

SMI RENOVATION AND RELOCATION PLAN
SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010
Q & A

What is the estimated date of completion of the renovation?

- ***The expected completion date of the renovation is March 11, 2011.***

Due to planned squeeze of recess time, will there be enough time to have a proper meal/snack?

- ***Students currently have 20 minutes for lunch. This will remain the same at the SCG location. Teachers will also continue to allot time before recess so that students can have a snack before they go outside.***

The first day of school is very hectic and busy. Normally, the children are required to meet in the playground (with the help of a parent) and find out who their new teacher will be. How will this work if the students are leaving SMI at 9:00 am to go to St. Charles Garnier?

- ***The practice would be the same. Students from kindergarten to Grade 3 would line up in the SMI school yard (or school gym if it is raining) under the sign with the posted grade number and teachers would read out the names of the students in their class and then walk them to class.***
- ***The students from grades 4 to 8 would board the buses (if they walk to school) and the students who are bussed to school would remain on their bus and continue on to SCG. The students would assemble in the school yard at SCG (or school gym if it is raining) and follow the same process.***

Will class assignments be available before the first day of school?

- ***This is being reviewed for next year as a result of the school renovations and relocation. The caution is that class lists and/or teacher assignments may change over the summer months***

How will bus information be provided to parents prior to the first day of school? Stop location, pick-up time, bus route number, etc. especially for students who currently walk to school.

- ***Schedules for students eligible for transportation to SMI will not change for the 2010-2011 school year. As a result current bus stop service times will carry over for next school year. Students who walk to school need to arrive at school at 8:50 am to prepare to load their bus to SCG.***

Why did you choose not to include grade 3s? At one point, the discussion was grade 3-8 will be transferred to the other school.

- ***It was always our goal to have our grade 3 students remain at the SMI so that the entire primary division would be together. The projected enrolment and class organization for September 2010 now indicates that we can accommodate both grade 3 classes in the south wing of the SMI building.***

What rooms will the grade 3 students occupy during the renovations?

- ***The Grade 3 classes will occupy two classrooms in the south wing of our school where the kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students currently reside.***

Will all asbestos be removed during summer months only?

- ***All demolition is planned to be completed during July and August.***

Will any traces of asbestos remain after removal (i.e. in the ventilation system, etc.)?

- ***All work involving the removal of designated or hazardous substances will be monitored by an environmental consultant. An approved contractor authorized to handle these substances will perform this work. When the work is completed, the consultant will test the area to ensure that no traces of these substances remain.***

Are the areas completely separated (HVAC included) so to eliminate exposure?

- ***Only one classroom (adjacent to the east side of the pit) being renovated has ductwork. The existing ductwork serving this room will be removed and capped. The remainder of the areas that are served by the existing ventilation unit will not be affected by the renovation.***
- ***This renovated area will ultimately be served by a new ventilation system that will also serve the renovated north wing.***

What kind of testing and independent oversight will there be during construction?

- ***Any work involving designated or hazardous substances will be monitored by an environmental consultant. When the work has been completed a follow-up test by the consultant will be performed and a report forwarded to Administration.***

With regards to transportation, would it be easier and more efficient to pick-up students at designated stops (i.e. along Regent St.) then continue to St. Charles? My kids currently walk, and would have to wait outside for their bus...what if they miss the bus? Many kids live along this route.

- ***The school buses that transport students to/from SMI also service other schools with earlier bell times each morning. As a result, these buses cannot arrive earlier at SMI. Adding stops en route to SCG will add additional travel time and will result in buses not being able to arrive at SCG for the start of classes.***
- ***Students who walk to SMI need to ensure they arrive at the school at 8:50 am to prepare to load their bus to SCG.***
- ***Students who miss their bus to SCG will need to make alternate arrangements to be transported to school. This practice is consistent with the practice for all other bussed students in the Board.***

In order to alleviate the congestion of buses and cars dropping off and picking up students, and the potential safety hazards that this could cause due to reduced drop-off and parking areas during the construction period, will it be possible to establish designated pick-up and drop-off locations en route to SCG, for example along Regent or Ellery?

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- ***Parents who drive their children to/from school will be able to safely utilize the lay-by lane on the east side of Regent Street south of the school.***