

January 31, 2025

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, Kindergarten and Grade 3 to 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, students who use sign language, communication devices and adapted equipment for recreation and mobility. The program boasts small class sizes, weekly swimming classes, a Snoezelen room, a computer lab and a myriad of opportunities to learn in a unique school environment.

If you are interested in having your child/children attend the Reverse Integration program at Mackay Centre School for one year please complete and submit the application either by email at mackay@emsb.qc.ca or by mail, postmarked by February 24, 2025. Please note that children with special needs or students 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 the Reverse Integration program by visiting www.emsb.qc.ca/mackay.

Children eligible to attend the Reverse Integration program will be invited to join a Mackay class for two days in the month of March or April, after which candidates will be selected. Parents of applicants will be invited to an information session on the first day of their child's visit. A tour of the school will also be organized at that time. Parents will be notified of their 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. Robert Simpson, Interim Vice-Principal, at 514-483-0550, extension 3253.

Yours truly,

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