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November 20th, 2020

Dear Parents,

There have been numerous changes and adaptations that the school system has been required to undergo during this exceptional school year. These changes and adaptations, combined with the more sustained use of techno-pedagogical tools and the postponement of the first report card have given rise to an increased need for planning and for training of school staff, especially in the case of all those working in a “red zone”.

Therefore, to promote conditions conducive to the deployment of distance education services, which have now become part of the education landscape in Québec, to facilitate the sharing of best practices, and to enable school teams to better plan for the months ahead, the Basic school regulation (BSR) has been amended. This amendment adds three training and planning days (Ped days) to the calendar of all institutions offering preschool education, elementary education or secondary education (general education in the youth sector), regardless of the alert level in the zone where they are located. This new measure will also help teams refine the support and guidance offered to each student throughout the year.

These three additional days must be added to the already-established school calendar in accordance with the following compulsory conditions:

- They must be scheduled between October 29 and the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- They must account for a maximum of one additional day per month.

Following consultation with staff, the McCaig Governing Board and the school board, it was decided that the dates for these three additional ped days are:

- **November 30th, 2020**
- **January 25th, 2021**
- **March 19th, 2021**

To assist parents in planning for these three days, preschools and elementary schools will provide free daycare services to all the children *regularly enrolled* in them. Funding for the three days will be entirely assumed by the Ministère.

A copy of the *updated* school calendar was sent to you earlier this week along with information about the First Communication and the Standards and Procedures of Evaluation. The *updated* calendar is also posted on our school website.

Thank you for your collaboration,

Richard Mason

Principal

Sarah L-Gauthier

Vice Principal