



RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear River Vale School Community,

The new school year is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to welcoming our students back to modernized, more comfortable buildings. From September to June, we want our newly improved schools to feel like a second home for our students - a place to explore, learn, grow, and make happy, long-lasting memories.



This summer, we have been exceptionally busy fulfilling our goal as construction related to the 2021 referendum continues at our schools. We have faced and overcome various challenges related to supply chain delays. These issues have had the most impact on Roberge Elementary, where extensive interior renovations are underway.

As of now, we are on track to open Roberge on Sept. 12, the first day of school.

We are taking steps to prepare in the unlikely event that the building cannot open because of factors beyond our control.

Making a thoughtful contingency plan is consistent with our proactive, comprehensive approach to the construction process. We have expedited shipping on equipment and coordinated with the construction site manager to arrange extra shifts for available workers.

I assure you that if we need to enact a reopening contingency plan for Roberge students and staff, it will be as non-disruptive as possible. Students would begin full-day school in person (not virtual) and on schedule with their classmates and teacher, and access to regular special services. We would keep students in the River Vale district buildings that we know are secure and welcoming. Construction at Woodside Elementary and Holdrum Middle School is currently focused on the exterior of the buildings and should not present any obstacles to housing students and staff.

Taking the step of creating a contingency plan ensures that any short-term alternative space – if needed -- would keep our community together. Again, we do not believe we will need to put this plan into action, but we strive to communicate the possibility of any situation that would affect our River Vale families.

We will closely monitor construction progress and update the school community through email on Sept. 1.

Take time to enjoy the rest of summer with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing your children back at River Vale Schools for the first day of the 2022/2023 School Year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Signore
Superintendent of Schools



DATES TO REMEMBER



September 5th

Schools closed for Labor Day

September 12th

First Days for Students



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