

March 31, 2025

Families,

This summer, Fairview Heights Elementary's main building will receive a new modular classroom unit. This upgrade will replace some of the school's portable classrooms and will support continued enrolment growth. The new modular unit is expected to be ready for students this September.

What is a modular?

You are likely familiar with the modular unit at the school's annex. If not, a modular is a standalone building beside the school that contains classrooms connected by hallways and includes washrooms. **Your new modular will contain six new classrooms.** Each classroom will be equipped with heating, ventilation and technology.

Modular classrooms allow us to respond to enrolment growth quickly, and provide safe, comfortable learning spaces for students and staff. <u>Click here</u> for a short video that shows what they look like.

What does this mean?

- To make space to prepare for the modular unit, one portable classroom will be temporarily relocated on school property this coming weekend. We expect that it will be ready for use on Monday, April 7.
- Classes will continue to use the portables until the end of the school year.
- Your school Principal will work with staff to determine which classes will occupy the new modular space in September.

Construction impacts

Every effort will be made to schedule noisy or disruptive work outside of school hours and during the summer months. In the coming weeks, crews are expected to begin preparation of the school grounds for the incoming modular. Here's what you can expect:

- Safety fencing will be placed around the work area. Regular pedestrian routes may be impacted.
- The back playgrounds, outdoor learning area and entrance to the basketball court will be temporarily closed. The school will be given field access for additional play space.
- The area of Coronation Avenue next to the school will be closed off to accommodate work vehicles.
- Nearby street parking may be limited once construction begins.

We will keep you updated as work progresses. If you have any questions, please email hrceoperations@hrce.ca.

Sincerely, Steve Gallagher Regional Executive Director Halifax Regional Centre for Education