



April 23, 2024

Families,

The Halifax Regional Municipality continues to grow – and the neighbourhoods around Joseph Howe Elementary (JHES) are some of the fastest growing areas. We are now planning for the 2024-25 school year to ensure there are appropriate learning spaces, resources, and staff ready to welcome students in September.

What does this growth look like for JHES?

The capacity of JHES is 350 students. There are 17 classrooms, including one portable, located on site.

- In September 2023, PP-6 enrolment was 386.
- Projected PP-6 enrolment for September 2024 is 393.

The challenge? An additional classroom is needed for next year and there is no space for our continued growth!

After careful consideration, HRCE staff are recommending the following changes for September 2024:

- Moving Grade 6 students from Joseph Howe Elementary to Oxford School.

Share your thoughts!

Your feedback is important in this process. Please take a few minutes to answer the following question on Google Forms. The survey will close on Monday, April 29.

Before the decision is made, what do you want us to know?

[Click here to answer.](#)

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your thoughts and ideas will help inform the decision around changes to ease enrolment pressures. You will receive an update on next steps in the coming weeks.

To learn more about growth in HRCE, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Steve Gallagher
Regional Executive Director - Halifax Regional Centre for Education
