

PLANNING FOR OUR SCHOOLS 2017-2018

Sustained enrolment growth in the elementary schools in the west end of Riverside territory (Candiac, Saint-Constant, Delson) as well as in the Chambly area is having a growing impact on the ability of our schools to offer a diversity of services and activities to our students given the lack of space.

Over the past several years, this lack of space has also resulted in the administrative transfer of students to neighbouring schools. In the context of a long-term planning exercise, the Council of Commissioners of Riverside School Board is depositing, for consultation, a proposal to address this situation.

Concerns raised over the past years regarding the overcrowding of William Latter and John Adam Memorial schools led to discussions at Council's long term planning sessions of May and September 2016. These discussions were supported by meetings with members of the community to gather additional input. It is important to note that, although the option of asking the Ministry for an extension to a school, or for the construction of a new building was discussed, it is not a viable option. The Ministry will not receive this request because we have the capacity within our system to school all of our students (available space in neighbouring schools).

Long-term planning exercises aim to find solutions that will enable the school board to serve the best interest of all our students over the next several years. Constructive input from our communities is vital to a successful process. To this end, we are launching a Consultation Period from November 17, 2016 to January 16, 2017 during which we will receive your comments and suggestions. This consultation period will include a Public Information Meeting, an opportunity to submit a memoire as well as the opportunity to present to Council at a Public Consultation Meeting.

On Tuesday November 29th, a Public Information Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Heritage Regional High School at 7445 Chemin de Chambly in Saint-Hubert. At that meeting, Council will present detailed information about the current proposal and answer any questions you may have. Please note that questions submitted in advance to us at: rsb@rsb.qc.ca will be prioritized. We also encourage you to RSVP at the same email address.

A public consultation meeting will be held on January 16, 2017. Individual or groups who wish to make a presentation at the public consultation meeting, must submit their request to the Office of the Secretary General of Riverside School Board by January 10, 2017, by contacting M^e Sylvie Côté at: sylvie.cote@rsb.qc.ca.

The Council of Commissioners will study all proposals received. At their meeting of January 24, 2017, the final zoning plan for the school year 2017-2018 will be presented and voted on.

We understand the difficulties and concerns raised by such a process. It is not lightly that we are bringing this proposal to you. We strongly believe however, that difficult decisions need to be made to serve the best interest of our students, present and future.

Where to find the 2017-2018 Planning Proposal

On Riverside school board website

www.rsb.qc.ca

Public Information Meeting

November 29th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

At Heritage Regional High School

RSVP and submit questions at rsb@rsb.qc.ca

Public Consultation Meeting

January 16th, 2017

To make a formal presentation at the Public Consultation Meeting

or to submit feedback

Contact M^e Sylvie Côté, Secretary General at

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Adoption of the Planning documents for 2017-2018

January 24th, 2017 Council of Commissioners meeting

