

A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

School Reconfiguration

Although there is always some challenge to change, we are excited to have this amazing opportunity to build an Early Learning Centre that will service children 0-8 in Houston.

I have been a part of the Houston community since 1978, and we are finally looking at a change that has been discussed for years. The advantages are many, but from our perspective it allows us to focus on both vision and finances across a smaller range of grades. Financially, this means more funds will be available for primary resources and activities.

We will be considering children from an early learning perspective which will allow us to focus on more specific needs both academically and social emotionally. Teachers will be able to co-teach and collaborate at similar grade levels. This has not been as available in the past, but the potential for both students and staff is exciting! Building a space that focuses on younger children will allow us to engage in professional learning that is more specific to early learning and we will be able to build programming across grades. A common vision, language, programming, and assessing for K-3 will allow us to inform our instruction and meet the wide range of needs prior to children entering their intermediate years.

Working with the daycare and preschool will also give us the advantage of creating a seamless transition between agencies. Preschool children will have an opportunity to be in and around the building and get to know teachers and staff and vice versa. Children K-3 will have the advantage of working with children younger and experience leadership opportunities at an earlier age that otherwise may not present themselves.

As we create a new space for early learning, we hope to engage the school learning community in a dialogue to help build a vision that will meet the needs of students and their families!

