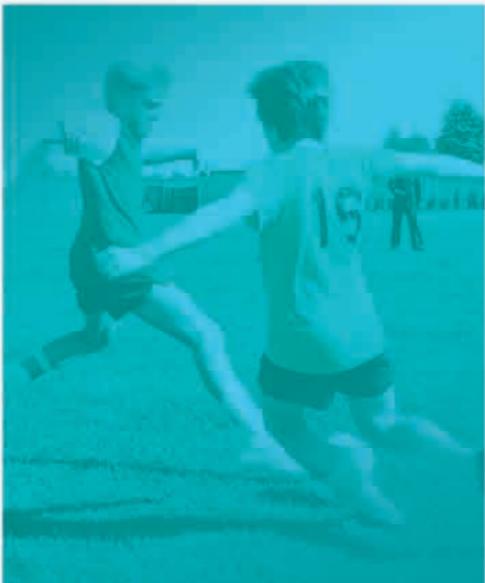


IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS > STARTING IN FALL 2006

90 EXTRA MINUTES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



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A fuller education for our children

Beginning in September 2006, our children will benefit from **an additional hour and a half to learn and succeed**. As a result of this measure, students will receive a fuller education and your school will be able to more easily achieve a proper balance among the different subjects.

For all six grades of elementary school, teaching time will increase from 23 hours 30 minutes to 25 hours per week, representing a total of 54 additional hours in the school year. Teaching time for Québec students will now be comparable to that of other Canadian students and that of the national average for member countries of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development).



Organizing time according to the priorities of your school

The addition of 90 minutes to our children's timetables protects the time devoted to basic subjects such as English Language Arts and mathematics. Extending the week by an hour and a half also facilitates the teaching of arts education, French as a second language, and physical education and health. The time allotted to each of these three subject areas will depend on what your school wishes to emphasize. Decisions in this regard generally attempt to preserve a balance among the three subject areas, and are approved by the governing boards. Parents are represented on these boards.



MORE TIME FOR ARTS EDUCATION

In elementary school, two of the following subjects are offered: music, visual arts, drama and dance. The changes to the Basic school regulation will give our children the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in the arts more fully by focusing on one subject throughout elementary school. They will also have the possibility of trying at least one other arts subject during their elementary education.

MORE TIME FOR THE SECOND LANGUAGE

The 2006-2007 school year will mark the introduction of English as a second language for grade one and two students in the French sector. French-speaking children will now join their English-speaking counterparts in having the opportunity to become acquainted with a second language at a very early age. This measure will in no way interfere with the teaching of the language of instruction, be it English or French, since more than one third of the teaching time will continue to be devoted to this.

MORE TIME FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Good habits are learned early! The school environment is an ideal place to show our children the importance of being in shape. Additional teaching time will enable schools to allot two hours per week to physical education and health. This is an important step in encouraging our children to adopt healthy lifestyles.



Would you like to know more ?

To find out more about the effects of these changes on the organization of your children's school, do not hesitate to contact their school's principal.

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