



Monday, April 14, 2025

Feedback on the information meeting: relocation of FACE Elementary school

Dear parents, guardians and staff members,

An information meeting was held on April 8 to discuss the relocation of the FACE primary school, which will take place at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

At this meeting, the Material Resources Department and the School Organization Department of the Centre de services scolaire de Montréal (CSSDM) presented the school that will be home to our elementary students, located at 4835 avenue Christophe-Colomb, as well as the daycare arrangements.

I would like to remind you that the success and well-being of our students are our top priorities. This move will enable us to relocate our elementary students to a completely renovated, healthy and safe school. This departure will also ensure continuity of services in the current FACE school building.

You will find frequently asked questions at the end of this document. The answers given during the meeting are included. You can also watch the presentation again at the following link: [Rencontre d'information du 8 avril 2025](#)

Daycare Services

School daycare services for your child will be provided at the new primary school. Daycare services will be available for parents in the morning and after-school. Registration is mandatory. For further questions about our daycare services, please contact them at 514-350-8899 ext. 1897 or by email face.sdg@cssdm.gouv.qc.ca

School Transportation

The CSSDM and EMSB transport policy will continue to apply. It does not provide for transport to schools that are recognized as 240 status schools as per Ministry guidelines. As such, it will not be possible to offer a shuttle service.

Next Steps

- June 23: A pedagogical day has been placed to allow a packing day for school staff. No school for students.
- July: Move to the primary school by a team of professionals
- August 27: An additional pedagogical day has been placed for the Elementary school to unpack. No school for students.
- August 28: First day of school for our Elementary students



- As of August 28: Progressive entry for our kindergarten students. A schedule will be sent in July.

* Students will only be required to pack and bring home their belongings as planned at the end of each school year.

Cancellation of the Major Renovation project

We are aware that many of you would have liked more information on the recent announcement by the Ministry of Education (MEQ) concerning the cancellation of the major renovation project for our school's main building. The CSSDM teams are currently analysing the information related to the renovation of the secondary school, in particular the schedule for the upcoming work to be completed. We will be holding a second meeting specifically on this subject. The date and time of this meeting is to be determined.

Continuation of Planned Maintenance Work at the FACE school

The CSSDM continuously monitors the current FACE building and carries out in-depth inspections of each façade on a regular basis. It is therefore planned to carry out partial renovation work on the masonry, as well as consolidating and replacing several windows. These measures, which were already planned, are being taken by the CSSDM to continue to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students.

It should be remembered that the departure of the primary school students, announced in 2020, is an important measure to ensure the safety and quality of the facilities. By reducing the number of occupants, we are easing the pressure on the building, which will enable us to minimise the risk of service breakdowns and maintain the conditions necessary for the pursuit of our educational project.

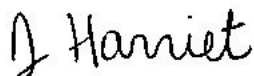
Upcoming Communications

Details of the school arrangements for our new school will be sent to you before the end of the year. If you would like further information, please consult the 'Work' section of the school website at <https://face.cssdm.gouv.qc.ca/travaux/projet-majeur-de-renovation-construction-et-reamenagement/>

We are fully aware that these changes represent a challenge for everyone to adapt. Rest assured that the priority of the FACE school administration team in conjunction with the CSSDM and the EMSB, remains the safety of the school community, the well-being of the students and the sustainability of the fine arts programme.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: face@emsb.qc.ca

Thank you for your cooperation,



Jennifer Harriet
EMSB Principal

Frequently asked questions

Elementary School

- What is the status of the work on the primary school?
The work has been completed, and the CSSDM will be making the final adjustments this spring.

- Will there be enough space for educational activities?
Yes, all activities will be able to take place in the premises available, i.e.:
 - 23 regular classes
 - 5 kindergarten classes
 - 7 music classes
 - 2 art classes
 - 1 daycare room
 - 1 drama room
 - 1 multi-purpose space (music, drama)
 - Double gymnasium
 - Schoolyard

- Since the school was built as a transitional facility, is it of sufficient quality to accommodate elementary students on a permanent basis?
All schools built by the CSSDM, whether transitional or not, comply with the same technical requirements and quality standards set by the CSSDM and the MEQ.

- Will the classrooms be the same size as at FACE?
The classrooms will be similar in size and will meet all the standards of the Ministère de l'Éducation's Programme fonctionnel et technique.

- Will we have a cafeteria?
No, elementary schools don't usually have a space dedicated to a cafeteria. This is the case at present because we share the school with the secondary. However, a catering service will be offered to all students. More details about the catering service will be sent to you in a future email.

- Will the playground be functional?
Yes, the playground will be much improved compared to the one at FACE. Students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 will be able to go outside at the same time during recess and lunch.
It will offer:
 - A basketball court,
 - A soccer field,
 - Several play modules,
 - An outdoor classroom area,
 - Trees and greenery.The playground will also be accessible in the evenings and at weekends.

- What type of ventilation will be installed at the primary school?
The school will be equipped with a mechanical ventilation and dehumidification system to provide fresh, temperate air throughout the school.

- Will teachers have access to workspaces?
Yes, several workspaces will be available for teachers to use.

Moving

- Why move just the elementary students?
The main building of the FACE school is safe, but its internal systems (electricity, pipes, etc.) are weakened by the daily load of 1,300 students. By relocating the elementary students, we will reduce the pressure on the systems, while making them easier to maintain.

The move is also designed to ensure the continuity of FACE's educational program. If a service breakdown were to occur in one section of the building, we would have the space needed to relocate the secondary pupils within the school itself, which would not be possible with all the students present.

- Is the move permanent?
Following the cancellation of the major renovation project by the ministerial authorities, the move is permanent. Elementary students will be going to a school that has been completely renovated, is steeped in history and is of the highest quality. Above all, the school has been designed to accommodate the Beaux-Arts educational programme, which will see its excellence maintained.

- Is a visit to the school planned before the start of the new school year?
If possible, the CSSDM will organise such a visit before the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Otherwise, a virtual visit will be shared with you. Photos of the primary school are available on our website.

Teaching

- Will there be any changes to the schedule:
A second recess will be added to respect the guidelines of the Ministry. This will have small impact on the school schedule. We will continue and maintain our 9-day schedule. The timetable may be adjusted if we consider it necessary in consultation with our school team.

- Will EMSB and CSSDM students continue together?
Yes, our students will continue to cohabitate together.

- What measures will be put in place to maintain exchanges between primary and secondary students?
Our orchestras will continue to be organised at FACE, and all activities between the two levels will be approved and supported. The teaching team will be asked to consider new initiatives to maintain this link between the two levels.

- Will teachers have to travel between the two schools?
No, our staffing assignments have been organized by school location.

- Where will the principals' offices be located?
The principals will have offices in both schools.

School Transportation

- Is a school transport service planned?

The CSSDM and EMSB transport policy will continue to apply. Public transit could be one of the preferred options for travel to the primary school which is located 450 metres from Laurier metro station, making it easily accessible.

- Can the STM adapt bus routes to get to the school?

The STM will not be adding any new bus routes or modifying existing ones. It believes that the existing regular network allows people to travel between the two schools in less than 30 minutes.

- What measures will be put in place to ensure safe travel to school?

A drop-off and pick-up point will be set up next to the school. The walking journey from Laurier metro station to the school is quick (450 metres) and safe, via Gilford Street.

Day Care

- Where will the daycare services be located?

It will be located in the new elementary school. Students will also be able to use the multi-purpose room and the playground when possible.

- How do I register my child for daycare?

Starting next year, parents will no longer be charged for supervision fees for students in Grades 1 to 6 who attend lunch period only. If you have not registered, parents who want their child to eat lunch at school must fill out the registration form for lunch service. The cost of the lunch block is \$4 (this year) and this amount is tax deductible. This was not the case with the school supervision fees.

Continued Maintenance Work at FACE

- What work is planned at FACE school?

Maintenance work on the east facade will begin this summer and should continue until 2029. The manager appointed for these verifications will continue his daily inspections until the secondary school students leave, and any work required to keep the main building safe and in good repair will be carried out.