10th Anniversary Reflections
By Administrators
(To be included in the time capsule which will be opened for the 20th Anniversary Celebrations)

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“Passion comes from the heart..... let it be your guide in everything you do to touch the lives and hearts of all those around you in your school community.”

Alice Buchanan – Principal, Dante

“Give children wings, but don’t forget to give them roots and to nurture their growth.”

Athina Galanogeorgos – Assistant Director, Pedagogical Services

“English education in the Province of Quebec has a long history and we, the parents, administrators, and Board personnel all have an obligation to foster the continuation of this fundamental right.”

“Do something nice for someone – a caretaker, a secretary, a student, a friend, a teacher, an administrator or a parent”

Cynthia Koomas – Centre Principal, St. Laurent Adult Centre

“Be patient and understanding towards each other.... Patience is a virtue, and more parents, teachers and administrators must learn to do this more often”

Demetra Droutsas - Interim Principal, John Grant/Paul Vi

“Ten years ago, our motto, TEN SHINING YEARS.... a brilliant future, set the tone for the years that would follow. As you will have noticed, we have achieved our objectives for student success. Keep making a difference, as small or as large as you have done in the last ten years.”

Nancy Richer – Vice-Principal, Vincent Massey

“Always aspire to be the best you can be. Believe in yourself and your abilities”.  
Christina Chilelli – Vice-Principal, Lester B. Pearson

“Ten years ago our motto was “Ten Shining years – a brilliant future”. We are able to talk about our past, but our future is now your past. How accurate were we, regarding a brilliant future?”

Habza Shedlack – Centre Principal, James Lyng Adult Centre

“Support each other in words and deeds, and have fun.”

Danica J. Lewington –Assistant Vice-Principal, Rosemount Technology Centre

“Together, we are always better.”

Ann Watson –Assistant Director, Human Resources
“Smile and Laugh more.”

  John Pevec – Principal, Vincent Massey

“I Invest in our youth, they are our future.”

  George Alexiou – Assistant Director, Financial Services

“Education is the tool which the EMSB provides to ensure the rights of all persons and of all ages. Continue to strive to provide an excellent education to all our stakeholders within its realm.”

  Sylvia Schmerer Serchuk – Principal, St. Brendan

“EMSB – a Community of Lifelong Learners”

  Tina Ottoni – Principal, St. Gabriel

“When the EMSB reaches its 20th Anniversary, let us recognize the foresight and hard work of our pioneers of the first 10 years. It’s a new world every day of the year”

  Sollie Gliksman – Principal, St. Raphael

“Dare to be U” (Be a first-rate version of yourself, rather than a second-rate version of someone else).”

  Donna Manos – Principal, Honore Mercier

“Make a difference.”

  Gloria King – Vice-Principal, St. Laurent Adult Centre

“Administrators: Make students a priority to ensure success for all.
Keep an open mind – Listen well when parents and teachers approach you.
Use good judgement and be fair after speaking to all parties involved when making a final decision.

Parents:
Always ensure that you spend TIME with your children. You are the most Important role model for your child.

Board personnel: Always involve the pedagogues (principals, teachers, consultants, social workers, psychologists etc.) when making policies involving education. They work with the students every day.”

  Pina Rizzi – Principal, General Vanier

As the Great doctor once said Dr. Seuss that is ...

So … be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O’Shea, You’re off to Great Places! Today is you day! Your mountain is waiting So … get on your way

  Paola Miniaci – Director, Region 1
Think of what you’ve accomplished in the last ten (10) years, imagine what can be accomplished by all the members of our team.

*James Fequet – Vice-Principal, Rosemount High*

Treat everyone with respect. It is the small act of kindness that we do for our students that touch their lives and will be remembered.

*Anna Pecora – Principal, Our Lady of Pompei*

Together we can be a shining beacon.

*Jim Daskalakis – Vice-Principal, F.A.C.E.*

The slogan of the Board “Together we are better” is a must
To believe is to achieve and
Time is the essence of change

*Chantal Martin – Principal, St. John Bosco*

Education is our future
Invest in our children

*Steven Erdelyi – Interim Vice-Principal, Westmount High*

Team work and collaboration among all stakeholders (teachers, parents, administrators, board and community) will ensure the success of our major stakeholders: our students. In order for this to materialize and bring about responsible citizens of the future, all these groups must continue to work together.

*Rosaria Trupia – Vice Principal, High School of Montreal Adult Centre*

Life can be too short sometimes. Learn to appreciate and enjoy every moment, every occasion, every event, whether special or not, to their full potential. There can always be another tomorrow but no turning back in time.

*Jean Alexandre – Vice-Principal, Leonardo Da Vinci*

One Board – One Team!

*Robin Tom – Manager, Day Care*

I would encourage individuals to be true to themselves and to take care of themselves. To do our best both at work and at play by allowing our uniqueness to shine through ultimately, so that we can make a difference in the lives of others.

*Rosetta Perri – Principal, St. Dorothy*

Parents give us their jewels, we help their inner beauty shine through with the education that we give them. What a brilliant future!
Children are the reason for everything that we do. With each decision at every level of the EMSB – remember the children.

*Roma Medwid – Assistant Director, Pedagogical Services*
“Together we are better!” The English Montreal School Board strives to serve our community with dedicated, professional, responsible people who are passionate about doing what is best for our students!

Mario Tirelli – Deputy Director General

What is success? In the words of Margaret Thatcher, the first woman in European history to be elected Prime Minister: “… it is a mixture of having a plan for what you are doing; knowing that it is not enough”, that we have got to have hard work and a certain sense of purpose.”

Congratulations on your ten years of growth, best wishes for future success and most of all celebrate the present day successes.

Marzia Michielli – Director, Region III