

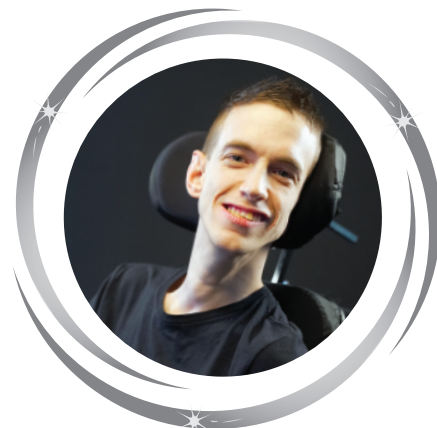


Lester B. Pearson School Board
Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson

25 Years of Excellence in Education



Felicia Parrillo & Bradley Heaven **Named Honorary Co-Chairs for LBPSB's 25th Celebrations**



To mark the occasion of the LBPSB's 25-year anniversary the school board has named two Honorary Co-Chairs for the year-long celebrations. They are Bradley Heaven, **Class of 2015** (entrepreneur, disabilities advocate) and Felicia Parrillo, **Class of 2008** (Global News Journalist).

"I'm extremely humbled and honoured to be part of the LBPSB's 25th anniversary. As a proud alumna I'm excited for the opportunity to share my fond memories of my years studying at the LBPSB — how it helped me discover my strengths, passions and prepare me for the next chapter of my life," said Felicia Parrillo.

"Being named honorary co-chair for the LBPSB's 25th celebrations is truly an honour as attending John Rennie High School was one of the best experiences of my life. It helped shape the person I am today. While I have nonverbal spastic cerebral palsy and am in a wheelchair, I immediately felt accepted at school and was welcomed warmly by staff and students. I now run a business that aims to empower people with disabilities and make our world more accessible and I can't thank the LBPSB enough for putting me on this career path and allowing me to improve the quality of life of so many people," said Bradley Heaven.

Throughout the year, the school board plans to promote different activities, including special edition social media campaigns, news articles, archived documents from the LBPSB vault and commemorative merchandise. Also, at the end of September there will be a tree planting ceremony and special banner unveiling at Head Office.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board opened its doors on July 1st, 1998, following the merger of six existing school boards:

- La Commission Scolaire, Baldwin-Cartier
- La Commission Scolaire du Sault-Saint-Louis
- La Commission Scolaire des Trois-Lacs
- La Commission des Écoles Catholiques de Verdun
- The Lakeshore School Board
- The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal

Today, the LBPSB is one of the largest English school boards in Québec and serves the English-eligible population on the western end of Montreal Island and off-island territory in the Montérégie-Ouest.

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