Gouvernement du Québec Minister of Families Minister Responsible for the Outaouais Region Member for Papineau

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Dear Parents,

With the holiday season just around the corner, now is the time for your educational childcare facility to plan the work schedule for its personnel during the holidays. In order to facilitate this task, I would ask you to please quickly answer the survey that was given to you. Based on your answers, the directors will be able to plan the organization of groups, the preparation of meals and the number of staff required to take care of your little ones.

Since the reopening of educational childcare establishments, your children's educators have risen to the challenge with goodwill. In spite of the masks and disinfection tasks, their dedication to our children has continued to be above and beyond the call of duty. Because of their hard work, our little ones can see their friends, play and learn, while allowing you to go to work without having to worry about them.

Your prompt reply to the questionnaire you have already received will allow them to plan a few well-deserved days off so that they can recharge their batteries.

If you can, I also urge you to see whether you can keep your children at home a little longer than usual so that your childcare educators can return to work well rested in 2021.

Lastly, I would like to reassure you that the entire educational childcare network considers compliance with hygiene measures of paramount importance. The results are there for all to see as the number of COVID cases is low and closures are even lower.

If you need to continue to use your childcare facility during the holidays because of your professional obligations, please rest assured that the Direction générale de la santé publique has authorized new bubbles to be created during the holiday period. The management staff will then be able to plan groups more easily and your little ones will be safe.

In closing, I would like to wish you Happy Holidays, surrounded by your children and loved ones, as well as a New Year of hope and renewal in 2021!

Yours sincerely,

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Mathieu Lacombe