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Families,

I want to take a few moments to tell you about an exciting construction project the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) will be undertaking this spring at Park West School.

The HRCE has received funding to build a modular classroom structure which will allow us to remove most of the portable classrooms on site. In addition, the modular classrooms will allow us to bring the Pre-Primary program to the school from its current offsite location and to recreate specialist spaces now used as classrooms. Having Pre-Primary in the school will benefit the children when they move into Grade Primary because they will be familiar with many of the staff, the building and the outdoor space.

Modular classrooms are different from the portable classrooms we currently have onsite. They are connected by a hallway and have washrooms facilities within the structure. There will also be a breezeway from the structure to the school building.

A tender for this project has been issued. Our plan is to start construction before the end of April with the goal of completing the project by the end of this school year.

Last year, the HRCE built a modular structure at Duc d'Anville Elementary. While this is a two-storey addition, the structure we are building at Park West will be one floor. Here is a short video that will give you an idea of what the space will look like: <https://youtu.be/sDy6P5q3HyQ>.

You can look forward to an update in a few weeks. HRCE is excited to be undertaking this project at Park West!

With thanks,



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Regional Executive Director of Education

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