

June 12, 2024

Families,

I am writing to welcome you and your child to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)! You are receiving this message because you have registered for the Pre-Primary program at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary (SJAM) for September 2024.

Enrolment in the HRCE continues to grow at a significant rate and this is especially true at SJAM.

This is an update to let you know that the Pre-Primary program for SJAM will be offered at St. Stephen's Elementary for the 2024-25 school year, to help ease enrolment pressures until the replacement school is complete.

St. Stephen's will be a familiar, and convenient, location for many families. The Pre-Primary program will be the same high-quality, play-based experience that is offered at any HRCE location. Children will become curious, confident, and capable learners who will be well-prepared to join their home school for Grade Primary.

## **Transportation**

Pre-Primary children will be provided transportation if they meet <u>eligibility requirements</u>. In early July, you can confirm your child's eligibility in <u>BusPlanner</u>. The HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out over the summer with more details.

## What happens next?

Closer to September, an Early Childhood Educator with Pre-Primary will reach out to you with more information about starting the program this fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us a message at connect@hrce.ca.

We are excited to have you join us this September!

With thanks,

Steve Gallagher

Regional Executive Director

Halifax Regional Centre for Education