



## **Trafalgar Elementary School**

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Tuesday, October 26, 2020,

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Trafalgar community,

It is with mixed emotions that I must share that after nearly five amazing years, my time at Trafalgar is coming to an end, as I have been transferred to L'Ecole Bilingue School effective January 1, 2021.

I feel so very fortunate and blessed to have been able to be a part of this amazing community for five years, and am grateful to have had the wonderful opportunity to work with an extremely professional and dedicated staff, who always put our students' needs first.

Thank you parents for all your support over the past five years. It has been a true pleasure working with all members of the PAC to ensure that we are providing our students with the best possible learning experiences in an inclusive and respectful learning environment.

Trafalgar is a very special school and I am so proud of all of our endeavours that we have worked collaboratively on and what we have accomplished together over the past five years. I leave Trafalgar with the most memorable and cherished experiences and feel truly lucky to have had this enriching learning opportunity. I leave knowing that together, we created an inclusive, caring and welcoming school where the students will continue to be H.O.W.L.s – Helpful, Open Minded, Welcoming Leaders. I will miss you all and take with me many heartfelt memories including the many community events, such as the Monster's Ball, the Spring Fling, the International Dinners and creating our amazing mural with Paintillio. The students of Trafalgar are all very special and I will miss each and every one of them.

At last night's Board meeting, trustees approved the appointment of M Daniel Belanger as Trafalgar's new Principal. M Belanger has a wealth of experience in French Immersion as a classroom teacher at various grade levels, as the Modern Language Consultant at the VSB, as Vice-Principal at L'Ecole Bilingue and Douglas Annex and presently as Principal at Douglas School, also a dual track school in the VSB.

M Belanger is excited to begin his time with you. He will be visiting the students and staff and will be connecting with the PAC prior to the holidays. Please help me in welcoming M Belanger to Trafalgar.

For those of you who are concerned about the viability of mid-year changes, please know that January is the ideal time for a Principal to come into a school. It gives the new administrator time to observe and learn, all the while building important relationships. Mr. Singh will be here to support M. Belanger's transition and I feel that as a community of learners, we have done an exceptional job preparing for our

students' return to school during these unprecedented times. Therefore, I feel confident knowing that our safety routines and procedures will continue with M. Belanger as your new administrator. I began my tenure at Trafalgar in January of 2016 and truly appreciated knowing that all was in place.

Thank you Trafalgar for an amazing five years and for the opportunity to be your Principal.

Trafalgar will always be near and dear to me!

Sincerely,

Jacque Lavoie