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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2020 : OUR PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL START**

Dear parents and students,

Last week, the Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge, clarified and enhanced certain aspects of the back-to-school 2020 plan, for all elementary and secondary schools in Québec. These clarifications gave us the opportunity to finalize the plans outlined last July by the school's management team. At the dawn of the new school year, I am submitting this plan, which focuses on the safety of children and staff while maintaining the distinctive character of Bourget's educational services.

Before going into the details of this plan, I would like to begin by thanking you for the support and teamwork you provided during the pandemic last spring. Our distance learning presented many challenges that we were able to overcome. The return of the primary sector was a huge success and allowed us to perfect our procedures for implementing health regulations. The whole team did an extraordinary job. However, without your trust and support we would not have been able to do it.

Listed here are the actions put in motion for the coming months. Joined you will also find the ABCs of a successful back-to-school season as well as a chart summarizing all the details.


- Wearing the mask is mandatory for **all** elementary and secondary students, except for preschoolers.
- Hand washing and frequent disinfection are also mandatory.
- Students' entrances have been increased and appropriated in the different pavilions.
- All subjects will be taught within that same stable group. Teachers will move between rooms according to the subject they are teaching, whereas students will remain in the same room.
- Disinfection between each period from shared spaces used by more than one group.
- Distancing of 1 m from student in stable class groups.
- Distancing of 2 m from school staff members.

- The configuration of the common areas has been modified (cafeteria, library, etc.) to respect distancing and disinfection measures.
- Frequent and regular cleaning and disinfection of common areas and bathrooms will be assured by maintenance staff.
- Compliance with the sanitary measures set out by the CNESST.
- Limiting the presence of parents and visitors on campus.
- As of today, no spectators will be allowed at sport events.

Back-to-school 2020 will be like the last few months. We will have to adapt, exercise our imagination and creativity to give all our students the chance to make the most of what we can offer. Rest assured that the plan implemented by the school will allow a successful start to the new school year but also a safe one. Zero risk clearly does not exist, but we will be clear, and we will communicate with you on a regular basis to make this school year the very best.

On behalf of all the staff at Collège Bourget, I wish you an excellent back-to-school despite the current exceptional circumstances.

Best regards,



*Philippe Bertrand*  
Directeur général