

# FACE SCHOOL FACT SHEET N° 7

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## FACE SCHOOL REHABILITATION

### Preliminary development plans

The preliminary development plans, known as “block plans,” were presented to the members of both governing boards of the FACE School (Centre de services scolaires de Montréal [CSSDM] and the English Montreal School Board [EMSB]) in June 2022.

These plans were the outcome of a robust analysis of area and space requirements conducted by professionals in collaboration with key stakeholders from the community through the integrated design process (IDP). These plans ensure that the building has enough space for the school’s educational program.

Visit the FACE Project website to [see the planned reorganization of the school’s spaces](#). The block plans will continue to be developed and refined over the coming months.

### Professionals hired

We have just hit a major milestone in the project, as the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI) has awarded contracts to the architects and engineers to develop the plans and specifications for the FACE School rehabilitation project.

These professionals will use the block plans to define a development scenario that accounts for the functional requirements of the Fine Arts program and those meant to preserve the built heritage. The IDP workshops will resume to let key stakeholders continue to contribute to the project.

### A new player: Construction manager

The SQI will soon launch a call for tenders to hire a construction manager, who will play a key role in carrying out this complex and large-scale project by planning and coordinating all of the work. This general contractor will also establish the project’s implementation strategy, the amount of work to be done and its scope and scheduling, as well as logistics. The project team will benefit from this person’s expertise even before the work starts.

### Building oversight

A preventive inspection of the FACE School’s masonry started this summer and will be completed shortly. If work to make the building safe must be done, it will be coordinated very closely with the school administration so as not to interfere with educational activities. To uphold user safety, the building will continue to be inspected until the FACE School rehabilitation is complete.

## RELOCATION

### FACE Elementary School – 4835, Christophe-Colomb

Major rehabilitation work on this building is going smoothly. Phase III, which consists of interior and exterior renovations to the school, began in September. This last work phase should take 22 months.

Students and staff should be able to start using the transitional elementary school starting in 2024-2025. In the meantime, check out the [proposed development plans for the transitional elementary school](#) on the FACE Project website.

### FACE Secondary School – 4251, Saint-Urbain

It’s confirmed! The CSSDM has obtained the necessary authorizations and funding to start this project.

The first work phase, which consists of selective interior demolition and gutting of the building interior, began in late September and should last until summer 2023.

Students and staff could move to this transitional site for the 2025-2026 school year. In the meantime, check out the [proposed development plans for the transitional secondary school](#) on the FACE Project website.

## FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER

Did you know that the FACE School was not always at its current location at 3449 University Street?

Before it moved in the early 1980s, the FACE School was at 1822 De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, which is currently home to the École des métiers de la restauration et du tourisme de Montréal (EMRTM).

This building on De Maisonneuve, which was the Victoria Elementary School from 1888 to 1979, also has high heritage value and underwent major renovations between 2010 and 2012, just before the EMRTM moved in.

### Write us!

If you have questions about the FACE School relocation and rehabilitation project, you can email us at [projetface@c sdm.qc.ca](mailto:projetface@c sdm.qc.ca).

You can also visit [FACE Project](#) to learn more about the history of the project and read our previous newsletters.