



Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Bureau du président
Office of the Chairman

May 25, 2011

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the English Montreal School Board is in the process of looking at the rationalization of the network of our schools and centres. This periodic review is necessary to ensure that we are delivering the best possible educational services to our students in a pedagogically and financially sound manner. It is not an easy process for any school board to go through but is necessary when the Board faces increased challenges in providing services to the students entrusted to our care. This period of reflection/consultation is not easy for anyone but we are asking you to maintain your goodwill and cooperation throughout this period.

The Long Range Planning Committee prepared scenarios for Council's consideration. The Council through a series of resolutions retained some to be sent out for consultation for possible maintenance or closure. In order to see all the documentation and to get more information on the entire process, I would invite you to visit our website (www.emsb.qc.ca) and click on the icon called "Consultation for Proposed Major School Changes 2012-2013".

It is important to note that the significance of the scenarios that were retained is that they are being sent out for consultation to elicit the thoughts of all stakeholders regarding the maintenance, closure or relocation of schools or centres. It is through the consultation process, that the Council will be able to receive briefs and hear the opinions, ideas or new information that a school's or centre's community wants Council to be aware of before Council makes a decision.

During this consultation period, it is important to note that the schools or centres operate as usual. Sending out a school or centre for consultation should not presume any kind of outcome. That is why parents are asked to remain true to their schools and to continue to support their school/centre as they always have. The consultation period will end in January 2012, when a decision will be made by the Council of Commissioners.

The Administration and the Council of Commissioners understand how difficult this process is for the parents and students whose schools and centres have been affected by this consultation process. We would not engage in this process were it not absolutely necessary. Until then, your schools and centres look forward to your continued involvement. We ask you to continue to volunteer and work in partnership with your school or centre. Our School Board's continued success rate is in large part due to the delivery of excellent pedagogical services and the collaboration and active participation of our parents in their child's school life. Please let us not forget this during this difficult time of deliberation. I would invite us all to work together as we always have for the benefit of our students.

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