Dear parents,

This message is to inform you that your School Board will be supporting a research project entitled **"Educational and Life Pathways, School Motivation and Perseverance, and Educational Success of Students in CFER or Prework training (PT) Programs."**

This project, led by a research team from the Université de Sherbrooke, aims to examine how the CFER and PT educational approaches contribute, or do not contribute, to students' school motivation and educational success. The study is scheduled to begin in fall 2026 and will be conducted over the next three academic years (2026-2027 to 2028-2029). It includes two types of data collection, once per year, involving students enrolled in their first year of CFER or PT: completion of an online survey (approximately 40 minutes) and participation, for a sub-sample of students (30 CFER students and 30 PT students), in a focus group discussion (1 hour).

If your child is enrolled in the first year of a CFER or PT program in fall 2026, they will be invited to participate in this research project. Their participation will involve completing an online survey during school hours (date and time to be determined). If they wish, they may also provide their email address at the end of the survey to participate in an online focus group discussion (via Teams) with other students. This discussion group will also take place during school hours.

In Quebec, students who are 15 years of age or older may provide their own consent to participate in a research project without parental approval. However, in the interest of transparency, we feel it is important to inform you about this study. The main professor in charge of this study will remain available to answer any questions you may have throughout the project.

The professor responsible for this project is Professor Eddy Supeno of the Université de Sherbrooke. His email address is **Eddy.Supeno@Usherbrooke.ca**, and his toll-free telephone number is **1-800-267-8337, extension 62114**. Please do not hesitate to contact him if you have any questions.

The project has been approved by the Université de Sherbrooke (project number: **2026-5421**). If your child participates, all survey responses and comments shared during the focus group discussion, should they choose to participate, will remain **confidential**, and their **anonymity** will be protected. Participation is **entirely voluntary**. Even after agreeing to participate, your child may withdraw from the study at any time. Participation in, or withdrawal from, the study **will have no impact on their educational pathway or on the educational services to which they are entitled**.

Sincerely,

Eddy Supeno, Professor, Career Counsellor

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