WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

This September heralds a return to the classroom where children's laughter will be heard in the new "normal"! September is also a reminder of the deeply tragic era of residential schools. The discovery of unmarked graves has shaken the entire country. The Montreal Canadiens and their Children's Foundation collected pairs of shoes to be distributed among the communities. In addition, Angela Price and Julie Petry have donated $54,000 to the FNEC that we will put toward the Interschool Games. We THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! I think September is actually the perfect time to celebrate the strength and resilience of our nations that are sill alive and kicking!

Thank you, Tiawenhk, Wliwni, Niáwen, Migwetc, Wela'lin, Tshinishkumitin, Woliwon, ᑎᓂᓯᑯᒥᑎᓇ to our ancestors and guiding spirits, as well as residential school survivors and their families for courageously leading the way for greater pride in our identity, language, culture, knowledge, and traditions.

We hope you all have a wonderful school year full of learning, sharing, and exciting projects!

Children and their success are more than ever at the heart of our decisions!

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