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Welcome to a New School Year

Dear ETSB Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful summer with your children and found time to enjoy the slower pace, make memories together, and perhaps recharge for the year ahead.

Over the past few weeks, our ETSB staff have been busy preparing to welcome your children back. Classrooms have been readied, plans have been made, and countless details have been taken care of – all with one shared goal: creating a positive start to a new school year.

With every new school year comes new opportunities, new experiences, new relationships, and, of course, new opportunities for growth. As I prepared for the year ahead, I also took some time this summer to reflect on our organization and on what makes ETSB special.

One question I asked our Management team – and then our staff – was: Why ETSB? Why do we choose to be part of this school board?

I thought I would ask you the same question: **Why do you choose ETSB for your child?**

I would truly appreciate two minutes of your time to share what led you to choose ETSB and what keeps you choosing us. Your thoughts will help us better understand what matters most to the families we serve.

Fill Out the Google Form

For me, the answer to Why ETSB? has evolved over the years, but it has always been rooted in a strong sense of belonging. I chose ETSB first as a student (well, my parents made that choice), then as a parent, and ultimately as the place where I have built my career. My reasons are many. We know our communities. We believe in working together. We embrace our bilingual context. We believe every learner can grow. And, most importantly, we are people-centred.

I am proud of who we are as a school board and of the people who come together each day to support our students. We continually listen, learn, adapt, and work to respond to the needs of every learner as thoughtfully and effectively as we can. There is always more to learn and always room to grow - and that is part of what makes our work so meaningful.

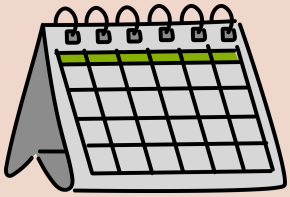
What I know for certain is that we care deeply for our students. We care about their learning, their wellbeing, their sense of belonging, and their future. We are grateful for the trust you place in us each day and thank you for choosing ETSB.

Once again, welcome back to all our ETSB families, and a very special welcome to those joining our school board for the first time. We are so happy to have you as part of our ETSB family.

Here's to a wonderful 2026–2027 school year filled with opportunities to learn, grow, connect, and create lasting memories.

Your Director General,

Kandy Mackey



School/Centre Calendar Update

Take note of the upcoming calendar change due to the provincial election polling day:

- **October 5, 2026 - Pedagogical Day:** No regular classes or services will be running on this day.
- **May 25, 2027 - Regular School/Centre Day:** All classes and services will proceed on this date to replace October 5th.

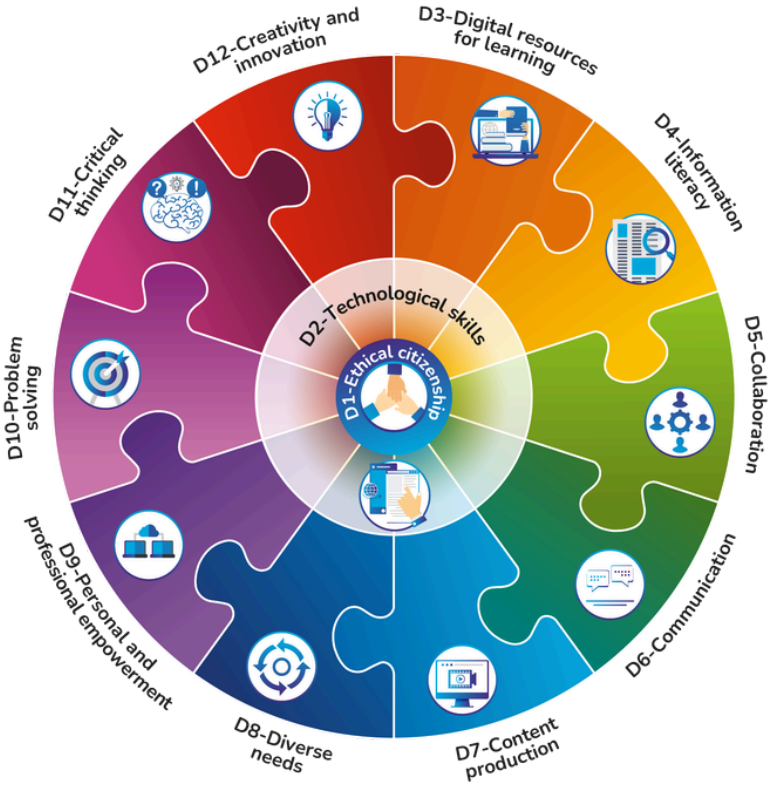
Please update your personal calendars accordingly! Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we accommodate polling day.

Updated Digital Competency Framework

The Ministry of Education has released an updated Digital Competency Framework for 2026.

The revised framework builds on the 2019 version while responding to current educational needs and developments in digital technology, including artificial intelligence. It maintains the 12 dimensions while adding clearer guidance, updated examples, and a stronger focus on ethical, critical, responsible, and inclusive digital practices.

Consult the Updated Framework





Google Vids

Did you notice that Google Vids is now available within our Google Workspace for Education suite for both staff and students?

Create engaging videos using templates, media libraries, voiceovers, screen recordings, and easy editing tools. Best of all, Vids is built for collaboration—students and staff can co-create, comment, edit together, and share projects just like they do in Google Docs and Slides.

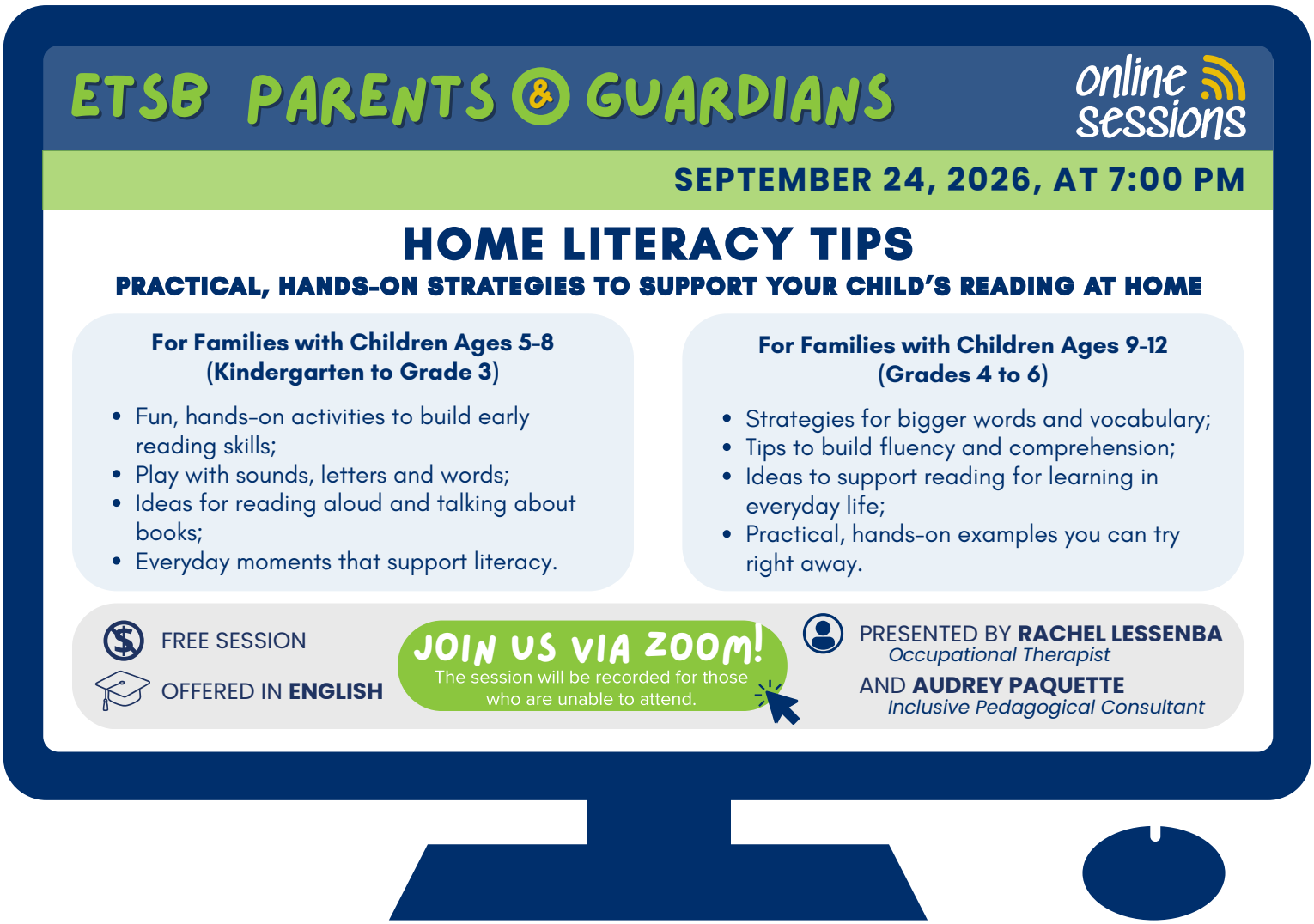
Watch an Intro to Google Vids

Online Parent Session "Home Literacy Tips: Practical, Hands-On Strategies to Support Your Child's Reading at Home"

Join us on September 24th, for our online parent session "Home Literacy Tips: Practical, Hands-on Strategies to Support Your Child's Reading at Home," presented by Rachel Lessenba (occupational therapist) and Audrey Paquette (inclusive pedagogical consultant).

Register Here

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the details to join the session.



Register to Cobalt's Text Message Service for Transportation

Once again this year, we are offering text messaging alerts via Cobalt for School Transportation. As of October 5, 2026, you will be able to receive timely notifications regarding bus cancellations and delays.

This service is available for the following schools:

- A.D.S. Elementary School
- Ayer's Cliff Elementary School
- Cookshire Elementary School
- Drummondville Elementary School
- Lennoxville Elementary School
- North Hatley Elementary School
- Pope Memorial Elementary School
- Princess Elizabeth Elementary School
- Sawyerville Elementary School
- Sherbrooke Elementary School
- St. Francis Elementary School
- Sunnyside Elementary School
- Alexander Galt Regional High School
- Richmond Regional High School



COBALT

To access this service, you must complete the following registration form. When completing the form, you will be asked to enter the following identification code: **G482**

Register to the Service

You may select your child's **morning** and **afternoon** bus routes for which you wish to receive notifications. For example, select routes R-13 in the morning and R-19 in the afternoon to receive alerts related to those specific routes.

If you need to update your information during the year (new address, change in bus route), please complete a new form using the **same email address and phone number**. Your previous submission will automatically be replaced with the updated one. You may also unsubscribe at any time using the same form.

For all the other schools, you can find all the necessary information regarding school transportation using the following links:

Documents et forms

List of bus delays

Join Us for Our High Schools' Open House Events!

THURSDAY
September 24th
5:00 to 8:00 PM

1700, rue College, Sherbrooke (Québec) J1M 1Z9

ALEXANDER GALT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



THURSDAY
October 22nd
5:00 to 7:00 PM

375, rue Armstrong, Richmond (Québec) J0B 2H0

RICHMOND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



TUESDAY
November 5th
5:30 to 7:30 PM

224, rue Mercier, Cowansville (Québec) J2K 5C3

MASSEY-VANIER HIGH SCHOOL



Invitation: Open House at CBM (September 24th)

It is with great pleasure that the Campus Brome-Missisquoi (CBM) team invites you to attend our Open House, a must-attend event to discover the excellence of vocational training in our region.

On this occasion, we're opening our doors wide to give you a behind-the-scenes look, explore our facilities, and hear about our students' inspiring journeys. Many delicious treats await you!

Key details:

- **When:** Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Where:** Campus Brome-Missisquoi 180, rue Adélard-Godbout, Cowansville

Tour our hands-on learning spaces, meet our staff and dedicated community partners, and discover the full range of our training programs, something for everyone!

We would be honored to have you join us for this evening. Don't forget to bring a friend or a neighbour!

Thank your for confirming your attendance!

Confirm Your Attendance



A Network of Resources to Discover

Connecting Our Schools/Centres to the Community (CLC)

Serving nineteen schools/centres across six multi-site models, our Community Learning Centres (CLCs) are hubs formed with local partnerships to deliver tailored educational, social, and recreational programming that strengthens both student achievement and overall community vitality.



Siu-Min Jim
RRHS & LVTC



Isabelle Lodge
ADS & St. Francis



Marie-Andrée Lafrance
Mansonville & PEES



Marie-Pierre Germain
Sunnyside & ETAGE



Krista Steiche
Butler, Farnham & Knowlton



Cindy Elston
Heroes, Waterloo & CBM



Jenny Ménard
Pope & Sawyerville



Anne-Marie Allaire
Cookshire & AGRHS

Get More Information from Your Local Community Development Agent (CDA)

Transform Your Experience in a Diploma (RAC)

The Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC) service allows adults learners to obtain an official Ministry of Education diploma, meet admission prerequisites, or earn high school equivalency credits by evaluating and validating the skills gained through their previous work and life experience.

Contact Our RAC Team



Tanya Grapes
LVTC



Barbra Plouffe
CBM

A Network of Resources to Discover (continued)

Support for Returning to School (SARCA)

The SARCA team provides free year-round guidance, resource navigation, and personalized counseling to adult learners to help them plan their educational path, obtain credit for past experience, secure financial aid, and reach their career goals.



Annick Carriere
LVTC
Contact



Stefanie Perreault
CBM - Vocational Training
Contact



Mitchell Lachance
ETAGE - Sherbrooke
Contact



Lyanne Choquette
ETAGE - Cowansville
Contact



Melanie Thompson



Anabel Racicot

Contact Our Agents

Promoting Lifelong Learning & upSKILLS

The upSKILLS program is a new addition to our lifelong learning services for adults. Short, in-demand training sessions offered in English will be available to support the workers and job seekers of Estrie in updating their skills. The project is done in collaboration with the Townshippers' Association and will continue until March 2029. To learn more about this project and other training opportunities, please contact our development agents.

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