

TRANSLATION

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Dear teachers:

In Québec, the teaching profession is one of those cornerstones that help us to define who we are, overcome challenges, evolve and set ourselves apart.

Behind our successes are the thousands of teachers who, for decades, have tirelessly supported the development of individuals and society as a whole. The multitude of diverse talents in Québec allows us to live in a modern, innovative and egalitarian society. Of this we can be proud.

Every year during Teacher Appreciation Week we acknowledge the essential contribution you make to the education network and take the opportunity to express to you our heartfelt thanks for steadfastly guiding our students with passion and enthusiasm on their journey to educational success.

This year's theme, *Always there for us*, reflects in four simple yet telling words the competence, professionalism and incredible energy that teachers show week after week in overcoming challenges to foster success. There is no doubt that the current context has highlighted the breadth of your strengths. All of Québec truly benefits from your commitment to students.

Along with all members of the school team, you make up a crucial network for the vitality of our communities and the development of thousands of young people, who in turn will make their own contributions to society.

For all these reasons, you deserve our most sincere thanks. I am sure that parents, students and all Quebecers will join me in recognizing and paying tribute to your impressive resilience. Thank you for always being there for us during this crisis and for continuing to be there for the well-being of our students.

My deepest gratitude and very best wishes for Teacher Appreciation Week! Please accept the kind words you receive, as they are very much deserved!

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