Dear Parents,

**You are all invited to the general assembly which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 7:30pm @ VMC.**

How will the assembly take place and who should attend?

The assembly will take place in the cafeteria of Vincent Massey Collegiate located at 5925  27th Avenue, Montreal.  You can park in the school yard and enter directly into the cafeteria. Parents/guardians of any VMC student are invited to attend and will be able to vote.

Parent candidates for GB parent vacancies?

If you are interested in presenting yourself as a candidate there are two methods:

If you cannot attend the assembly, but would like your name included on the ballot, submit your name to fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca

It is encouraged to include a brief statement describing yourself and why you should be considered.  This will be read at the general assembly.

OR

Present yourself in person at the General Assembly.  You will be asked to briefly state why you should be considered.

We ask that candidates who present themselves in person arrive at 7pm to be added to the ballot and also advise the principal at the following email fcristiano@emsb.qc.ca of their interest.

This year there are four positions available with a two year mandate on the Vincent Massey Collegiate Governing Board .  In addition, two parent alternates will also be selected.

Below you will find more specific information about Governing Boards and their role within our educational system.

**What is a Governing Board?**

A governing board is a body established in each school according to the Education Act. It is composed of the principal, parents, teachers, representatives of both the non-teaching professionals and support staff, daycare, and students in cycle 2 of secondary school, and community representatives who work in partnership to ensure that all students receive the best possible learning opportunities.

**What does a Governing Board do?**

The powers and functions of the governing board are related to four areas: general, educational services, community services and physical and financial resources.

**Governing Board Elections**

Each September, the chair of the governing board or the school principal calls a general assembly of the parents of the students who attend the school to elect parent representatives to the governing board. This year our General Assembly will take place **Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 7:30pm.**

At the meeting, the parents also elect a representative to the [EMSB Parents Committee](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/lffVWRzHoi9FgGQUMfmA4A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRm3L4MP0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZW1zYi5xYy5jYS9lbXNiL2NvbW11bml0eS9wYXJlbnRzL2Vtc2ItcGNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmT5jIr7ZN63rtVSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~) from among their representatives on the governing board.

**Terms of Office and Vacancies**

The term of office for parent representatives is two years except for the first year a governing board is established when half the parents elected serve one year. The term of office for other members is one year.

If a parent representative leaves the governing board before completing his or her mandate, the other parent representatives on the governing board appoint a parent to fill the vacancy and complete the mandate.  This vacancy will be filled by one of the alternates selected at the general assembly. A parent representative whose child no longer attends the school may remain a member of the governing board until the next general assembly held before September 30 of the new school year.