

Questions and Answers
SCHOOL RELOCATION: School of Life Experience (SOLE) to Monarch Park Collegiate (MPC)
January 20, 2017

1. When will the School of Life Experience (SOLE) be moving into Monarch Park Collegiate (MPC)?

SOLE will be moving into the MPC building in September 2017.

2. Why will the school be relocated?

The relocation was approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2016, following a Pupil Accommodation Review (PARC). To learn more about this process, please visit:
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/strategyplanning/communityinvolvement.aspx?id=84>

3. Will programs be impacted by the relocation?

SOLE students will have their own space within MPC. Programs offered at SOLE will not be impacted by the change in space.

4. Can you tell me a little bit about SOLE?

SOLE is a small alternative school that offers a different approach to secondary education. Their specialized timetable and range of courses is available for students from grade 10 to 12 who are at least 16 years old. The school provides a caring atmosphere in a supportive, community environment.

5. Can you tell me a little bit about the MPC?

MPC is a welcoming, supportive and safe school, easily accessible through public transportation. The school focuses on global education (human rights, peace and environmental education, international development and multiculturalism). It is represented by over 70 different countries. The facility features a pool that is used by students, the community and surrounding schools, along with an International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) regulation field and a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) caliber running track that are covered with a dome during the winter months, making it a year round facility.



5. Are you planning any construction work to accommodate SOLE? When will it take place?

In order to accommodate SOLE students, the TDSB is planning to renovate some classrooms. The SOLE entrance will be modified to reinforce the character and identity of the SOLE program within the new school.

Projected Timelines

Review of rooms allocation and scope of work needed at MPC	January 2017
Tender process: invitation for bids (construction project)	March 2017
Site Preparation	June – July 2017
Construction	July – August 2017
Moving	August 2017
SOLE successfully relocated	September 2017

Please Note: wherever possible, construction and/or moves may happen sooner than the timelines indicated.

7. What's a Transition Committee?

The committee is made-up of students, parents, school administrators and staff from both schools. It has been formed to discuss implementation steps to ensure a successful transition for students at both schools.

8. What are the next steps for the SOLE/MPC Transition Team?

The committee is scheduled to meet in February to plan staff and student council meetings/presentations, organize joint activities and events, and tours of the MPC building for SOLE students.

9. Will SOLE have its own administrator?

No, SOLE will receive administrative support from the principal and vice-principals of MPC; however, it will have a dedicated office administrator and guidance counsellor.

10. How can I get up-to-date information?

We will update students and parents as information becomes available. Please check the SOLE and MPC school websites under the heading: School Relocation - SOLE to MPC, for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with the school administrators.