



December 2, 2024

Families,

We are just a few weeks away from moving into the new Eastern Shore Consolidated School!

Throughout December, staff will be preparing the school to welcome students in the new year.

Click [here](#) to see a sneak peek of the school, and [here](#) for the latest project status report.

To ensure a smooth and comfortable transition for everyone, the move will take place in two phases, starting with the junior high. Each school has been granted two variance days to allow staff to prepare for these changes. There will be no classes for students on those days, as noted below.

Gaetz Brook Junior High Transition

- To allow staff to pack up and unpack their classrooms, **there will be no school for students on Friday, December 20, 2024, and Friday, January 3, 2025.**
- Grades 7-9 students will start school in the new building on **Monday, January 6, 2025.**

Eastern Shore District High Transition

- To allow staff to pack up and unpack their classrooms, **there will be no school for students on Friday, January 3, 2025, and Monday, February 3, 2025.** Classes and preparation for final assessments will continue as usual. Resources required for the month of January will be available to students.
- Grades 10-12 students will remain in their current building until after assessment week. They will start school in the new building on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025.**

Beginning in January, Jen Murray will be Principal and Jessica McCarron will be Vice Principal at Eastern Shore Consolidated. Sharlene Ellis will continue to be acting Principal at Eastern Shore District High until the move and will join the staff at Eastern Shore Consolidated as Vice Principal on February 3.

Your next transition update will come from your school principal. You will also receive new transportation information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact HRCE Operations Services at hrceoperations@hrce.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kavita Khanna".

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