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TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Dear parents:

As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to take a moment to thank you for all the effort you have dedicated to your children since March 13.

Since that date, the school network has worked tirelessly to provide as many services as possible, within the guidelines of the public health authorities. Despite this, I know that the situation has not been easy, especially for parents of students whose schools remained closed and parents of students with learning difficulties. Nevertheless, you have been an essential part of your children's continued learning.

The current evolution of the pandemic provides some encouraging news. We are now able to anticipate a new school year that is a little closer to normal, and I would like to share with you the orientations that will guide the return to school for 2020-2021. These orientations, which concern the health and well-being of your children, as well as their educational success, take into consideration that each school community has unique characteristics and are based on the recommendations of the public health authorities.

The main points of these orientations are summarized in the document accompanying this letter.

I am aware that the 2020-2021 school year may present certain adjustment difficulties. I am convinced, however, that with your support and the involvement of school staff we will be able to draw on the lessons of the past few months to provide students with a new kind of back-to-school experience, as well as the chance to reunite, innovate and succeed.

I hope that you are able to take a well-deserved break over the summer and to spend time with your friends and family.

Sincerely,

Jean-François Roberge

Minister of Education and Higher Education