents of students they had been working with prior to the closures, and this, on a continuous basis.
- All support will be provided from a distance, as all schools and centres remain closed and we must respect public health and government directives.

We recognize that elements of this directive may be stressful for some, but we assure you that we will provide support and guidance in carrying out the directive. We will do our best to ensure that the requested contributions are not onerous for anyone and we will be flexible in our expectations, taking into account individual situations. If you are unable to meet the requirements of the directive (personal situation, lack of access to technology etc.) please contact your principal.

Our pedagogical consultants, RECIT, IT consultants, and Complementary Services consultants are available to provide support.

As always, your principal will guide and support you and will ensure that we are respecting the ministry and board directives.

It is important to note that at this time the ministry directive applies specifically to the youth sector. We have been advised that we will receive directives regarding Adult General Education and Vocational Training next week. Centre directors will be reaching out to staff and students once we have clear direction from the ministry.

Once again, we appreciate your commitment and professionalism. Our collective strength and collaborative efforts will ensure that our community is well supported during this crisis.



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