

August 28, 2020

Dear parents, caregivers, students and colleagues:

**Subject: Virtual Town Hall Event – Thursday, September 3, 2020**

We are only a few days away from the start of the school year, much different than what we've experienced before.

Sanitary measures, physical distancing, transportation and, of course, learning are all frequently used terms and it's important for you to know that the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine has been working since July to ensure that all of its schools are ready to welcome their students, following recommendations given by the Chief Public Health Officer.

Here are some actions taken by the DSFM:

- Creating a school administrator's guide with exhaustive protocols to prepare for the school's reopening.
- Creating guides to support curriculum and student services.
- Creating protocols for sanitary measures in schools and head office.
- Adding human resources to support schools (teachers, educational assistants, custodians).
- Creating a bilingual guide for parents and caregivers, which includes a back-to-school FAQ: [bit.ly/DSFMcMAJ](https://bit.ly/DSFMcMAJ).

Schools will soon be sharing their reopening plan, taking into consideration their peculiarities.

We understand that there may still be questions left without answers. For this reason, we will be hosting a virtual town hall event.

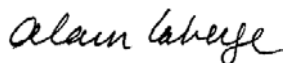
To facilitate the process and to answer a maximum of questions, please consult the [Back-to-School Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#) prior to the meeting. Any unanswered questions can be sent by email before September 3, 2020.

Questions will be answered during the meeting. Please note the following date in order to participate:

**DSFM Virtual Town Hall Event**  
Thursday, September 3, 2020  
7 PM to 9 PM  
via Microsoft TEAMS ([Town Hall Event](#))

**Send your questions to:**  
[covid19@dsfm.mb.ca](mailto:covid19@dsfm.mb.ca)

We thank you for your trust. Together, we can make a difference.



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