



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER  
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

August 21, 2024

**Subject: Delay in opening of Heritage Elementary School**

Dear HES families,

We are writing to inform you about an important update regarding the opening of Heritage Elementary School.

We have visited the new school and we can assure you that Heritage Elementary School is going to be a wonderful, modern, state-of-the-art facility for our students and staff. However, due to the complex and evolving nature of the construction process and some material backorders, the school will be ready for us to take possession later than initially expected, which will delay the students' first day. We understand this news may be disruptive, and we want to assure you that we are working tirelessly to address the situation and minimize the impact on your family.

**Scenario 1 (What we are striving for)**

Students will start classes on **Monday, September 9**. Under this scenario, there are no plans to extend the school year or cut any pedagogical days pending approval from the Ministry. We are making every effort necessary to welcome students on September 9.

**Scenario 2**

In case of further delays, which we are doing everything possible to avoid, students would begin classes on **Monday, September 16**. Should we need to proceed with this scenario, we will carefully evaluate and make any necessary adjustments to the school calendar.

**Daycare service during this delay**

We understand that this delay is challenging for families, particularly regarding childcare. We are assessing the need for temporary daycare service in our neighbouring schools to support you during this period. This temporary daycare service will be offered at no charge. Please take a moment to complete this [survey](#), even if your child is registered as a regular daycare user, so we can determine how many students will require daycare during this time. Kindly complete this survey by 4 p.m. Friday, August 23.

**Communicating updates**

We are committed to keeping you informed with regular and transparent updates as new information becomes available. Make sure to check your emails regularly and opt-in to our [mass notification system](#) if you have not done so. Please be assured that your child's education and well-being remain our highest priorities, and we are doing everything within our power to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this challenging time. Heritage Elementary is going to be a fantastic facility for our community. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and will keep you informed every step of the way.

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