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## Regional Executive Director of Education

June 29, 2022

Families,

I am pleased to share a few exciting updates on the project to replace St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary School.

**We have received confirmation that the school is expected to be completed in the winter of 2024. We will work closely with the school community on a transition plan closer to this date so we can welcome students into their new school and celebrate its grand opening.**

Demolition of the old building is now underway and is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month. Construction is expected to begin in January 2023. To view the most current Project Status Report, [click here](#).

We are also excited to share that space for a child care centre will be included within the new school. The North End Community Day Care (NECDC) will move into this space when the school opens. As many of you may have experienced first-hand, the not-for-profit centre has a long-standing history of delivering exceptional care to children in the community. This centre will support the province's commitment to transform the delivery of child care and ensure families across Nova Scotia have access to affordable, quality and inclusive child care spaces.

Finally, I would like to confirm that St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary will keep its name. The principal recently engaged members of the School Advisory Council (SAC), students, staff and the community in a naming/renaming process, as outlined in HRCE's [Naming or Renaming Schools Policy](#). I am pleased to support and accept their recommendation and want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this process. I am especially appreciative to the committee for their time and efforts. You can read the full report, [here](#).

You can expect regular communication as construction of the new school progresses. You can also find information at [hrce.ca](http://hrce.ca).

Enjoy a healthy and safe summer vacation!

With thanks,



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