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Dear Parents/Guardians of students at Ernie Checkeris Public School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Westmount Avenue Public School:

The new French Immersion JK to Grade 6 school on the Lasalle Secondary School site will be ready for occupancy for September 1, 2023. As we prepare for the launch, we are pleased to inform you that the current Principal of Ernie Checkeris Public School and Carl A. Nesbitt Public School has been appointed Principal of the new school.

Principal Wachnuk helped with the opening of Walden Public School. An experienced administrator, he will ensure a smooth transition for all students and staff. Principal Wachnuk has been at the construction site weekly and looks forward to welcoming students from Ernie Checkeris Public School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Westmount Avenue Public School to their modern classrooms, gymnasium, library and common areas this fall.

Many of the staff members at the current schools will be moving to the new school along with their students, which will provide continuity for teaching and learning. While the school environment will be new, there will be many familiar faces. To assist families with planning, tentative bell times have been set. The school day will begin at 8:50 am and end at 3:10 pm.

We are also pleased to share that the new school will be called Lasalle Elementary School. The name was proposed by a school naming committee with trustee, parent/guardian, community and student representation and participation from all of the existing schools. The name was approved by the Board at its regular meeting on April 18, 2023.

Lasalle Elementary School will operate as a separate and distinct entity while taking advantage of the facilities the Lasalle Secondary School campus offers. Students will have access to the Lancer Dome where they will enjoy soccer and other activities throughout the school year. There will also be opportunities for students in the junior grades to explore the exciting programs that await them in secondary school.

Parents/guardians who have children starting school this fall are invited to register at the existing schools if they have not already done so. Ernie Checkeris Public School and Westmount Avenue Public School will host Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation Sessions in May. Visit rainbowschools.ca for dates and times.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education