

GIVE THEM WINGS!



**Major fundraising campaign 2014-2019
\$4 000 000**

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**VANGUARD**



A few words from the campaign's honorary Chair Vanguard continues to strive for a better educational world, for today and tomorrow.

As a parent of a Vanguard student, my volunteer work consisted of getting involved and helping teachers, professionals, directors, support staff as well as our students and their parents.

I am proud to say that, under the friendly guidance of volunteers and others, Vanguard has considerably evolved in recent years. As administrators working in the area of governance, we recommended this evolution, suggesting that the three (3) facilities be brought under the same roof to create a better-organized, bilingual institution with improved logistics in a position to offer our students a superior school environment for their growth.

As parents and administrators, it is clear that Vanguard School has the winning, innovative formula when it comes to teaching children with severe learning disabilities. The wonderful education that my son received at Vanguard testifies to the quality and vocation of our staff that knows no limits!

Year after year, Vanguard proves itself with an impressive success rate. Vanguard will soon have 1,000 students enrolled in its elementary and secondary classes. These young people are supported and educated so that they may benefit from greater self-esteem and an education that will eventually lead them to become contributing members of society.

Today, as honorary Chair of the campaign, I continue to be committed to helping ensure the quality of the work of Vanguard and the sustainability of its mission.

I invite you to support Vanguard's first major fundraising campaign and, as such, strengthen the ties of those who believe in it. Like me, be proud of the well-deserved reputation and success of our School!

Please be generous, so that Vanguard may continue to be a leader in its field, continue to develop its expertise and to share it in the Montreal area and throughout Quebec. Young people with learning disabilities increasingly need our help to learn and succeed within our society.

André B. Charron



A few words from the two campaign Co-Chairs

Strength and Courage

Working with young people who have learning disabilities means striving to help them take their rightful place in society, and we need to do this not by penalizing them from the outset, but by focusing on their strengths.

Vanguard School achieves a touching, vital mission. The present Vanguard Foundation major fundraising campaign GIVE THEM WINGS! is a project that is important to us. As volunteer campaign Co-Chairs, we are committed to working hard to contribute to its success!

Fundraising will allow Vanguard to increase enrolment, offer new projects to meet their students' needs and share acquired knowledge and innovative success stories more widely in other Quebec schools.

The direct impact will be significant and the benefits dearly sought-after! As parents, we support our children and contribute, so that they may reach their full potential. As a community, we stand with Vanguard. We want to make the School even better and ensure that more young people will have access to their innovative and successful approaches and expertise!

Vanguard has proven itself: 75% of the children who attend the School go on to college or university, eventually becoming accomplished workers, citizens having an impact on society and agents for change and innovation, just as you and we had the chance to become!

GIVE THEM WINGS by helping them. They are courageous and hard-working. Let's have the courage and strength that they demonstrate: donate to the Vanguard Foundation campaign!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who have most graciously accepted to be part of the campaign cabinet:

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GIVE THEM WINGS!

A model of creation and innovation for students with severe learning disabilities

Vanguard is a unique School and Centre of Expertise. The work it achieves is both remarkable and recognized. Where many other schools, parents and students lacking support fail, Vanguard succeeds!

In Quebec and elsewhere in North America, Vanguard has developed unparalleled expertise. And the School's team wants to share its success with the greatest number of students possible!

The Vanguard team has put together challenging, specialized educational projects aimed at reducing school dropout rates and now needs your help to achieve them! The following is the case statement for a major fundraising campaign aimed at raising four million dollars over five years.

RENOWNED FOR ITS EXPERIENCE, CREATION AND INNOVATION

Vanguard School owes its reputation to over 40 years of experience, creation and innovation. The adventure started in 1973 when Mr. E. Paul Zimmerman, a parent, developed the project for the Montreal School. Three institutions would open their doors: the Elementary School, in 1973; the Vanguard Francophone High School, in 1987; and the Vanguard Intercultural High School, in 1992.

In 2013, the School sold its three buildings and moved to 5935 Côte-de-Liesse Rd., in Saint-Laurent. It was an opportunity to bring its three schools together, create a culture of exchange, maintain a personalized environment for students, provide a modern infrastructure and increase the elementary and secondary student population. The School expects to have a student population of approximately 1,000 by 2017-2018.

VANGUARD SCHOOL'S VISION AND MISSION

Vanguard's mission is that of offering every child with severe learning disabilities an education focused on achieving academic success, building self-esteem, striving to fulfil each child's full potential and harmoniously integrating into society.

Vanguard School has always had a great vision: to be recognized by specialized centres, universities, school boards, government bodies and the population at large – and parents in particular – as a centre of excellence for students with severe learning disabilities.

Children with learning disabilities have average to above average (sometimes superior) intellectual capabilities, but have difficulty when it comes to carrying out certain tasks. They must fight to maintain the grade level for their age, by learning to develop strategies to help them deal with their disabilities (which include such disabilities as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysphasia).

To help them, the School has taken all measures it has at its disposal: personalized student services, the expertise of its staff, professional spaces and installations, as well as excellent research and professional development with partners.

VANGUARD FOUNDATION

Founded in 1975, the Vanguard Foundation is a non-profit organization (NPO) whose objective is to raise money to help Vanguard achieve its mission for students with severe learning disabilities.

The Foundation has initiated the School's first major fundraising campaign aimed at collecting four million dollars (\$4M).

VANGUARD CENTRE OF EXPERTISE (VCE)

Vanguard has partnered on many university research projects, published resource materials and worked with thousands of students.

To meet the increasing number of requests coming from other schools, school boards, associations and the university environment, the School created the Vanguard Centre of Expertise (VCE) in 2012, in order to give priority to direct services for students with learning disabilities, as well as to provide training and consulting services within the educational community.

The Vanguard Centre of Expertise (VCE) makes the knowledge, approaches and interventions approved by the Vanguard team available to greater numbers of students with learning disabilities as well as to those working within the educational milieu.

VANGUARD SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- A non-profit organization (NPO), Vanguard School is declared to be in the public interest by Quebec's Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). It offers educational services in French and English at both the elementary and secondary levels.
- The School's Board of Directors has eleven volunteers, including Mr. Yves Legris, chair ; Mr. Hugo St-Pierre, vice-chair; Mr. Pierre G. Trudeau, treasurer; and Mrs. Carolyn Coffin-Caputo, director general of Vanguard School and secretary of the board.
- In 2013, the School welcomed 905 students, 28% at the elementary level (252) and 72% at the secondary level (653). Of this number, one third of the students are Anglophone in elementary school and one fifth in secondary school.
- The collaborative work between school boards and Vanguard School is a demonstration of the interest of all concerned in the success of the students with whom they have been entrusted. For the 2013-2014 school year, fourteen school boards signed agreements for the enrollment of many students (578 out of 905, or 64%).
- Vanguard has 168 employees, including 116 special education and remedial teachers, 15 non-teaching professionals (psychologists and speech and language therapists), 9 directors (director general, principals, vice-principal, educational services, financial services and student services) and 28 administrative and support staff members.
- For the 2012-2013 school year, Vanguard met its \$8.26 million operating budget, registering a slight surplus increase (\$43,914). The institution is in excellent financial health and is sustained by stimulating, innovative projects to give young people wings!

BUILD A FRIENDSHIP WITH VANGUARD SCHOOL!

Vanguard needs your support to achieve its mission! Help students develop that which is most precious: self-esteem, reaching their full potential, openness to knowledge and "wings to rise," that some young people call "strategies and tools needed to learn and experience success similar to that of other students in the province."

By investing today, you will be fostering the future prosperity of society. When you help young people with severe learning disabilities, you encourage their education, help reduce school dropout rates and you "give them wings"!

Tomorrow, once they have become contributing members of society, they will in turn stimulate the economy: can we afford to overlook future advocates for prosperity and progress?

A major five-year campaign (2014-2019)

Here are Vanguard School's major needs totaling \$4 million.

- 1. STUDENT BURSARIES \$200 000**

By creating a Vanguard Foundation bursary fund, families that are financially unable to enroll their children in Vanguard School will receive financial aid. This fund will also be used to support families whose child travels morning and night to help cover the substantial transportation costs. This new fund will provide \$40,000 annually in bursaries.
 - 2. EMPLOYMENT ACCESS PROGRAM \$300 000**

Some students taking part in our employment-centred program are with *Interval*, Vanguard's food services enterprise, where students develop their employability, familiarize themselves with entrepreneurship and alternate between studies and work. The School wants to improve its program and develop a better employability perspective for its students.
 - 3. 2020 CLASSES \$500 000**

2020 Classes are living laboratories for updating and continuously improving Vanguard's teaching designed for its special needs clientele. These spaces for advanced research in the field will have universities working together and focusing on the sciences (robotics and computer science), languages (French/English), healthy living practices (sports), visual arts and social studies (history, geography and the contemporary world).
 - 4. VANGUARD CENTRE OF EXPERTISE \$500 000**

Over time, Vanguard has developed unique expertise, based on the work carried out with thousands of young people with severe learning disabilities. In recent years, the School has collaborated with different milieux related to the field of education, sharing its leading practices and its knowledge. Its mission both within and outside the walls of the institution: the Vanguard Centre of Expertise (VCE) wants to meet the growing needs of communities, by reaching greater numbers of educational institutions, parents and, ultimately, students in Greater Montreal and all of Quebec.
 - 5. INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION AND ENERGY SAVINGS \$1 000 000**

The School must proceed with major restorations to its infrastructure (back wall of the building). This is part of preventive measures and the energy efficiency program. Once completed, the School expects to see substantial energy savings.
 - 6. PHASE TWO OF THE GYMNASIUM RENOVATION \$1 500 000**

Phase two of the gymnasium renovation involves the installation of the auditorium (with retractable bleachers for frequent space configuration changes), so that the School may offer numerous extra curricular activities, whether for arts education events (theatre, public speaking, etc.) or sports competitions. By 2017-2018, the School will have an enrollment of 1,000 students and will require a suitable infrastructure to allow it to adequately fulfill its educational mission.
- TOTAL CAMPAIGN NEEDS \$4 000 000**

Questions & Answers

1. WHAT IS VANGUARD SCHOOL?

Vanguard is doing outstanding work and has unparalleled expertise. The School's focus is that of the integration and inclusion of students with severe learning disabilities to become contributing members of society. Vanguard's reputation has grown steadily over the 40 years of its existence.

2. WHY IS THE VANGUARD FOUNDATION UNDERTAKING A MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

Vanguard School will need to face major challenges and meet pressing needs over the next five years. The Foundation will support School development projects and significantly increase the financial support made available to students.

3. WHAT IS THE FUNDRAISING GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION'S MAJOR CAMPAIGN?

The goal of the major fundraising campaign is to raise four million dollars (\$4M) over a five-year period.

4. WHAT WILL THE FOUNDATION'S BURSARIES BE USED FOR?

The Foundation wants to guarantee access to education to any student who has the desire and the potential, regardless of their financial situation. Moreover, the School's student body is very diverse; measures adapted to their needs must be developed to encourage and help students. Financial aid bursaries provide important support and help Vanguard School's students pursue their studies.

5. WHO WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

Parents of Vanguard School students; school staff, teachers and professionals; members of both the School's and the Foundation's boards of directors; major fundraising campaign volunteers; corporations, foundations, religious communities, financial institutions and individuals

6. WILL CAMPAIGN DONORS RECEIVE A RECEIPT FOR TAX REPORTING PURPOSES?

Yes, an income tax receipt is issued for each donation.

7. CAN MY CONTRIBUTION BE SPREAD OUT OVER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS?

Yes. For donors who want to, their financial contribution can be spread out over a five-year period, allowing the Foundation to benefit from a more substantial donation from them in the long term.

8. CAN I CHANGE THE TERMS OF MY COMMITMENT?

Yes, all donations are on a voluntary basis. The terms of your commitment can be changed at any time by giving written notice to the Foundation's campaign director.

9. CAN A DONOR REMAIN ANONYMOUS?

Yes, by checking the box provided for this purpose on the donation pledge card.

10. WHAT IMPACT WILL YOUR DONATION HAVE?

- By taking part in Vanguard's first major campaign, you will be helping to consolidate the School's philanthropic network.
- You will be helping Vanguard carry out its mission.
- You will be helping to strengthen the partnership of public and private networks.
- You will be helping to increase the number of places for young people waiting on admissions lists.
- You will be supporting collaborative research with universities, by sharing how Vanguard has been helping children with learning disabilities for over 40 years.
- By investing today, you will be supporting the education of young people with severe learning disabilities; you will be giving them wings and investing in society's future prosperity.

Donor recognition program summary

Recognition terms and conditions		Up to \$9 999			\$10 000 to \$24 999		\$25 000 to \$99 999		\$100 000 to \$249 999	\$250 000 to \$499 999	\$500 000 to \$999 999	\$1 000 000 and over
		1 000 \$	2 000 \$	5 000 \$	10 000 \$	15 000 \$	25 000 \$	50 000 \$				
Dedications	Dedication #1 Gymnasium 034/024											X
	Dedication #2 Sports pavillion										X	
	Dedication #3 132 Cafeteria (elementary)									X		
	Dedication #4 006 Cafeteria (high school)									X		
	Dedication #5 640 Library (high school)								X			
	Dedication #6 249 Library (elementary)								X			
	Dedication #7 107 Kitchen (Interval)								X			
	Dedication #8 Playground								X			
	Dedication #9 017 Palestre - training room								X			
	Dedication #10 323 Drama								X			
	Dedication #11 503 Science laboratory								X			
	Dedication #12 508 Science laboratory								X			
	Dedication #13 509 Science laboratory								X			
	Dedication #14 600 Workshop							X				
	Dedication #15 602 Workshop							X				
	Dedication #16 643 Computer room							X				
	Dedication #17 525 Arts room							X				
	Dedication #18 520 Arts room							X				
	Dedication #19 421 Arts room							X				
	Dedication #20 235 Arts room							X				
	Dedication #21 165 Workshop							X				
	Dedication #22 617 Administration							X				
	Dedication #23 609 Teachers room							X				
	Dedication #24 546 Teachers room							X				
	Dedication #25 433 Teachers room							X				
Honour roll	Exceptional Lead gifts: gifts of \$500 000 and over										X	X
	Lead gifts: gifts of \$100 000 to \$499 999							X	X			
	Major gifts: gifts of \$25 000 to \$99 999						X	X				
	Special gifts: gifts of \$10 000 to \$24 999				X	X						
	General gifts: gifts of \$1 000 to \$9 999	X	X	X								
Local newspapers	Photograph, 1/4 p.							X	X	X	X	
Mention on the major fundraising campaign web page		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mention in the Foundation's annual report		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Certificate of recognition		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Invitation to the major fundraising campaign's closing ceremony		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Letter of appreciation		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Income tax receipt		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	