



March 11, 2020

Dear New Frontiers Students, Staff, Families & Community,

At 10 a.m. this morning “TVA Nouvelles” covered remarks made by Quebec’s Premier Francois Legault announcing:

- A recommendation to stop all school trips to countries “at risk”;
- A 14-day preventive isolation for all students who have visited a country “at risk”.

Although we have no official directive from the health agencies, in light of these remarks, the 18 students and two staff members from H.S. Billings High School (HSB) who returned March 6 from a 3-day stay in Italy (Rome) are going home today, until we receive more information.

Italy was not part of the trip students from Chateauguay Valley Regional High School (CVR) took to Europe during the March Break.

The New Frontiers School Board continues to monitor this situation and work with Santé Québec, Public Health Canada, and other governmental agencies. We continue to follow their recommendations which indicate that:

- The best precautions to protect yourself and the people around you from this and other viruses, are to wash your hands often, and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your arm when you cough or sneeze.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), should immediately contact Info-Santé 811.

Visit our website (www.nfsb.qc.ca) for additional information issued by the Ministry of Education, along with links to various sites that are providing updated information.

The safety and security of our staff and students is always of our utmost concern and we are vigilantly monitoring this situation. We will keep you informed as we move through this situation together.

Sincerely,

Rob Buttars
Director General