



Wednesday November 15, 2017

To the Attention of the Council of Commissioners, and Director General

Lester B. Pearson School Board
1925 Brookdale Avenue
Dorval, QC H9P 2Y7

Subject: Mini Day Cancellation

Dear Council Members and Director General,

It came to SNACs attention last Spring that the mini day for incoming secondary 1 students has been cancelled indefinitely.

We wanted to pass on that parents of students with special needs have repeatedly told us how beneficial this day is for their children. Starting high school can be a stressful experience for any child but it can be even more overwhelming for a child with special needs. Mini day allowed all students the opportunity to see their new school, classrooms and cafeteria. It also gave them the chance to meet new classmates and teachers. The parents consistently reported that it was extremely helpful and greatly reduced their child's anxiety during this time of transition.

The SNAC committee was disappointed to hear that this decision had been made and we look forward to hearing what will be replacing it.

Respectfully,

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