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My journey with the Lester B. Pearson School Board began in the 90s, when I attended St. Anthony Elementary School and then John Rennie High School.

I still remember walking the halls of Rennie like it was yesterday. One of my favourite teachers of all time – Mr. Addie – actually nicknamed me “Hall Girl.” I have always been a social butterfly and so that combined with my strong sense of curiosity often led me to roam the halls (sometimes during class time).

Overall, I think I was a pretty good student – but my love for talking and my strong opinions was sometimes overwhelming and a challenge for teachers. I have such gratitude for those who showed me some extra love, kindness and patience – Wendy Robinson, Mrs. Sweer, Mrs. Gluchow, Mrs. Natcheva and Mr. Addie.

My time at Rennie would also help send me on my way to a career as a photojournalist at Global News Montreal.

In grade 10, I chose to take a journalism elective with Mr. Addie. The class helped me discover my passion for storytelling and gave me an outlet to focus my curiosity (and my big mouth). In the years to come, Mr. Addie also helped me with reference letters, advice and guidance. Even though I had graduated, he always kept his classroom – room 471 – open to me.

For what I learned and what I’ve become – I owe a lot to the teachers, staff and my peers whom I met at Rennie. They truly helped shape me into the person I am today.

Thank you, Rennie – I am forever indebted to you!