

# PRESENTATION DOCUMENT SPRING 2026



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# WHAT IS THE VANGUARD FOUNDATION?

## MISSION

Mobilize financial resources to provide Vanguard School with the means to achieve its objectives. Through fundraising and the search for financial support, we promote its unique expertise in teaching students with severe learning disabilities.

## VISION

To become a solid, sustainable financial pillar for Vanguard School, by guaranteeing the resources needed to propel its expertise, raise the profile of its know-how in Quebec and offer more students the means to succeed.

## VALUES



### COMMITMENT

We are fully committed to the school's mission and objectives.



### TRANSPARENCY

We report on decisions and finances with clarity.



### COLLABORATION

We rely on cooperation with our stakeholders to achieve our common goals.



### RESPONSIBILITY

We ensure rigorous, legally compliant management.

# WHAT IS THE VANGUARD SCHOOL?



Vanguard School is a private school serving the public interest that provides specialized educational services in both languages of instruction (English and French). It offers instruction to students with learning disabilities within the regular programs of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, at both the elementary and secondary levels.



# SOME STATISTICS

**IN QUEBEC, 23.9%, OR NEARLY ONE IN FOUR STUDENTS.**  
are students with handicaps or HDAA.

The proportion of students with HDAA increases with grade level  
**PRESCHOOL: 5.6% ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 21.2% HIGH SCHOOL: 31.4%**

## **GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENTS WITH HDAA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

37.7% after 5 years  
49.4% after 7 years



**At Vanguard School in 2024–2025**  
**89% in the French sector**  
**82% in the English sector**

# THREE FUNDING AREAS

## **SUPPORTING STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

Provide financial assistance for school-related expenses (such as textbooks and other supplies), transportation, school uniforms, meals, enrollment in special programs, etc.

## **FUNDING EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION PROJECTS**

To promote academic success among students with learning disabilities and provide them with tailored educational and technological solutions.

## **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE**

To provide our students with a safe, modern learning environment tailored to their needs.



# PROJECTS FUNDED BY YOUR DONATIONS

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## **VANGUARD+** **TRANSFORM THE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: FROM VISION TO ACTION**

Vanguard+ is a concrete transformation project aimed at fundamentally rethinking the school system. It directly addresses the needs of students with severe learning disabilities, who are often underserved by current models.

The project simultaneously addresses physical spaces, teaching practices, school organization, and relational dynamics. It is not about envisioning the school of tomorrow, but about building it today. A structured six-month initiative is underway, led by a dedicated full-time staff member. It actively engages students, parents, stakeholders, and experts from diverse backgrounds.

Consultations and analyses are being conducted to identify real levers for change. The solutions developed are designed to be applicable, measurable, and rapidly deployable.

The goal is to generate concrete transformations in students' daily lives. Vanguard+ thus serves as a laboratory for educational innovation, with the potential for transfer to other settings.x.

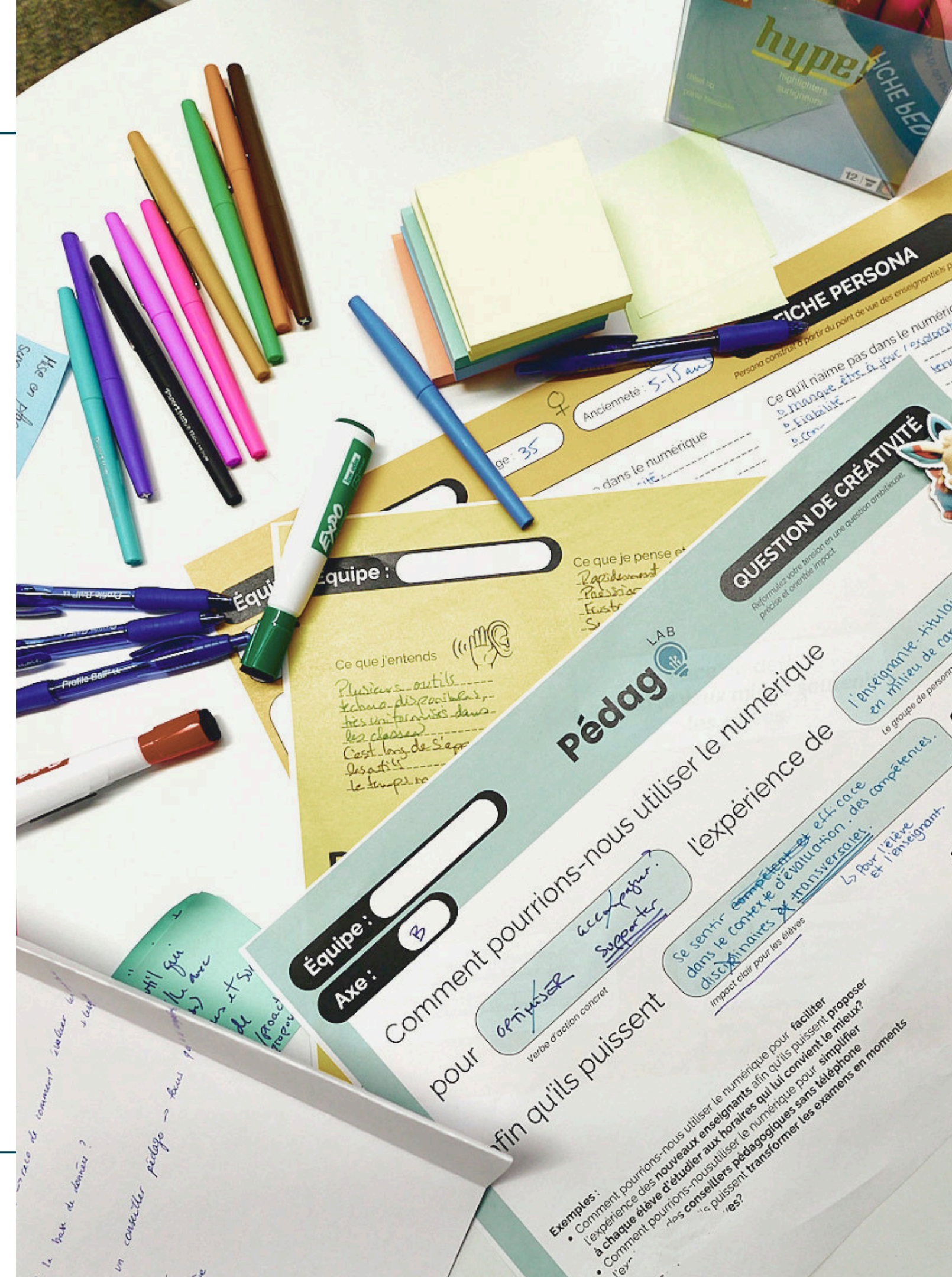
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## VANGUARD AND CENTECH MONTRÉAL: PARTNER WITH INNOVATION EXPERTS

This partnership between Vanguard School and Centech reflects a firm belief: by combining expertise in education, technology, entrepreneurship, science, and the humanities, we create practical solutions tailored to students' needs, particularly those who learn differently.

# CEN TECH



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## VANLOOP: THE INDIVIDUALIZED INTERVENTION PLAN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

This scalable virtual platform, designed to support Vanguard students on their learning journey, serves as a complementary resource—without replacing teachers—by providing personalized support to each student.

At the heart of the approach is the view of the student as a whole person, whose success depends as much on their abilities as on their environment.

The platform thus enables a deeper understanding of each learner through their cognitive, emotional, and identity-related dimensions. VANLOOP aims to provide young people with practical tools by taking into account all the factors that influence their learning.



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## OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Since our school welcomes students from all over Montreal and the surrounding area, their sense of belonging is fragile, which exacerbates the already low academic motivation among 11th-grade students. This project directly addresses these challenges by leveraging outdoor learning as a catalyst for engagement and success.

This approach fosters the development of essential skills such as creativity, collaboration, leadership, and self-confidence.

Now in its third year, the results show concrete improvements in motivation, school attendance, and academic performance, while strengthening bonds among students.



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## ROBOTICS TEAM

At Vanguard School, robotics goes far beyond competition: it is a practical and engaging way to learn science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics.

Aged 12 to 18, our students rise to this challenge with flying colors by participating in international competitions that combine the energy of sports with scientific rigor.

At these festivals, they showcase their robots, designed with creativity and ingenuity, to tackle challenges and complete demanding robotic missions.



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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Foundation awards several scholarships at the Méritas Gala to celebrate the hard work, excellence, and talent of Vanguard School students.

All of these scholarships, awarded in memoriam, are made possible by donations from families who wish to honor the memory of their loved ones.

**BURSARY**  
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# OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS



Date: 15 sept. 2025

\$94 000<sup>00</sup>

À l'ordre de /  
To the order of: FONDATION VANGUARD FONDATION

pour / For: Tournoi de golf 2025  
26<sup>e</sup> édition

**DONATE**  
to **FAMILIES**  
**IN NEED** at our  
school



Supporting a child with severe learning disabilities can become even more challenging when families struggle to meet basic daily needs. As the cost of living rises, requests for assistance from the Foundation have increased significantly.

In 2025–2026, a total of \$123,700 will be provided to families to cover expenses related to textbooks, school transportation, uniforms, meals, and other essential costs, as well as to provide grocery cards, over-the-counter medications, and holiday gifts for the children and their siblings.

These initiatives have brought security and peace of mind to many families, but all signs indicate that needs will continue to grow in the coming years.



**27<sup>th</sup>**  
**golf**  
TOURNAMENT

Building their future,  
one swing at a time.

Each year, the Foundation's golf tournament brings together more than **125 guests** at the stunning **Kanawaki Golf Club**.

This flagship event raises **nearly \$100,000 annually**, providing tangible support for students' success and overall development.

Beyond the competition, the tournament is a time for the entire community to come together and get involved, where every contribution helps give students greater confidence and more opportunities.



At the initiative of one of our school's teachers, 43 school staff members will participate in the Montreal 21K Charity Challenge to support the Vanguard Foundation.

Whether walking or running, over distances suitable for everyone (5 km, 10 km, or 21 km), our teachers, administrative staff, and administrators will take on this challenge in a spirit of solidarity and determination, for the benefit of our students.



Charity challenge

**21K DE  
MONTRÉAL**

APRIL 18-19, 2026

**I'M RUNNING IN SUPPORT  
OF A FOUNDATION.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT ME!**

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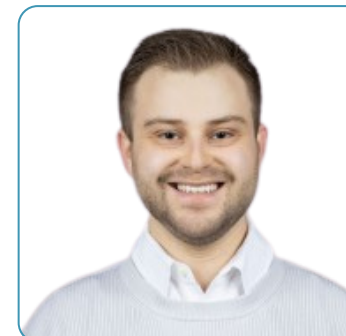
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# STRATEGIC PLAN

A roadmap to amplify our impact...

In June 2025, we adopted our 2025–2027 strategic plan. For nearly 50 years, we have supported Vanguard School in providing students with severe learning disabilities a supportive, caring, and innovative environment. In the face of growing needs and more complex challenges, this plan charts a clear path to strengthen our impact, diversify our funding sources, and ensure the sustainability of our support.

The result of a collective effort, it sets concrete and measurable goals, consistent with the School's mission, to build a promising future for our students... and for those who will follow.

[View the 2025–2027 Strategic Plan](#)



# AGREEMENT SCHOOL - FOUNDATION

The School and the Foundation reached a milestone in 2025 by signing their very first partnership agreement, which outlines the provision of human and material resources. This agreement marks a turning point in the history of both organizations: it reflects a shared commitment to collaborate even more closely in order to support the Foundation's growth and influence. Thanks to this agreement, the Foundation now benefits from a full-time director, hired by the School and entirely dedicated to its development. By also integrating a component of the School's Communications & Events Department, this structure ensures greater strategic coherence and operational efficiency.

This model offers major advantages:

the Foundation's director is fully integrated into the School's day-to-day operations;

she has in-depth knowledge of the School's needs;

she maintains direct and constant ties with staff members;

she understands the realities on the ground and the challenges specific to the environment.

This exceptional proximity allows for even better alignment of priorities, rapid identification of needs, and the development of philanthropic initiatives that directly support the School's mission. It also strengthens trust, facilitates smooth communication, and mobilizes teams around a common goal.

# THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED DONORS

## MAJOR DONATIONS \$100,000 TO \$499,999

- Desjardins
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- Rio Tinto
- Fondation Mirella et Lino Saputo
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