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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



On behalf of the CQTA Board and Reps, I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful holiday season. Enjoy your well-deserved time away from school!! The first item in this edition of the The Bulletin should be read carefully as it may have serious repercussions on many teachers.

MEASLES VACCINATION

The MELS has informed us that a mass vaccination campaign against measles will be starting in schools in the near future. People born prior to 1970 are considered to be protected against measles because the disease was very prevalent before then; therefore, those people are not the targeted population. All those born **after** 1970 are the people being targeted. The removal of students and staff who are not considered protected, will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act.

Removal of staff members who are not considered to be protected against measles when a case is confirmed in their school: Staff members who must stay home because they are not considered to be protected against measles will be on **unpaid leave**. They cannot use sick days because they are not sick. Staff members who are removed have not suffered a work-related injury and therefore cannot receive compensation from CSST.

Schooling of students who are not considered to be protected against measles and are removed when a case is confirmed in their school: Students who are removed from school for their own protection are not sick. They are therefore responsible for continuing their schooling at home during the time they are away from school, so as to not fall behind. The school **must** provide these students with **reasonable support** (e.g. homework, study assignments; a list of what was taught in the classes they missed) that allows them to pursue their education at home while they are away from school.

INSURANCE

Good news!! Beginning in the New Year, we will be having a premium holiday. QPAT will be sending out more information shortly.

NEW SYSTEM OF REPORTING ABSENCES

As most of you are aware, a new system of reporting absences was, or will be implemented as a result of our new provincial collective agreement. Because of several concerns raised by teachers, the system will be reviewed. QPAT has approached the CPNCA to express concerns and begin discussing them. As soon as more information is available we will inform you.