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Dear Parents,

We are communicating with you today with some important reminders, and an update on the Ministry's educational activities packages as referred to by the Education Minister in his last letter to parents.

Access to schools and Centres:

We want to remind everyone that access to all schools and centres is still prohibited, on order from the *Direction de la Santé Publique* (DSPu). Unfortunately, parents and students are not able to recuperate any belongings or school materials that were left at school. In our last letter we mentioned that this order was only for the Estrie area but, the DSPu has since restricted access to all schools across the province. We understand the inconveniences caused by this, but we must follow the DSPu's orders.

ETSB Home Learning Website:

Don't forget to visit the [ETSB Home Learning Website](#) for activities that you can do with your child or they can do on their own, as well as the daily challenge!

MEES Educational Activities packages:

As was mentioned in the Minister's letter of March 31st, we have just received the first educational activities package. Please remember, as was clearly stated by the Minister, these educational activities are voluntary, not mandatory and will not be graded. We do want to create any more stress and by no means should parents feel that they must take on the role of their child's teacher.

We are now looking at the best means to distribute this material, to all families and students. We realize that many will be able to access this information through emails and online but, some of our families do not have adequate internet access or none at all, and not everyone has the tools at their disposal. As well we want to be sure that the materials provided are aligned with our schools and teaching methodologies.

We also want to thank all of you, our parents, for your understanding and collaboration. We realize that this situation is stressful and brings different challenges for every family. We cannot stress enough that the most important thing right now is to try and stay safe and healthy.

We also wanted to take this opportunity, to thank and recognize the many teachers, support staff, professionals, head office personnel and administrators that are doing their best under very difficult circumstances to stay in touch with students and keep our essential services running. The current situation we are living is unprecedented and will require all of us, parents, students, and our personnel to work together to support each other.

As always, the safety, security and well-being of all our students is our first priority. Please follow the recommendations and stay safe.

Regards,



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