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Dear teachers and school administrative staff,

After another extremely challenging few months, capping off an extraordinarily tough few years, it has been a phenomenal effort to get our schools ready to welcome back students on day one in 2022.

Thank you for all of the work you have done to make that possible.

The past two years have forced all of us to dig deep, and you have led from the front, adapting in ways that we had never previously imagined, learning and innovating at every step, and going above and beyond to give our students the best education possible under difficult circumstances.

So I wanted to welcome you back to school, acknowledge your efforts readying schools for students (and, in this regard, especially those of school administrative teams), and wish you all the best for the start of the 2022 school year.

I know many teachers have dearly missed teaching students face to face and having the opportunity to connect in the classroom. Others will be hesitant about the return to the classroom, including with concerns about health and safety.

There will no doubt be challenges, disruption and difficulties, but our goal as a Government is to provide a safe and stable environment in which our students can learn in 2022, and that means taking every possible step to ensure you are kept COVID-safe at school too.

As always, this will be a team effort, and we will do everything we can to ensure all of our teachers, administrative staff and schools have the support they need to navigate the twists and turns that lie ahead.

Ultimately it's all about delivering great educational outcomes for our children, and if we work together in the days, weeks and months ahead, I have no doubt that our success will be their success.

Wishing you a fantastic start to the 2022 school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP
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