

SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN 2010-2015

Introduction

The Forest Hill School Success Plan for 2010-2015 is based on the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Strategic Plan entitled "Together We Learn: Partnering for Student Success". The Forest Hill School Success Plan outlines a clear direction and defines our priorities for the coming five years. At Forest Hill School it is our responsibility to ensure that every student in our school has the opportunity to reach his/her potential. Our success plan provides a road map to meet that responsibility. Our success plan ensures that our goals are achievable, our progress is measurable.

Our success plan has been developed with input from our stakeholders and in accordance with the strategic directions of the Ministry of Education, Leisure & Sports and the four identified pillars of our school board's strategic plan. We believe the objectives and strategies we have chosen represent key areas that will increase the success rate of our students. At Forest Hill School student success is paramount to our plans and actions.

Forest Hill School opened in 1997-98 with a Bilingual Program and in September 1999 became an Early Immersion School. It is located in St. Lazare, Québec, off the western tip of the island of Montreal. We serve a mostly English-speaking clientele from Kindergarten to gr. 6 in two different buildings. The junior and senior school campuses were created in 2005 in response to the rapidly growing population in the off-island districts of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Forest Hill School offers resources, special activities and school events that are geared towards the interests and needs of specific age groups.

The collaboration between staff and the parent community, which has been very supportive, has facilitated not only the transition to a two campus model, but also the day-to-day operations. Our parents are key to the success of our school.

Our pedagogical teams work together to enhance the learning of core and complementary subjects. Through the curriculum they aim to instill in students a sense of responsibility for the environment and social causes and they promote healthy and active lifestyle. This has created a coherent and vigorous approach to providing an enriched educational experience.

Please click on the link below to open Forest Hill School Success Plan at a glance:

<http://foresthilljr.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents/SSPGlance.pdf>

Characteristics of the school

Forest Hill School now services 846 students in two campuses. The junior campus hosts 394 students and the senior campus 453. The junior campus offers 85% of their curriculum in French. The 15% English component consists of physical education and music. The senior campus curriculum is composed of 50% French and 50% English instruction. Students move to the senior campus after 3 years at the junior campus. When they arrive in grade 3, students start working towards the acquisition of reading and writing in English.

Our students come from an extended geographical area and a vast majority of them are bussed to school every day. However following Major School Change, starting in 2011-12 a local population from St.Lazare will be attending Forest Hill School. Our buses service the two buildings which are approximately 3 km apart.

Each campus has approximately 25 teachers. We also welcome school board professionals who visit us weekly to offer a variety of services to our clientele. A team of daycare and lunch staff supervises students daily.

The daycare team offers morning and after school daycare. A lunch time supervisor is assigned to each class as students eat lunch on the premises. The possibility of pre-ordering a hot lunch is available. The total number of students registered in daycare is 272 with 148 at the junior and 124 at the senior.

We are very well equipped in technology with a full computer lab, a computer and smart board in each class. Many staff members use interactive smart board lessons on a daily basis.

We offer extracurricular activities in music and physical education and we partner with an outside organization to offer after school activities. Our school is used for school community special evenings such as movie nights and star gazing evenings. Our gyms also serve the greater community with evening and weekend activities offered by the municipality of St. Lazare.

School Vision/Mission

Our guiding principles:

- **In a safe and caring setting help each child reach his/her individual potential.**
- **Provide a rich academic environment that supports students so they can develop their intellectual, social and emotional competencies and become life-long learners.**
- **Empower students with the necessary skills to transition to High School and graduate**

Student Exit Profile:

Upon leaving our grade 6 classes we aim for each student to be

functionally bilingual

computer literate

an independent and responsible learner

an independent reader and writer in both languages

a critical thinker

a socially responsible and caring individual

a well rounded individual with interests in the arts and the sciences

an active individual who has developed a healthy life style