

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Online questionnaire for participants

Home schooling: challenges, benefits, and winning strategies during the pandemic

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You are invited to take part in this study. Before you agree, please take the time to read this document, which explains the conditions for participating. The person who sent you this document will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this study.

A) INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Research objectives

This study is being conducted by the team at the Canada Research Chair Canada on information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education. The goal is to understand how students and their families are dealing with home schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to hear from students and their parents across the province of Québec.

2. Participation in the study

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you will answer the questions in this online questionnaire. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The questions are about your experiences with home schooling since schools have been closed throughout Québec.

3. Advantages and benefits

There is no particular advantage to participating in this study. However, by taking part, you will help us paint a detailed portrait of what home schooling looks like in this unprecedented time of closed schools and home confinement.

4. Risks and inconveniences

Participation in this study poses no particular risk. However, you may not want to answer some of the questions or to spend time answering them. You can always choose to skip any of the questions, in part or entirely.

5. Confidentiality and anonymity

All personal information that you give us will remain strictly confidential. None of your personal information will be published by the research team. All the information and responses will be stored in a locked cabinet in a secure room at the Université de Montréal. The data files will be stored in the researcher's secure computer. All personal information will be destroyed seven years after the study has been completed. After that time, only information that cannot identify you will be stored.

6. Transmission of the results to the participants

We will be happy to send you the research results, which we will obtain thanks to your participation. If you request it, we will send the results to your email address. Your email address will be recorded separately in a document that does not contain any research results.

7. Declaration of conflicts of interest

The principal researcher has no conflicts of interest to declare. This is an independent study.

8. Right to withdraw from the study

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time. Simply give us a phone call to let us know. You will not have to give any reasons for withdrawing, and there will be no penalty. If you decide to withdraw from the study, please call the research coordinator at the number indicated below. As soon as we receive your request, we will destroy all information that is associated with you. However, once the study is ready to be published, it will be impossible to remove all the analyses and results in which your information was involved.

9. Use of the study data

The study data will be used for this study only. They will not be re-used in any other studies.

B) PARTICIPANT'S DECLARATION

- I acknowledge that my participation in this study has been clearly explained in this information and consent form.
- I understand that I can take my time to think it over before I agree to participate in this study under the conditions that are described in this information and consent form.
- I understand that I can ask the researcher any questions about the study by email or phone, and that I can demand satisfactory answers.
- I understand that by participating in this study, I am not giving up any of my rights and I am not absolving the researcher of any of his responsibilities.

C) REQUEST FOR CONSENT

I confirm that I have understood this information and consent form, and that by signing it, I agree to participate in the research activities that are described in article 2: Participation in the study.

The fact of filling out and submitting the questionnaire acts as confirmation of consent. No signature is required.

D) COMMITMENT BY THE RESEARCHER

I have explained to the participant, using this form, the conditions of participating in the study. I will answer, to the best of my knowledge, any questions that the participant sends by email or asks by phone. I commit, along with the research team, to respect what has been agreed under this information and consent form.

- I have explained to the participant the conditions for participating in this study, as presented in this form.
- As needed, I will answer to the best of my knowledge any questions the participant asks by email or phone, and I will ascertain that the participant understands the answers.
- I commit, along with the research team under my responsibility, to respect the conditions set forth in this information and consent form.

Thierry Karsenti

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For any questions you may have about the study, or to withdraw from the study, please contact the research coordinate, Mr. Simon Parent, at 514 343-6111, local 0906, or at: simon.parent.2@umontreal.ca.

If you have any concerns about your rights as a participant or about the researchers' responsibilities for your participation in this study, please contact the Comité d'éthique de la recherche en éducation et en psychologie (ethics committee for education and psychology research) at: cerp@umontreal.ca or at: 514 343-6111, local 1896 or at their website: <http://recherche.umontreal.ca/participants>.

Any complaints about your participation in this study may be sent to the Ombudsman of the Université de Montréal at: 514 343-2100 or at: ombudsman@umontreal.ca **(the Ombudsman accepts collect calls)**.