



Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Bureau de la Directeur général
Office of the Director General

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Subject: Reverse Integration Program at Mackay Centre School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The EMSB and Mackay Centre School are continuing a joint venture, begun in 1973, in which a limited number of children in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 5 are given an opportunity to attend Mackay Centre School for one year. Reverse Integration students follow the regular curriculum and learn alongside students with physical disabilities at Mackay Centre School. The program boasts small class sizes, Smart Board interactive TVs in each classroom, weekly swimming classes, Snoezellen Room, as well as the opportunity to learn and/or play alongside children who use sign language, communication devices and adapted equipment for recreation and mobility.

If you are interested in having your child/children attend the reverse integration program at Mackay Centre School for a year please complete and submit the application either by email mackay@emsb.qc.ca, by mail or fax (514-487-3676) postmarked by February 18, 2022. Please note that children with special needs or following an IEP are not eligible to apply. Additional application forms are available at your school office or on the Mackay Centre School website. Please take the opportunity to learn more about our school and reverse integration program by visiting www.emsb.qc.ca/mackay.

If your child is eligible to attend the reverse integration program, they will be invited for a two-day visit in March. At this time, applicants will be screened and selected based on individual class needs. Each year we evaluate the needs of our Mackay students and this determines if we are able to accept reverse integration students in a particular grade level. Parents will be invited to attend a *Parent Information Meeting* on the first day of their child's visit. A tour of the school and the classrooms will be organized at that time. You will be notified by mail of the date of your child's visit.

We receive more applications than available spaces, so unfortunately not all students are eligible for admission. You should be notified of your child's admission to the program by the end of April.

Should you require further information please contact Ms. Irini Margetis, Principal, at 514-483-0550, extension 2253 or Mr. Greg Watson, Vice-Principal, at 514-483-0550, extension 3253.

Yours truly,

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