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Dear Parents,

It is with pleasure and pride that I send you this annual report on our Educational Success at John F. Kennedy High School.

This report is a statement of the success in regards to our Educational Success Plan and also our commitment to continue to work together with you so that all our students succeed year in and year out.

This report, along with our Educational Success Plan, will be posted on our web site ([www.emsb.qc.ca/jfk](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/jfk)) shortly. I encourage all of you to make it a habit to visit our web site on a regular basis so that you can see for yourselves our students' successes and capabilities.

Sincerely,

J. Marra  
Principal

# John F. Kennedy Annual Report October 2009

## **Our Educational Project**

### **Our Mission:**

- ❖ John F. Kennedy's mission is to empower our students to meet the challenges of tomorrow. This can be achieved through creating a respectful, caring and inclusive environment. We strive to create an atmosphere where students are encouraged to acquire new knowledge and skills, as well as to refine the talents they possess so that they may become lifelong learners in our global society.

### **Our Vision:**

John F. Kennedy staff and students are committed to continuous improvement and life-long learning. By emphasizing high academic standards for all our students, we envision John F. Kennedy to be a school which increases the possibility of all our students, including those considered 'at risk' to enter Professional, Technical-Vocational or Pre-University CEGEP programs. Furthermore, we wish to encourage participation in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, and instil a greater sense of respect and community.

*'A shared vision is not an idea...it is rather, a force in people's hearts...at its simplest level, a shared vision is the answer to the question 'What do we want to create?'*

*Peter Senge*

### **Our Directions for Success:**

#### **Orientation 1: Fostering Respect for Self and Others.**

Goal: Students demonstrate respect for themselves, others, their school community and the world they live in.

Current Status: Increased involvement of our community in our school through numerous speakers. Parents participation in in-school activities and fund raising. A school pride campaign assures student's pride in their school.

## **Orientation 2: Literacy Across all Domains.**

Goal: For John F. Kennedy students to have functional proficiency across all domains.

Current Status: Offering Core, Partial Immersion and Special Ed. Programs to meet our student's needs. Increase recreational reading in both official languages—French Language Month—Book Fair. Modernization and increased technology with our new Media Course and new computer lab for all domains.

## **Orientation 3: Life Long Learning.**

Goal: For John F. Kennedy students to achieve academic success that can be utilized towards their own goals.

Current Status: Continued emphasis on traditional tutoring and on line tutoring for English, French, Math, History and Science at all levels but particularly in secondary IV in order to decrease our drop out rate. Our students attend Montreal area cegeps and a growing number attend EMSB vocational centers. A large number of our students also complete their high school education by attending EMSB adult centers.

NANS helps John F. Kennedy High School to have positive impact on our three orientations in order to achieve greater academic and social success for all students.