



## Kingston Secondary School Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will Kingston Secondary School be completed?**

We anticipate construction will be completed in the winter of the 2019-2020 school year.

### **When will students and staff move into KSS?**

The transition of students into the new school will largely depend on when the new building is available for occupancy. Student and staff safety and well-being is of primary concern and will be a factor in making this decision.

### **What are the mascot and school colours for the new school?**

Kingston Secondary School's mascot is a bear and the nickname will be the Bears. The school colours are blue, black and white.

### **What features are included in the new school?**

The new school features 34 secondary and 9 intermediate classrooms (for Ecole Module Vanier). Specialty spaces include 8 science labs, 4 technology shops, 4 special education rooms, 2 music rooms, 3 art rooms (graphic, visual and photography), a communication lab, a theatre arts room, culinary arts and nutrition rooms, 2 double gyms with health science and weight rooms and a school library/learning commons space with a community room and Kingston Frontenac Public Library kiosk. The theatre arts space will accommodate an audience of 150-200 for a performance. Portable staging is being considered to maximize flexibility in this space (this staging could also be used in the cafeteria or gyms).

### **Why is there no longer a cosmetology space in the new school?**

All spaces need to be maximized and used in as multifunctional a way as possible. Because the cosmetology program will not currently fill the majority of periods (due to student demand), funding cannot support that program when KSS opens. The infrastructure (plumbing and electrical) to support a cosmetology classroom, however, is installed in the space for potential future use. LCVI will continue to offer a cosmetology space for students interested in this programming.

### **What kind of athletic facilities are in the new school?**

The school has two full-size competition-sized gyms, a health and fitness space and a weight room. Outside, the school will also have a grass field and an eight-lane rubberized track. The school will also make use of the currently city-owned Champlain Park adjacent to the cafeteria. Doors will open on to an outdoor classroom space and the park will feature a smaller sports field.



### **What kind of environmentally-friendly features are in the new school?**

- State-of-the-art ventilation with air conditioning and heat recovery systems to reduce lost energy;
- High levels of insulation and high performance glazing systems;
- Improvement of natural daylight and reduce reliance on artificial lighting;
- Lighting sensors and occupancy sensors throughout;
- Building Automation Systems to optimize energy use;
- Use of low VOC paints and adhesives to improve indoor air quality; and
- High use of local and recyclable building materials.

### **How will traffic flow in and out of the property?**

Molly Brant Elementary School busing will continue to enter and exit the property off of Lyon Street. KSS busing will enter and exit the property off of Kirkpatrick Street. While there will be a laneway joining the MBES and KSS parking areas for emergency services, a closed gate will prevent flow from one area to the next. The gate could be opened to allow for traffic flow during special events.

### **What are the plans for busing?**

Currently, all students age 14 and above have access to free Kingston Transit bus passes. As we move closer to our move date, detailed information will be provided to students to support the use of Kingston Transit including route maps and an orientation refresher for students who have not used the city bus before. In addition, those students requiring school bus transportation (who live beyond the 3.2-kilometre walk radius) will be provided with route information. Some students who are currently school bused to KCVI may not have school bus transportation to KSS. Likewise, some students currently without school bus transportation to KCVI, may be eligible for school bus transportation to KSS.

What are the timetables for the new school?

The timetables should remain as they are currently.

### **KSS Regular School Day:**

- 8:20 a.m. - Warning Bell
- 8:31-9:46 a.m. - Period A
- 9:46-9:53 a.m. - Break
- 9:53-11:08 a.m. - Period B
- 11:08-11:59 a.m. - Lunch
- 11:59 a.m. - 1:14 p.m. - Period C
- 1:14-1:21 p.m. - Break
- 1:21-2:36 p.m. - Period D
- Period C and D flip on a weekly basis.



### **Ecole Module Vanier Regular School Day:**

Vanier operates on a Day 1-5 cycle.

- 8:05 a.m. - Supervision begins in the Vanier hallway
- 8:20-9:10 a.m. - Period 1
- 9:10-10:00 a.m. - Period 2
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. - "Pause" (morning break)
- 10:15 a.m. -11:05 a.m. - Period 3
- 11:05-11:55 a.m. - Period 4
- 11:55-12:15 - Lunch
- 12:15-12:55 - Recess
- 12:55-1:45 p.m. - Period 5
- 1:45-2:35 p.m. - Period 6
- 2:35 p.m. - Dismissal

### **Do we have to register for the new school?**

Students who already attend KCVI or Ecole Module Vanier do not need to register for the new school. Students new to the community do need to register and do so via the LDSB website.

### **Will the new school (learning commons, community room, cafeteria, gyms etc.) be rentable?**

School spaces are available for use by various community groups outside of regular school hours as per the Board's existing Community Use of Schools protocol.