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## Dear Parents & Guardians

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, I want to thank you for your continued trust in the ETSB and for choosing to entrust us with your children's education. Together, we have shared another meaningful year of learning, growth, and discovery across our schools and centres.

Before wishing everyone a restful summer, I would like to highlight a few updates as we wrap up the school year:

- **Adult Education:** Many are following the news about the potential extension of the language law Bill 101 to adult learners. If passed, this legislation would require students to have English eligibility to attend our adult and vocational centres: Campus Brome-Missisquoi (CBM), Eastern Townships Adult General Education (ETAGE), and Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre (LVTC). As mentioned in our May 28<sup>th</sup> communication, our commissioners and the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) are actively informing members of the National Assembly and other government representatives about the significant negative impact such a measure would have on the anglophone community and job training in our region.
- **Reflecting on Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Last April, over 40 participants representing all ETSB employee categories and parent/commissioner representatives came together to reflect, question, share insight, and exchange experiences and wisdom around artificial intelligence in education. These thoughtful discussions will help us create clear, safe and responsible Guiding Principles to support learning and teaching as well as organizational efficiency.

- **Educational Services:** Thanks to new grant funding, this year Educational Services purchased Math manipulatives, French Second Language resources, and Nurturing Support Centre materials for our schools. We also welcomed 39 international students into our schools and communities through the International Student Program, and as always, we are looking for host families in all areas of our territory. Finally, we will be expanding our Community Learning Centre (CLC) network with a new multi-site addition and expansions of current ones – exciting news for our communities.
- **Increased Communication:** Our pilot project using the Cobalt notification tool in the Eastern sector was a success, helping parents receive more timely updates about bus delays and cancellations. We are also redesigning our school board and school/centre websites to make them easier to use. Plus, look out for brand-new building signs; courtesy of our Material Resources team. All of these exciting updates are coming this fall!

## Celebrating Our ETSB "Mosaic"

As we welcome the month of June, our thoughts naturally turn to assessments, orientation days, graduations, end-of-year celebrations, field trips, tournaments, concerts, fun days, farewells, and countless memorable moments still to come.

I would like to close by sharing one such special moment that our community experienced just a few weeks ago: the unveiling of an impressive 117-foot mosaic mural at Waterloo Elementary School. The mural was created from 1,200 handmade ceramic tiles crafted by 550 students, volunteers, family members, and staff working together.

One of our commissioners beautifully captured what this artwork represents for our school board. Each of us brings our own unique strengths, perspectives, and experiences, and when we come together, we create something far greater than any one piece alone - something strong, colourful, and meaningful.

Nowhere is this strength more visible than in our graduates. To our graduating students, congratulations on reaching this important milestone. As you begin the next chapter of your journey, remember that you will always remain an important piece of the ETSB mosaic. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and excited to see the unique contributions you will make in the years ahead.

As we turn the page on another school year, I am filled with gratitude for the students, families, staff, volunteers, and community members who make ETSB such a special place. Thank you for being part of our story. I wish you a safe, happy, and memorable summer, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

Your Director General,

*Kandy Mackey*





## The Moderation Process

The moderation is a statistical process used by the Ministry of Education (MEQ) to align school grades with the results of the ministry's exams for secondary 4 and 5.

Here is a one-pager and a slide deck explaining this process:

[View the Documents](#)



## Community Learning Centre (CLC)

### Supporting Creativity: Bringing Professional Artists into Schools

ETSB schools have access to a wonderful grant through the English-Language Arts Network called ArtistsInspire. This grant gives students the opportunity to work with a variety of artists who visit schools and share different forms of art through hands-on learning experiences.



## Supporting Creativity: Bringing Professional Artists into Schools (continued)

This year, many of our CLC schools applied for the grant and created some truly inspiring projects.

- At Butler Elementary School, long-time mural artist Beverly Landry created a beautiful mural that will brighten the school for years to come.
- Farnham Elementary School welcomed Teresa Dory, where students had the opportunity to explore the art of pottery through creative, hands-on activities.
- Both Pope Memorial Elementary School and Sawyerville Elementary School hosted Rob Lutes, a folk-blues singer and songwriter who shared his music and the history behind it. Students also collaborated with him to create their own music and perform for fellow students, families, and community members.
- At Drummondville Elementary School and A.D.S. Elementary School, Patti Warnock introduced students to the art of spoken word, encouraging creativity, self-expression, and confidence through performance.
- Richmond Regional High School invited Laurence Dea Dionne for a workshop series focused on comic-zine creation using ink and imagination to tell their personal stories on belonging.
- At St. Francis Elementary School, Paula Knowles brought Preschool classes (K4 and K5) outside to discover nature through different art approaches, from music and sound creation to micro parks mini sculptures.

These projects have enriched our students, schools, and communities by creating meaningful artistic experiences and lasting connections through the arts.



## Continuing Education – Upcoming Learning Opportunities

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

**ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION**

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

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Eastern Townships  
SCHOOL BOARD

With the school year coming to an end, now is the perfect time to sign up for continuing education!

Discover our vocational training programs

Follow our new continuing education Facebook page

### UPSKILLS PROGRAM

ETSB and the Townshippers' Association are teaming up! Together, they are launching a new program called **UpSkills** to help the English-Speaking Community in the Estrie region get short in demand job trainings.

The program will figure out what skills local workers and businesses need most, then offer classes for jobs that are in high demand. This program will run until March 31, 2030. Look below to discover the first courses coming up this summer:

**REGULATED TRAINING COURSES**

| COURSE             | DATE                                     |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| WORKING AT HEIGHTS | JUNE 22 <sup>nd</sup>                    |
| MEWP               | JUNE 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    |
| WHMIS 2015         | JUNE 25 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| OVERHEAD CRANE     | JUNE 26 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| FORKLIFT           | JUNE 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> |

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**HEALTH TRAININGS**

| COURSE                     | DATE                                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| LAW 90/COMPETENCY 6        | JULY 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| PDSP                       | JULY 9 <sup>th</sup>                   |
| INTERMEDIATE FIRST AID (C) | JULY 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> |

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Sign up for the trainings

**ASP CONSTRUCTION TRAINING**

SHERBROOKE & COWANSVILLE

DATES TO BE DETERMINED  
WAITING LIST AVAILABLE

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Sign up for the waiting list

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