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Subject: Major renovation project and relocation of our students

Dear Parents,

Before welcoming you in the upcoming days, I'm sending you a first communication related to the rehabilitation and relocation of our school.

As you know, a major renovation project of FACE school is in planning. Although this situation raises different concerns, all more understandable than others, I consider that our community is particularly privileged to participate in this whole process. Imagine: we are going to have the chance to think about future physical environments that will benefit the pedagogy and our Beaux-Arts project! Drawing your school: you have to admit it's a great opportunity... Few educational communities have this privilege!

On a more technical note:

Although the entire community will remain in the current building for some time, it's important for us to continue our reflection in order to anticipate the relocation of all our elementary and high school students, as well as school staff, given the antiquated state of the heritage building and the scope of future work.

Since the major renovation of FACE is a project valued at more than \$ 50 M, it is under the responsibility of the *Société québécoise des infrastructures* (SQI). The *Commission scolaire de Montréal* (CSDM) works closely with the SQI team to create an inspiring project.

On June 26, the CSDM commissioned an architectural firm to develop the functional program for the renovation project of FACE School. To this end, the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* has allocated a non-recurring budget of \$ 11 M to achieve the entire business case, which will include the functional program, real estate analysis, preliminary plans and specifications, a cost estimate and a project schedule.

At the same time, the SQI and the CSDM are working to study various options for the relocation of FACE school students, a step that will be necessary to provide the continuity of our educational services for the duration of the major renovation project. The monitoring committee, made up of parents, students and staff members, participated in the first phase of this exercise last year.

On August 23, an integrated design workshop attended by the school team and members of the vigilance committee will be conducted by the SQI and the architects mandated to carry out the functional program. Integrated design workshops are intensive, multi-disciplinary workshops in which the project team's efforts are focused on addressing and resolving issues in a synergistic manner. Please note that, supported by the CSDM Communications Office, I will oversee that you



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are informed of the main steps of this long process as well as any other consultation process you may be involved in.

I will keep you informed of the next developments in the first weeks of school.

I wish you a nice end to the Summer season... and I'll get back to you in the coming days with a reminder of important information for the beginning of this school year.



Arnie Lamarre
Principal

