

Government of Quebec must readjust dates for reopening schools

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Teachers express a range of emotion about returning to school

By Matthew McCully

With the minister of education's date to reopen elementary schools and daycares quickly approaching, local teachers are still in the dark about how it will all unfold.

The Record spoke with teachers and staff members from a number of elementary schools to get a sense of how they feel about stepping back into the classroom.

To avoid repercussions, The Record agreed not to identify those who came forward.

"There was some shock, and some anger," one teacher said, "And a lot of anxiety. There are a lot of unanswered questions. I feel like the government had no plan, just a date, and they left teachers and administrators to deal with it," they commented.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we genuinely miss the students. This is crazy, we were taken out of school at a moment's notice, there was no closure there. At the same time, we're feeling a lot of anxiety, there are a lot of unknowns," the teacher said, adding many of the colleagues they spoke to feel the same way.

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neighbours news on what the CABMN
has done on any given day as a way of
keeping in touch with community. As

well as the sharing in these updates of
emergency food distribution, prepared
meal sharing, medication and food
delivery information and so on, the
CABMN has also created each evening

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