



St. Thomas High School 2019-2020

Educational Project Annual Report

The Educational Project is a strategic tool through which an educational institution can define its policy orientations, priority actions and expected results and inform its community in this regard, with a view to ensuring educational success for all students regardless of age. The educational project reflects the characteristics and needs of the students who attend the educational institution, as well as the community's expectations with regard to education. *

The Lester B. Pearson School Board developed its current Commitment to Success Plan for the five-year period from 2015-20. That initial plan was revised in the spring of 2018 so as to align with the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur's new strategic plan. At the same time, the implementation period for the plan was extended to 2022. The LBPSB's revised plan was approved by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur in the fall of 2018. To be aligned with this plan, **St. Thomas High School** revised our Educational Project which was adopted by the **St. Thomas High School** Governing Board Fall 2018. This revised plan has been in effect since that date.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic *our school was closed effective March 13, 2020/our center's operations were greatly impacted through the spring of 2020*. This situation required the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur to take extraordinary actions regarding examinations and reporting that render us unable to formally report on our achievement of our objectives as well as the effectiveness of our strategies to achieve our objectives. Similarly, the closure prevented us from *launching the annual OurSchool survey of students which provides us statistical information/proceeding with many activities and initiatives* related to school climate and other areas.

Below is an abbreviated list of Directions and Objectives of the School/Centre Educational project.

Where applicable, data points and/or anecdotal evidence have been provided to report on our progress.

Direction 1: Improving Achievement	Data or Anecdotal result
Objective 1: To increase student success in Secondary IV Mathematics	Success rates reflect final report card grades excluding ministry exams. CST: 95.28% TS: 100% SN: 100%
Objective 2: To increase student success in Secondary IV History	Success rates reflect final report card grades excluding ministry exams. Histoire: 98.85% History: 97.3%
Objective 3 To increase student success in Secondary IV Science	Success rates reflect final report card grades excluding ministry exams. Gen Sci: 99.32% App Sci 96.55%
Objective 4 To increase student success in Secondary V English	Success rates reflect final report card grades excluding ministry exams. ELA: 99.62%
Objective 5 To increase student success in Secondary V French	Success rates reflect final report card grades excluding ministry exams. FR. Base: 99.1% Fr. Enr: 100%

Direction 2: Wellness	Data or Anecdotal result
Objective 1 : To strengthen healthy lifestyles and positive mental health.	While there is no data available, we are sensitive to the social emotional impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has on our school communities and will implement measures to support our students and community.
Objective 2 : To foster safe and caring relationships within the school, the community, and the digital environments.	Given the increased amount of online learning, a focus on collecting data regarding digital citizenship will be important in the coming year.

Direction 3: Engagement	Data or Anecdotal result
Objective 1 : To have our students engaged in their learning.	Many workshops were offered by Student Services and Educational Services to support teachers in teaching students online, while supporting their social emotional needs. This is an area that will require continued effort in developing teaching and learning competence.
Objective 2 : To support our students emotionally and academically	Wellness resources were provided in March 2020. Offered an "ED camp" for students allowing students identified by ADHOC team to come to school for support.

Report on Activities During Shutdown

As indicated above, the COVID-19 crisis forced the closure of our **school** from March 13th. Reacting to the pandemic during the spring of 2019, we provided support for our students and their families in the following ways:

- Teachers were trained to use video conferencing and online classroom platforms.
- Students were engaged by their teachers to consolidate learning that took place up to the shutdown.
- Teachers met with students online once per week for 20 to 40 minutes to provide instruction and work assignments for the week.
- The teachers were available for two, thirty-minute online question periods during the week.
- Teachers provided student work for 1.5 to 2.5 hours per day which included all 5 subjects.
- Teachers provided on-going feedback to students on their weekly work & activities.

With the welcome of students for this 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to focus on the implementation of our Educational Project as a guide to monitor student success and ensure the continual improvement of the actions of our school.

^{*} Results-based management: Governance of the education system Educational Project, Guide 4 of 5