



March 9, 2020

Dear New Frontiers Students, Staff, Families & Community,

Over the past week, there has been a significant increase in information and news coverage regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The New Frontiers School Board is actively monitoring this situation and continues to work with the Ministry of Education, Santé Québec, Public Health Canada, and other governmental agencies.

At present, school closures are not recommended for the prevention of COVID-19. We would however like to provide you with the following information:

School Cleaning – We are ordering additional supplies, such as hand soap, paper towels, and other cleaning and disinfecting products. We have also increased the frequency at which “touch points” are being cleaned (door knobs, railings, etc.)

Europe Trips – Howard S. Billings Regional High School had 18 students and 2 adults return on Friday, March 6, while Châteauguay Valley Regional High School had 27 students and 11 adults return Sunday, March 8. Both trips had their itineraries modified prior to departure to avoid visiting high-risk areas. The students and adults on these trips have been informed of the protocol to follow now that they are back home.

To avoid spreading germs – 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. **Should you experience any symptoms** (*fever, cough, difficulty breathing*), **you 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