



April 28, 2023

Families,

I am excited to provide you with an update on the project to replace St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary.

Project Status

Since our last [update](#), the tender for the project was issued, and bids are currently under review. We anticipate that construction will begin next month.

To see the latest project update report, click [here](#).

Art

Halifax Regional Arts has begun planning the art for the new school. A meeting was held on March 28 to discuss how to engage the community throughout the process, and what the two major art installments could look like. Here's what we know about the projects so far:

Mosaic Tile

A large mosaic tile piece will be installed in the floor at the main entrance. All students and staff will have the opportunity to contribute to this work.

Story Wall

Once the school opens and students and staff are settled, work will begin on the wall that reflects the rich and diverse story of SJAM, its students and the surrounding community. We are excited to invite the entire school community to help us capture and create this story through art.

What's Next?

We are committed to providing updates as the project progresses. You can also find all up-to-date information [here](#).

Finally, at the last SST meeting, members asked about an upgrade to the heating system at the current SJAM site. I am confirming that the heating system will be upgraded in the coming months.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kavita Khanna".

Kavita Khanna P.Eng., MBA
Director Of Operations Services
