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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the summer sunshine. Our schools were ready to welcome students back, vocational trade centres paused briefly, and adult general education continued to support learners all summer. No matter the setting, our commitment remains the same: to create learning opportunities that support both students and their families.

Building on that commitment, we are pleased to welcome back Hannah Beach for another parent session - date and content will follow soon. Once details are available, I encourage you to attend in high numbers.

I also recognize that transportation challenges with our electric buses have not been easy for many of you this past week. Thank you for your patience and understanding when routes were disrupted, and a special word of appreciation goes to our Transportation Team for their efforts to minimize the number of families impacted. Safety always comes first, and, as every fall, students will practice bus evacuations to prepare for any eventuality.



We are grateful for your involvement

in General Assemblies, Open Houses and committees such as Governing Boards, Parent Participation Organizations (PPO) and the Central Parents' Committee. Later this fall, please keep a lookout for our Governing Board training to support your important work. Just as importantly, we deeply appreciate your ongoing support of our ETSB staff, whose dedication ensures the best possible learning environment for your children and teenagers.

Moving ahead. Together.

As Canadian psychologist Jody Carrington reminds us:

> "We are wired to do hard things, but we're not wired to do them alone."

Listening to one another, even when we see things differently, helps us find common ground - for the benefit of our students.



Thank you for placing your trust in the ETSB for your child or teenager's learning journey. We wish you and your family a fabulous 2025–2026 school year.

Your Director General,

Kandy Mackey

COBALT TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

- An effective and reliable way to receive our emergency alerts.
- Starting in October, option to receive notifications for bus cancellations and major delays. INFO to COME
- To change your number or register for the service, please contact your school's office.

We hope you all had a great summer!

We invite you to discover below, an article well worth reading anytime of year. 😉

Today's kids spend more time on screens and in highly structured activities—and far less in unstructured, outdoor play.

In Maclean's, **Let the Kids Play This Summer**, Hannah Beach reminds us that free play isn't just fun, it's essential for building **confidence**, **resilience**, and **self-control.**



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Townships Young Voices 2026 Arts and Writing Competition

The Townships Young Voices competition is now open! Twenty prizes totaling $3,000 are available to be won. People ages 11-29 who reside in the Eastern Townships can enter their work in the categories of: art, photography, poetry, fiction and nonfiction writing. Winning pieces will be published in a special 2026 issue of the Townships Sun magazine. **Access** the poster

More Prizes & New Theme!

For the first time ever, prizes will be given to finalists in two separate age groups (11-17 and 18-29).

This year's theme is:

An aspect of Eastern Townships life, past or present, that you think will be of heritage interest 50 years from now, and/or your own family heritage, perhaps based on a family photo(s).

"*Family heritage includes people from every cultural background (English-speaking, French-speaking, or otherwise) within or beyond the Townships*," says Rachel Garber, editor of the Townships Sun.

Building Bridges through Creativity

This year, with the support of the **SHARE** program of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) and Canadian Heritage, the competition strongly encourages English-language learners to exercise their creativity in English alongside anglophone participants.
Deadline: **January 31, 2026** | **Entry form**

If you have any questions:

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Website



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Parents

- Presentations and resources to help families support learning at home.

Students

- Interactive virtual workshops designed to build skills and confidence.
- Tools and strategies students can use both in class and at home.



Continuing Education

Learning knows no limits...

- YES - Even for you!



Here's a reminder of the wide range of continuing education services available for anyone aged 16 and over. Delivered by experienced professionals at our centres in Cowansville and Sherbrooke (+ Lennoxville), our training pathways offer flexible learning options designed to meet diverse needs and goals.

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Through our **Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC)** services, you can obtain official recognition (diploma or certification) for competencies already acquired on the job or through life experience. It's the right opportunity to refresh some of your skills.

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Here are a few options to explore:

High School Diploma

Vocational training programs

20 + programs available

Health, administration, heavy trades, construction, beauty care, food services and more.

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Pre-work & Semi-Skill Program

Socio-vocational integration

135 + job occupations available

SVI Program supporting workplace integration.

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Students with special needs (CASP Program)

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE INFO SESSION

Monday, October 20th
7:00 PM

Details

Registration



We look forward to **SHARING** all the details about the program in this **BILINGUAL** and **ENRICHING** session. Discover its **BENEFITS** firsthand through the **EXPERIENCES** of our **HOST FAMILIES!**

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Look out for the next edition in December!

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