

COME GROW WITH US

Willingdon Expansion Parent Consultation



Information Session Outline

- 1. Background and Context (~10 mins)
- 2. What is the Opportunity? Why Now? (~30 mins)
- 3. Timeline & Schedule (~5 mins)
- 4. Next Steps (~5 mins)
- 5. Parent Feedback (~5 mins)



Preliminaries: Who Is Involved?

Steering Committee:

- Carmen Nicolas
- Eric Lamoureux
- Kathleen Usher
- Lara Belinsky



Key Stakeholders:

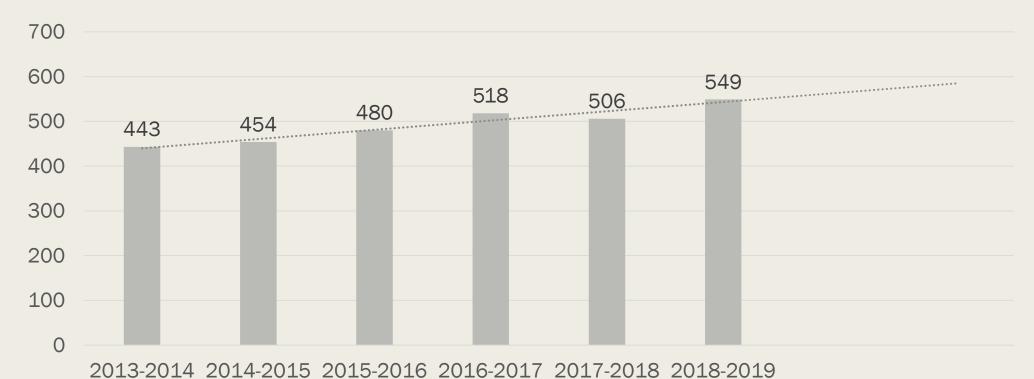
- Children and Parents of Willingdon
- Willingdon Staff
- Governing Board Members
- Home & School Representatives
- EDP Representatives
- Other Volunteers at the School



Enrollment History at Willingdon

(as of Sept 30)





Schools in the West End are Overcrowded

- Edinburgh is at 123 %
- Merton is at 105 %
- Willingdon is at 90 %

And yet:

- We already have a double class in the gym
- Kindergarten class and EDP are sharing a space



Our priority is to protect our vibrant specialist programs and resources



- Science Room
- Music Room
- Computer Lab
- Single classes in the gym
- Sensory Room
- Resource Room
- Library



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WILLINGDON

EMSB offers the option of an Annex to:

- Willingdon
- Merton
- Edinburgh

How can Willingdon grow?

- How do we capitalize on this opportunity?
- How do we seize the moment ?

Willingdon explores options Junior Campus Senior Campus









A WILLINGDON SENIOR CAMPUS?

What would this look like?

What does the Annex site offer?

- Access to 3 soccer fields directly behind the school
- Cross country ski path in the winter
- Park with play structure
- Green space and treed area with picnic tables





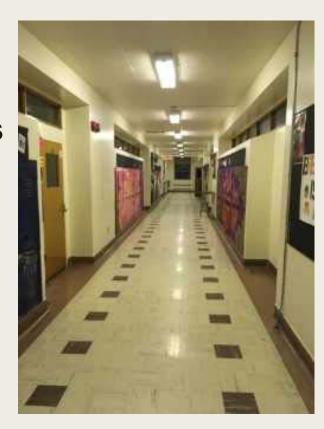
Additional access to green space for both younger and older students



What does the Annex site offer?

- 12 closed classrooms including 3 kitchens on 2 floors
- New renovated bathrooms on both floors
- Closed lockers
- Gym and stage area
- Office spaces
- Growth





Senior Campus Exploration



■ A senior campus could protect all of its specialists spaces and programs (Music, science, computer lab, library, resource room, behavior room, sensory room) for BOTH campuses

Ease space constraints at the current building

Continued growth without sacrificing our quality education

More opportunities for students to take on leadership roles at both campuses

■ Greater choices in learning

■ More creative learning spaces

■ More upgraded facilities





Senior Campus exploration continued



- New opportunities for specialists to expand their programs.
- Multiple crossover activities and inclusion between campuses
- Full complement of staff would be requested of the EMSB
- A second vice principal and school secretary

This opportunity would allow us to further enhance our mission of servicing the community we love and developing the leaders of tomorrow in both French and English.

Key considerations

- School and community spirit
 - Specialists teachers would travel to both campuses during the week.
- Crossover activities & inclusion of both campuses for activities
 - Activities would continue and would be adapted to keep community spirit alive.





Key considerations

■ Transportation

o The bus territory would expand to pick up students further away. Willingdon Junior campus can pick up students to bring them to the senior campus so that parents are still doing one

Staggered start and end times

EDP

o A program would be offered at both campuses, or a transportation service would bring



Schedule and Next Steps



Jan 29: Letter sent to all Parents

Feb 5: Information Session & Feedback Forms

Feb 8: Target date for receiving and tabulating all feedback

Feb 11: Site Visit and review of FAQs

Feb 13: Governing Board meeting on next steps

Feb 20: Present Proposal to EMSB Commissioners

Parent Feedback

We Want To Hear From You!



- Please review and fill in the feedback form
- Return to the school as soon as possible
- Available online: http:// willingdon.emsb.qc.ca
- Can email us at willingdongb@gmail.com

We believe a Senior Campus would allow Willingdon to continue leading the way toward a truly inclusive, community based, 21st century learning environment where students will leave feeling like they can change the world.



You Are Invited: Site Visit

Interested in seeing the potential site?





Join us on **Monday, February 11**th at 6:00-7:30pm 4850 Coronation avenue, corner Somerled, H4V 2E2



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Please remember to fill out a feedback form