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A special message from the Director General, Dr. Cindy Finn:

### Back to School Success! Une bonne rentrée!

This week marked a return to classes for the Lester B. Pearson community. Our schools and centres are once again filled with the welcome sights and sounds of students and staff. Our dedicated staff has worked hard to prepare for new learning adventures together. We are ready to inspire, empower, and support our students, all while maintaining the safest environment possible.

Many of our schools found creative and positive ways to welcome students back. I had the pleasure of visiting Riverview Elementary on the first day of school. It was an especially sweet visit as the school building has recently reopened after undergoing extensive renovations. Bright and sparkling were the hallways and classrooms, matched only by the enthusiasm of teachers and students. Riverview staff welcomed students in grand style, not only wearing face coverings, but sporting colourful feather boas, fun hats and giant sunglasses. It was a great way to greet students as they arrived.

This school year is beginning in an unusual way, and there are more challenges to come. However, I am optimistic that we will rise to meet those challenges together. Collectively, we are committed to an important mission: working harmoniously to provide a quality educational experience for our students, while maintaining measures to limit the spread of the virus.

We will continue to provide updates to our community as we navigate this school year together. I want to wish everyone a successful school year.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Finn*



L: Ms. Coretti, Principal at Riverview  
R: Dr. Finn, Director General at LBSPB

## Symptoms to look for and Self-Assessment Tool

Please be reminded that if your child has any of the [symptoms suggestive of COVID-19](#), please contact 1 877 644-4545 and follow the public health guidelines provided. The child must remain in isolation, at home, until public health guidelines have been received.

**Take note that, as per public health directives, we are obliged to send you regular reminders of the symptoms to look out for that are suggestive of COVID-19.**