



October 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you know, a lot of preparation and hard work went into planning the successful first few weeks of this new school year. We are very pleased to report that, at the time of writing this message, the ETSB has not had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in any of its schools or centres.

This can be attributed to the support of parents and students in following the measures and the efforts that our personnel have and continue to make to keep our schools and centres safe for our students.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen that the second wave of the pandemic has taken root in Quebec. Last month the province brought in a [colour-coding system](#), that shows which areas of the province are the most affected by COVID-19. Earlier this week, the Minister of Education announced new and stricter measures for those schools that are located in red zones only. **Fortunately, the Estrie region, which covers all but one of our schools, remains in the [intermediate ORANGE zone](#).**

Although 2020 was far from a normal back to school, we want to reassure you that we are continuing to put your child's safety and security at the forefront and, as always, prioritizing their well-being and educational success.

We hope that, even though the current measures may not allow you to gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving holiday, you do take time to enjoy the long weekend and all that we can be thankful for.

Once again, thank you for your support and together we will get through this.

Michel Soucy

Director General

Michael Murray

Chairman