

President's Message

May 11, 2020

Ministry Updates

Last week, the ministry released a [memo updating continuity of learning](#) during the school closure period. It addresses the desire for more synchronous learning, access to technology, professional development, summer learning and communicating with parents. The government has also [approved an emergency order](#) that would enable school board employees to be redeployed, voluntarily, to help out in hospitals long-term care homes, retirement homes and women's shelters while the pandemic continues. Finally, we are expecting an announcement this week about the date for school re-openings.

Twitter Chat

Our next Twitter chat will take place this **Thursday May 14, from 8:00 – 9:00 pm EST**. The topic will be Maintaining Wellness and Well-being During Challenging Times. To take part, sign into Twitter at 8:00 pm, enter #OPCchat in the search Twitter box in the upper right corner, introduce yourself once the moderator joins and include #OPCchat with all your comments. We hope you can join us!

Just in Time Professional Learning

We are continuing to bring you [Just in Time Professional Learning](#). Moving forward, our Friday sessions will be dedicated to reading an article and then discussing the content as a group. These sessions will be facilitated by Nadine Trépanier-Bisson, Director of Professional Learning. We understand how busy you are and will provide time at the beginning of the session to read the article. We also have just released additional [book clubs](#) if you are interested in taking part.

People for Education Report

Last week, People for Education released a report about [technology in schools](#). It looks at the need for future-ready skills, access to technology, online learning, devices in schools, internet connectivity, supporting STEM education and recommendations for making schools future-ready. The report is based on responses from principals, so you may be interested in the results.

Media

- [Government still working on plan for rest of school year](#)
- [What the new normal might look like in Quebec schools](#)
- [Quebec Premier impatient with delayed re-opening of schools](#)
- [Colleges and universities prepare to take classes online for fall](#)
- [Students will need additional emotional support when classes resume](#)

- [Parents noticing a change in their children's behaviour as a result of pandemic](#)
- [P4E study shows inequity of online learning](#)
- [Students need more live, virtual time with their class](#)
- [As schools re-open, what role do children play in spread of virus?](#)

Queen's Park

The House has been adjourned until May 12.