

September 7, 2024

Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE – Delay in the opening of Heritage Elementary School

Dear HES families.

Following an unscheduled inspection from the *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité au travail* (the CNESST) late yesterday afternoon, we regret to inform you that Heritage Elementary School will not open on Monday, September 9, as planned. Despite construction teams working tirelessly throughout the week, more time is needed to fully isolate the unfinished areas of the building and grounds from the finished ones. Since the general contractor will require more time to implement the necessary safety measures communicated to us by the CNESST, **the school is now scheduled to open for students on Monday, September 16.**

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause, however we have an obligation to adhere to the instructions of the CNESST before welcoming our students into the building. We acknowledge that this is a difficult and unfortunate situation for our students and families to further delay the start of the school year. We are working with the CNESST to promptly resolve the issues raised to provide the appropriate environment for our students to attend school.

To support families during this unexpected additional week of delay, we will continue to offer emergency daycare services to parents. Emergency daycare services will be provided at the following schools:

- Joliette Elementary School
- Franklin Hill Elementary School
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School

Please complete this survey as soon as possible if you require emergency daycare services next week so that we can plan accordingly.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging period and truly look forward to welcoming our students into this beautiful new school in the shortest possible delay.

We will provide you with an update and any new information as it becomes available.

Russell Copeman Director General





