

November 17, 2020

Subject: Information to parents - Update #8

Dear SWLSB Families,

We hope everyone is doing well and keeping warm as we all prepare for the winter season. You will find below information on various topics. We also wish to remind you to keep visiting our <u>school board website</u> for regular updates.

## **School Elections Update**

The Ministry of Education (MEQ) has informed all anglophone school boards that school elections initially scheduled for November 1, 2020, will now be taking place in December 2020. A notice of elections will be published this coming Saturday and will include information about voting by mail and the category of people it applies to. In the meantime, here are two dates to keep in mind:

- December 13: advanced poll
- December 20: polling day

Other dates may be added. A letter from our returning officer will be sent shortly with more details, and information will be posted on our <u>website</u>.

## **Ventilation Systems**

More recently, school ventilation has been a main focus in the media. Rest assured that the safety and security of our students and employees is a top priority for us. You will find below some information on this topic that we shared with the public at last week's Council of Commissioners meeting which was <u>livestreamed</u> on our website:

- We continue to respect all government standards and will adapt quickly should these evolve or be modified.
- The recent funds received by the MEQ for additional maintenance and cleaning of our schools' ventilation systems will all be used this school year.
- In preparing for the current school year, the Material Resources Department ensured all building ventilation systems were fully operational.
- We invested in the upgrade of our filters and are using filters above the norms.
- We are in the process of thoroughly analyzing the feasibility of installing air purifiers and the requirements involved, as there are many factors to take into consideration.

We will continue to keep our stakeholders informed through our various means of communication.

## Evaluation of Learning

The MEQ recently sent to all parents a document entitled <u>Evaluation of Learning 2020-2021</u> regarding this year's report cards. Please take a moment to read this document carefully.

## Laurier News Bulletin

We are proud to share with you the second edition of our <u>Laurier News</u> bulletin. Thank you to the students and staff who helped make this production possible.

Should you have any questions, we invite you to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your continued collaboration.

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