

ETSB Connections

Newsletter



*September 25th is a
Pedagogical day!*

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School Elections – November 1st The ETSB retains a Council of Commissioners

With the recent decision by the Court of Appeal to uphold the stay on the application of Bill 40 for all English School Boards, school elections are therefore expected to take place on **November 1st** 2020 under the current system (Council of Commissioners).

The following positions are therefore open:

- Chair (1 position)
- Commissioners (11 positions)

Interested in becoming a candidate? Nomination papers must be submitted between **September 22 and 27**, 2020
For more information, click on the link below.

School Elections November 1st
<http://www.etsb.qc.ca/school-elections-2020/>

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Keeping in Touch

Over the last few years the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has been working to improve communication with parents, employees and the communities it serves.

The move towards electronic communication tools (MOZAÏK parent portal) has enabled us to reach parents in a timelier manner and group together much of the information parents need when it comes to their child's education.

With the current pandemic, it is more important than ever to be able to receive email messages from the school board and your child's school.

Therefore, if you have not already, please be sure to provide your school with a valid email address. You can contact the school secretary for more information.



Employment Opportunities

The Eastern Townships School Board is currently seeking qualified people to fill positions throughout our organization. We are looking for supply teachers, Special Education Technicians, Handicapped Student Attendants, maintenance staff and bus drivers.

If you know someone who is looking for a career in education, either full or part time, please visit our [website](#) and send your application/cv to hr@etsb.qc.ca.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Parents of Students with Special Needs The Special Education Advisory Committee Needs You!

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the school board on its organization of services for students with special needs, educates parents as well as encourages them to become involved in their child's school experience.

Parents of students with special needs constitute the majority of members on this committee. Other members represent the various professional, teacher, and support staff groups in the ETSB.

The committee allows you to meet and talk with others who have the interest of children with special needs at heart. The committee meets five times per year. Normally meetings will take place in Magog from 7pm to 9pm and mileage is covered. In the current COVID context, in order to respect social distancing measures, meetings will take place online.

We are looking for one parent representative from each elementary and secondary school. Applicants will be considered on a first come first serve basis.

If this committee interests you, please fill out this [Google Form](#) by **Monday, October 5th**.

Our first meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm.

Emmanuelle Gaudet
Director of Complementary Educational Services



Temporary Bus Passes

In previous years, we have been able to offer temporary bus passes to students for one-time changes to their transportation. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is not possible to accommodate these requests, and, as a result, no temporary bus passes will be issued during the 2020-2021 school year. We thank you for your understanding during this health crisis.

Special Pedagogical Projects, Extracurricular Activities (ECA) and Optional Courses

On September 11th the Ministry of Education announced that schools could offer certain activities, such as ECAs, sports and arts, and some options courses necessary for CEGEP entrance, allowing students to be associated with more than one class grouping. All of these softening of the restrictions must still follow *Santé publique* guidelines and can be cancelled if a region was to go into an orange/red zone.

This offer of service must be based on putting students' safety first and providing the academics for success overall. As each school is unique, the decision on whether or not to offer ECAs and option courses is a school-based decision made in collaboration with the Governing Board.

CHILDREN AND COVID-19

STAY ALERT TO KEEP THE VIRUS FROM SPREADING

If your child shows symptoms on this list, it is recommended that they stay home and avoid contact with other people. After **24 hours**, re-evaluate the situation to see if there is any change in their symptoms.

Before sending your child back to their educational childcare centre or school (including school daycare), please use the **self-assessment tool** available on Québec.ca/decisioncovid19 or call **1-877-644-4545** and follow the guidelines provided to see if your child must be tested, or if they can return to school, school daycare or educational childcare centre.

			
<p>Fever</p> <p>Children ages 5 and under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rectal temperature of 38.5°C (101.3°F) or higher <p>Children ages 6 and older:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oral temperature of 38.1°C (100.6°F) or higher 	<p>General symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sudden loss of sense of smell without nasal congestion, with or without a loss of taste ▪ Major fatigue ▪ Significant loss of appetite ▪ General muscle pain (not related to physical exertion) 	<p>Respiratory symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cough (new or worse) ▪ Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing ▪ Sore throat ▪ Runny or stuffy nose 	<p>Gastrointestinal symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nausea ▪ Vomiting ▪ Diarrhea ▪ Stomach aches

Do not send your child to school, school daycare or educational childcare centre if:

- you have received instructions from your public health authorities to self-isolate at home (your child and the people they have been in contact with)
- there is a chance that your child is infected, or you think they have been in contact with someone who has COVID 19
- you are in quarantine following travel outside Canada

Provided they do not have COVID-19, individuals (children and adults) with viral symptoms (e.g. fever, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, cold, flu, gastroenteritis) may resume their regular activities when each of the following conditions has been met:

- they have gone 48 hours without a fever (without taking medication)
- AND**
- 24 hours have passed after a significant reduction of their other symptoms



For a printable version of this poster to keep on hand [please click here](#)
You can access the self-assessment tool on the Quebec.ca website

Adult Education



The services of the Eastern Townships Adult General Education (ETAGE) sector has combined its services to better meet the needs of its students and potential students across its territory. By having excellent and qualified teachers offering courses at both the western territory's Brome-Missisquoi campus and the eastern territory's New Horizons campus, all Adult General Education needs can be met. It is the belief that the Eastern Townships School Board's Adult General Education exists to serve our communities where they are and in a way that best meets their needs.

In person courses as well as Distance Education offered through both campuses allows for students to opt for learning platforms that match their schedules and learning styles. The ETAGE has also recently launched online French and English classes at various levels allowing students to enjoy the 'face to face' classroom experience from the comfort of their homes. This project responds to a growing need of our clientele across the Eastern Townships territory.

Essentially, if there are individuals 16 years and older looking to complete their high school education, complete pre-requisite courses, or find courses to suit their needs and interests, ETAGE is here to serve them. We have counselors ready to meet with potential students and to assess their needs and help them design a plan toward their academic success.

The Eastern Townships Adult Education sector also includes Job Links, a *Services Québec* funded organization serving Adults in the Estrie region. This service accompanies and supports adults through the job search process. In a changing world with various needs, the counselors and professionals of Job Links are a true employment partner offering meaningful support towards the goal of securing a meaningful career.

Call one of our campuses today to get more information and to see how you can pursue your dreams, no matter where you are or what your individual goals may be.

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Vocational Training

ONLINE TRAINING

PROGRAMS
 SECRETARIAL STUDIES
 PROFESSIONAL SALES
 ACCOUNTING
 SALES REPRESENTATION
 STARTING A BUSINESS



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 SEVERAL ENTRY DATES

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819 563.JOBS | lvtc.ca
 1700 College, Sherbrooke

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HIGH-PRESSURE WELDING
 ATTESTATION OF VOCATIONAL SPECIALIZATION (AVS)



BILINGUAL
Environment!
 2 DAYS PER WEEK

- Starting date: Monday, November 2nd, 2020
- Cost: \$260 (including the test: "Certificat en soudage sur appareils sous pression, classe A")
- Duration: 600 hours

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The Eastern Townships School Board offers a large array of vocational training programs in the Sherbrooke and Cowansville areas.

For more information visit their websites.

[LVTC-Sherbrooke](#)

[CBM-Cowansville](#)