

## PILOT PROJECTS

# New History of Québec and Canada Program

## Information for parents

Over the course of this school year (2015-2016) and the next (2016-2017), the new History of Québec and Canada program will be applied within the framework of pilot projects to be carried out in 100 Secondary III and Secondary IV classes throughout Québec. Your child's class will be participating in these pilot projects.

### Why a new program?

In 2006, the Ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche began consulting teachers, historians and learning specialists on the way in which history was being taught in Québec schools. Following this lengthy consultation process, it was decided that a new History of Québec and Canada program would be developed.

These pilot projects are the last in a series of steps leading to the compulsory application of the program throughout Québec, beginning at the Secondary III level in the 2016-2017 school year, and at the Secondary IV level in the 2017-2018 school year.

### Learning content

The new program will continue to focus on the history of Québec and Canada. The learning content will be distributed as follows: the years from 1500 to 1840 will be studied in Secondary III, and the years from 1840 to the present will be studied in Secondary IV. The students will learn to establish the main characteristics of each period in the history of Québec and Canada, and to explain the causes and consequences of the key events.

At the end of these two years, your child will have acquired a solid knowledge of the history of Québec and Canada, and will be better equipped to understand history and to play their role as citizens.

### Student evaluation

The children taking part in these pilot projects will not be required to take the June 2017 official examination in Secondary IV History, which students normally have to pass in order to earn a Secondary School Diploma.

However, the Ministère will provide the participating classes with examinations adapted to the new program. Your child's school will be responsible for administering and correcting these examinations, and for determining how the results will be used in calculating your child's final mark. The successful completion of this Secondary IV History course will enable your child to earn the credits required to obtain a diploma.

For additional information, please contact the administration of your child's school.