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Memorandum: Covid-19 Learning Resources for Students and Parents

Over the course of the past week, a number of parents have made enquiries re: available learning resources for students during the school shutdown. In response to the enquiries, the Western Quebec School Board will be launching a website specifically geared to providing these types of resources. **Backpack: Learning From Home** westernquebec.ca/backpack will include a series of learning resources and activities for students and parents alike.

It is important to note that these activities and resources, which have been compiled by a team of Western Quebec administrators and consultants, are meant to serve as optional activities. They are in no way meant to be mandatory, nor are they in any way an assessment or evaluative tool. As educators, we fully recognize that during this challenging time the priority for all of us is health, safety, and well-being; with this in mind, the intent is to support students and parents with a resource that is both fun and relevant.

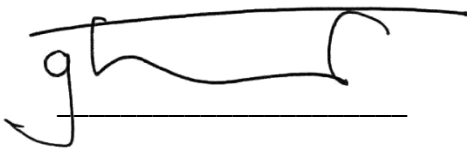
Upon accessing the website, you will find a listing of learning activities and resources, broken down by elementary and secondary in the following subject areas

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- French Second Language
- Science
- Cross-Curricular Learning
- A section which provides resources provided by some of our sister Anglophone school boards

The Minister of Education, Mr. Jean-François Roberge has advised us that the Ministry will be providing us with a series of learning activities as well; we expect to receive these on March 30th, at which time we will add the relevant links to our **Backpack** website.

We hope that the website serves its purpose; namely, to provide an alternative set of learning activities that are easily accessed and meaningfully navigated.

Once again, here is the link: westernquebec.ca/backpack



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