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TO SENIOR DIRECTORS AND PARTNERS IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am delighted to inform you that, as of today, the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* has launched, in collaboration with a number of contributors and partners in the education sector who have worked on its development, the new site *Open School*. This site is for parents wishing to help and support their children's learning.

While schools remain closed, there is always the option to open up to a way to continue schooling. That is why the name of our new platform symbolizes a school that is open to its world, to its school environment, to its community, and, above all, to a universe of possibilities.

This platform offers students and parents thousands of resources for learning, creating, having fun and staying active, just like at school. The suggested activities are varied and easy for children at all levels of schooling. They will help them maintain their skills and motivate them to learn. Each child can follow at their own pace in all of the subject areas.

New activities will be added regularly to cultivate a desire to keep learning on a daily basis. Activities for children with special needs will also be made available shortly.

To access the platform *Open School*, go to www.ecoleouverte.ca/en/.

I would like to point out that the purpose of this platform is to offer parents and children tools to cope with the challenges that the current situation presents for families. Therefore, parental involvement is voluntary. I would also like to underline that these activities are optional and will not count for marks. My sincere hope is that they will be used to help parents assist their children in their educational development.

I also hope that the platform *Open School* will be taken up by those school teams who provide remote support to students.

I wish to remind you that as of April 6, a turnkey educational activity kit will be sent to you. We ask that you forward this kit to the principals of all your schools, who can then share it with their school team. The kit will contain proposed educational activities for all levels, from preschool to the different elementary and secondary cycles. These activities can be enriched or adapted, if so wished, before being sent out to parents.

I close in thanking all those who have contributed, directly or indirectly, to the creation of this Web platform which, I believe, will allow parents to support their children's learning, and do so, with enjoyment.

A big thank you to everyone. *Ça va bien aller.*

The Minister of Education and Higher Education,

Jean-François Roberge