

November 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, Premier François Legault and Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge, announced the exceptional measures for the holiday season, and we would like to share what this represents for us at the Eastern Townships School Board.

For our elementary students:

- December 17, 18, 21, 22 are online learning school days for all students
- "Emergency Daycares" will be open during those four days - this service is for children of parents who work in essential services
- January 7 all students return to school as per our ETSB calendar

For our high school students:

- December 17, 18, 21, 22 are online learning school days for all students
- January 7, 8 are online learning school days for all students

For our students in the adult sector (adult education and vocational training):

- December 17 - January 8, inclusively, students will be distance learning
- Stages can be maintained

You will receive more details from your child's school concerning the above measures.

We realize that the government's decision to take advantage of the holiday break to reduce the number of days that students are present at school or in centres may bring some challenges. However, it is important to keep in mind that these measures are being implemented to allow us to have the opportunity to see family, friends, and loved ones during the holidays. By having these additional virtual learning days to limit physical contacts a week before and after Christmas (two periods of voluntary "self-isolation"), we will all play a role in limiting the transmission of the virus.

As always, we want to thank you for your patience, understanding and, most importantly, your collaboration.

Regards,



Michael Murray, Chairman



Michel Soucy, Director General