

PRESS RELEASE

Riverside Regional Elementary School is Granted a Much-welcomed Extension

Jonquière, Wednesday, June 14, 2023 — The Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) is pleased to announce that the *ministère de l'Éducation* (MEQ) has granted funding for a much-awaited extension to Riverside Regional Elementary School (RRES) located in Jonquière. Work is scheduled to begin in June 2023.

Riverside Regional Elementary School's student population has been increasing steadily over the past few years and projections indicate that the trend will continue. ***"This grant is excellent news for our community, and I would like to thank Member of the National Assembly representing Jonquière, Mr. Yannick Gagnon, for his invaluable support in this matter"*** mentions Stephen Burke, Chairman of the Council of Commissioners of the CQSB.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$7,464,868 and will enable the addition of 6 classrooms and multifunctional shared spaces. A long-awaited permanent solution that will replace the growing number of portable classrooms in use since 2019.

Incidentally, in order to harmoniously integrate the building extension with the specific needs of the Arvida heritage sector, the CQSB worked on this project in conjunction with the *service de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'urbanisme de la Ville de Saguenay*, as well as the Ministry of Culture. The project was designed by the architectural consortium *Ardoise+BGLA Architectes* and the engineering firm EXP. The work will be carried out by *Les Constructions Tect-Hab inc.*

As Yannick Gagnon, Member of the National Assembly for Jonquière, points out, ***"The English-speaking community in our region is intimately linked to the history of the heritage city of Arvida, and has contributed to enriching the cultural landscape of the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region for many decades. As the only English-language elementary school not only in Jonquière, but in the entire Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region, it was essential to carry out the Riverside expansion project. I'm proud of today's announcement, and I know it will be a great source of joy for our anglophone community."***

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