Dear Parents,

Our scheduled general assembly for this evening is being moved to Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 8pm to accommodate the Bill 40 legal challenge on behalf of the English school boards.

How will the assembly take place?

The assembly will take place in the gymnasium of Vincent Massey Collegiate located at 5925  27th Avenue, Montreal.  In order to respect the health and safety regulations outlined by Santé Publique, all parents who plan to attend must RSVP by September 16th, 2020.  Only parents planning to attend need to complete the link included below.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3I4qaDU1e0SMeoQxodjRtZtjjWd5zR5AmAc2RNkhLAxUNDExVDU4NDBZODExQ1RMSkpZNVlNTldMUi4u](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/aFQEaOWMoxO4mkZhn39WOg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhO481P0SEaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5vZmZpY2UuY29tL1BhZ2VzL1Jlc3BvbnNlUGFnZS5hc3B4P2lkPTNJNHFhRFUxZTBTTWVvUXhvZGpSdFp0ampXZDV6UjVBbUFjMlJOa2hMQXhVTkRFeFZEVTROREJaT0RFeFExUk1Ta3BaTlZsTlRsZE1VaTR1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAR7VbWl8VYyYZUhJzZHVmb3J0QGVtc2IucWMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

Parent candidates for GB parent vacancies?

If you are interested in presenting yourself as a candidate there are two methods:

Submit your name to [fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca) if you cannot attend the assembly but would like you name included on the ballot;

OR

Present yourself in person at the General Assembly.

We ask that candidates who will present themselves in person also advise the principal at the following email [fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca) .

This year there are three positions available on the Vincent Massey Collegiate Governing Board with a two year mandate.  In addition, two parent alternates will also be selected.

Below you will find more specific information about Governing Boards and their role within our educational system.

**What is a Governing Board?**

A governing board is a body established in each school according to the Education Act. It is composed of the principal, parents, teachers, representatives of both the non-teaching professionals and support staff, daycare, and students in cycle 2 of secondary school, and community representatives who work in partnership to ensure that all students receive the best possible learning opportunities.

**What does a Governing Board do?**

The powers and functions of the governing board are related to four areas: general, educational services, community services and physical and financial resources.

**Governing Board Elections**

Each September, the chair of the governing board or the school principal calls a general assembly of the parents of the students who attend the school to elect parent representatives to the governing board. This year our General Assembly will take place **Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 8pm.**

At the meeting, the parents also elect a representative to the [EMSB Parents Committee](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/zasoOubkgNzm7sIOCsyHSA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhO481P0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZW1zYi5xYy5jYS9lbXNiL2NvbW11bml0eS9wYXJlbnRzL2Vtc2ItcGNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBHtVtaXxVjJhlSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~) from among their representatives on the governing board.

**Terms of Office and Vacancies**

The term of office for parent representatives is two years except for the first year a governing board is established when half the parents elected serve one year. The term of office for other members is one year.

If a parent representative leaves the governing board before completing his or her mandate, the other parent representatives on the governing board appoint a parent to fill the vacancy and complete the mandate.  This vacancy will be filled by one of the alternates selected at the general assembly. A parent representative whose child no longer attends the school may remain a member of the governing board until the next general assembly held before September 30 of the new school year.