



# Vincent Massey Elementary School

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Dear Community Stakeholder,

On behalf of the children of St. Andrews, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a part of a historical project. Our community playground is in great need of repair and maintenance. The structure was built 20 years ago by an army of people just like you. This unique and creative playground has become a part of our heritage. Children from all over the world come to St. Andrews to play.

We are inviting you and your friends to support this community initiative. Funds and many volunteers are required to resurface the wooden playground structure, replace existing slides and repair broken equipment. Wooden decking and hand railings will be replaced with composite material to prolong the life of the structure, eliminate splinters and meet new safety regulations. The structure will be made of a mix of wood and composite material. The creative original pieces of the structure will be preserved. The original design, created over 20 years ago, will remain.

The cost is projected at more than \$90 000. The rebuild will take place over 4 days by 80 + volunteers under the guidance of Robert Leathers & Associates, the original playground creators. Canadian safety standards will be ensured by a team from Leathers who will be in charge of the on-site building project.

Your support is needed to ensure that our children have a safe place to play and learn. You can help by providing funding, supplies, or volunteering your time to work on rebuilding the structure. Donations can be sent to the school at the above address with cheques being made out to Vincent Massey Elementary Playground Fund. Official tax receipts will be provided. Please contact the school at 529-5011 to get added to the list of volunteers. The current goal is to have the project completed in September 2013.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important request. Please feel free to contact us at 529-5011 or [olearles@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:olearles@nbed.nb.ca) for further information and ways to make this project becoming a reality.

Sincerely,

Lesley O'Leary  
(Principal of VMES)

Joel Halse & Giselle Neil  
(VMES Playground Committee Chairs)

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(VMES Chair Fundraising Committee)

