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PART 1

*Can't WAIT!*

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West Campus Case For Support



**WE CAN'T WAIT!**

**THE WORLD YOUR CHILDREN WILL INHERIT  
WILL BE *DIFFERENT* FROM THE ONE WE GREW UP IN.  
AND THEY NEED TO BE *PREPARED* FOR THAT WORLD.**

**WHEN TFS OPENED ITS DOORS,  
THE CHALLENGES WERE *NATIONAL*.**

**TODAY, THEY ARE *GLOBAL*.  
THEY ARE *BIGGER*, MORE *COMPLEX* AND  
MORE *URGENT* THAN EVER BEFORE.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE  
THE MINDS THAT *SOLVE* THE NEXT PANDEMIC,  
*IMAGINE* NEW TREATMENTS TO FIGHT CANCER  
AND THINK OF *BETTER WAYS* TO IMPROVE GLOBAL  
HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE  
THE HANDS THAT DESIGN MORE *LIVEABLE*,  
*GREENER* AND *SMARTER* CITIES.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE THE HEARTS THAT INSPIRE  
AND CREATE A MORE *CARING*, *EQUAL* AND *JUST* WORLD.**

**WE BELIEVE IN YOUR CHILDREN — IN OUR TFS STUDENTS.**

**THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T WAIT TO BUILD  
THE *SPACES*, *RESOURCES* AND *LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES* THEY NEED  
TODAY SO THEY CAN LEAD THEIR WORLD TOMORROW.**

**WE CAN'T WAIT. BECAUSE THEY CAN'T WAIT!**



# An EXCEPTIONAL FUTURE



From Sunny Lowe, Chair, TFS Foundation Board, and MaryClaire Brooks, President, TFS Foundation

What makes a school exceptional?

The answer for us at the TFS Foundation is our community.

Our community is the bedrock of our success. You can see the proof on our campuses every day. Our students are the thoughtful hearts and curious minds that will lead a more equal, just and inventive world — just like our incredible alumni have done before. So, thank you for sharing them with us.

Since we opened our doors, we have come together to make sure that our students have what they need to transform their own lives

and our society. Our hard work and dedication to the school's vision has built the spaces, resources and opportunities that make TFS truly exceptional.

Now, it's time for us to come together again.

We will all help shape the future of TFS for our students and, by extension, for our corner of the world. Philanthropy built TFS and continues to help it evolve. Our school's strong tradition of giving has helped us grow and made us a leader in French-language education.

We all know the challenges facing society and our young people today are global, dynamic and fast-paced. The world and jobs they will encounter will be dramatically different. We also know that in this competitive landscape, we need to equip our students differently than in the past. Our school is doing that through its strategic priorities, which the TFS Foundation supports. But there is more to do.

That's why we are thrilled to share our most ambitious fundraising campaign yet: *"Can't Wait!"* La campagne pour TFS.

*"Can't Wait!"* will raise \$40M to build the state-of-the-art classrooms, resources and learning opportunities our students need today to lead their world tomorrow.

Through this campaign, we will construct new facilities at both campuses and grow our TFS Entrance Scholarship Program.

For the West Campus, this campaign will be transformational. We will build the new West Campus Athletic Wing that will house a regulation-sized gymnasium, purpose-built design studio and a new classroom. These new spaces align with the school's strategic priorities to help students thrive through STEAM education and throughout their journey at TFS and beyond.

The new wing will be a cornerstone of West Campus life — a beacon of school pride and community engagement. The new gymnasium will give our strong athletics program a new home and home-court advantage. The new design studio will allow students to unleash their creativity and explore AI tools and cutting-edge technology to test their ideas in real-world applications. All West Campus students will discover new opportunities

to develop physical and mental health, problem-solve, work collaboratively and become innovators who push boundaries.

We haven't built in this way in more than 20 years. And we can't wait to get started with your help.

Together, we can construct this new environment that reflects our longstanding commitment to student success, cultivating individuals who reflect and citizens who act.

The new Athletic Wing and Design Studio bring increased opportunities for our students' health and wellness, as well as design thinking and problem-solving skills, to help them prepare for the future internally and intrapersonally.

We *"Can't Wait!"* for you — our community — to join us in this exciting campaign. Your contribution today is an investment in the next generation of leaders, innovators and changemakers — an investment in the future of TFS and, indeed, in the future we all share.

Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us shape this exceptional future for all of us.

*Sunny Lowe*  
*MaryClaire Brooks*

# In CONVE



*With* Norman Gaudet  
Head of School

Our Head of School, Norman Gaudet, is a passionate educator and visionary who has more than 20 years of leadership experience in independent schools around the globe.

Throughout his career, he has put children at the centre of education. At TFS, he helps our students confidently navigate our rapidly changing world by setting our school's strategic priorities. M. Gaudet brings that vision to life by championing a STEAM curriculum, creating confidence in students' relationships with the natural world, and helping develop the self-confidence needed to thrive at our school and beyond.

As TFS breaks ground on the West Campus Athletic Wing, we sat down with M. Gaudet to talk about why sports and physical education are so important for our students.

## ***TFS Foundation:* What role does athletics play in a TFS education?**

*Norman Gaudet:* The role of physical education in a child's development is hugely important. It's critical for social, emotional, physical and mental health. That's why physical education is part of our strategic priority to help students thrive at TFS and beyond. Our students don't have to grow up to be the next soccer star, but we do want them to grow up with a love of being active. That's the source of longevity, resilience and healthy minds and bodies.

Today's world has all of us sitting in front of computers. A lot. That's why it's so important that we expose our students to as many sports and activities as possible so they can find a form of play that gets them passionate — and hopefully keeps them passionate — about physical activity forever.

## ***TFS:* What new opportunities will the Athletic Wing give West Campus students?**

*NG:* It will hold a regulation-sized gymnasium so our school can host the excitement of home games and tournaments, which we haven't been able to do before. But the new wing will also give us more space to include our community — our families.

The community will have the space to gather, encourage our students, and be included in the action. They'll be able to cheer our students on from courtside bleachers or from behind the viewing gallery glass. That's what students want when they get into sports — they want their families to be at their games. So, we're so thrilled that we can make that happen with the new wing.

# CONVERSATION

The new wing also gives us added space for the new Design Studio. This is a dynamic learning space that we're very excited about, as it will give our students the space they need to apply the design cycle to a host of projects that will prepare them for the future.

**TFS: You mentioned how much time we all spend sitting in front of screens. Can you talk more about what that means for this generation of students and their development?**

**NG:** We're all trying to get children off smartphones to build more real-life interactions with peers. At TFS, we know sports and games are the absolute best way of doing that. Whether it's going to play tag outside or playing volleyball in the gym, this is exactly how we can use our programming to help break the dependence on screens. Because we have to give them something to replace the phone.

Today's children aren't having the same childhood as the one we might remember, where our parents told us to go outside and play. For them, games and social connections happen on their phones. So we have to replace the screens with more ways of socializing and having fun. And athletics is one way to do it.

**TFS: What about the students who are more reluctant to join sports? What's the message to help get them engaged?**

**NG:** I always talk about interpersonal skills as essential — the ability to make friends, keep them and develop social skills. Sports help build these skills, but we also need to have more kinds of play and encourage children to participate in them.

Every child has different passions and interests — sports might be a way for them to find other like-minded soccer players, for example. But we should also have a breadth of options for play, such as classic games, clubs or tabletop games. Those different forms of play help students find their passion, social groups and confidence. And we want them to be able to keep finding those catalysts throughout their lives.

**TFS: We're talking about cultivating passions, and you have so much passion for education. Where does that spark come from for you?**

**NG:** It's a lifelong passion. Truthfully, every year, I become increasingly convinced that we, as educators, hold a great deal of power — both good and bad. So much of what I see in the world, whether through the polarization of discourse or other conflicts, always boils down to education. How people think is framed by how we teach. I really believe there's a connection there. So, as much as we are keepers of knowledge, we also have to be examples of strong ethics, good judgment and critical thinking.

Every time I see a news headline, I am reminded of my role and how important it is. That's where my spark is coming from.



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# DESIGN *Notes*

In ancient Greek culture, a gymnasium was about much more than physical training. It not only shaped bodies but also cultivated minds and communities because it was a place where students could gather and hear lectures on philosophy, literature, and music. Modern school gymnasiums are similar.



Craig Goodman  
Principal Architect, CS&P

Principal architect Craig Goodman of CS&P Architecture knows this, which is why he is blending functionality and community-centred design in the new West Campus Athletic Wing.

Goodman's CS&P Architecture is the firm behind the design of the West Campus Athletic Wing, which will bring together a faculty office, new classroom, more changeroom and washroom facilities and a regulation-sized gymnasium. This award-winning firm of experts is known across the public and private sectors for designs that maximize social interaction and utility.

Goodman and his team had just designed the new Athletics Complex at the University of Windsor when TFS approached them to design its multiple capital projects. As Goodman says, insights from the firm's work with the University of Windsor inspired their approach to the architectural programs at both TFS campuses.

"The University of Windsor taught us a lot," said Goodman. "TFS was very similar in that we needed to merge many different siloed activities into one combined interactive space."

That design challenge made it essential for Goodman and his team to create designs for each campus that would maximize the available footprint — which created a logistics puzzle for the team at the West Campus because the property is surrounded by parkland. To solve the puzzle, Goodman and the team applied true design thinking by asking: What kind of a gymnasium does West Campus actually need?

"A gymnasium is a gymnasium," you might think," explains Goodman. "But it actually has very specific play area guidelines for competitive activities depending on the level of sport — basketball in particular. We could barely fit the largest proposed basketball court on site."

Goodman created many versions of the design because he needed to build a form that would fulfill a higher purpose.

"This project wasn't just about an elementary school gym," Goodman explained. "It was really about the building's interaction with its community and how to make a space that could be shared with neighbours and alumni."

TFS didn't just want a bigger basketball court. It wanted a space for community life.

Goodman also recognizes that not everyone wants to come together in the same way. Just like a parent may choose to stand apart from their children at a neighbourhood playground so they can feel more independent, Goodman believes school gathering spaces also need peripheral areas so parents, faculty and students can participate at a distance.

That's why the new West Campus gymnasium's viewing gallery and surrounding lobby space were integral to the design. They meet the practical need for more space for families and friends to gather and watch the action. And their open concept and multiple





viewing areas give everyone in the school community a choice about how they want to participate.

"So these are all the nuances to the architecture," said Goodman. "They try to find ways to make everyone feel comfortable— a space where everybody can find their way."

The new West Campus Wing is a thoughtfully designed space that connects beautiful architecture with community needs. Goodman and his team are committed to creating a welcoming environment where everyone can feel they belong.

**"THIS PROJECT WASN'T JUST ABOUT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM. IT WAS REALLY ABOUT THE BUILDING'S INTERACTION WITH ITS COMMUNITY AND HOW TO MAKE A SPACE THAT COULD BE SHARED WITH NEIGHBOURS AND ALUMNI."**

Craig Goodman



# *Discover* *the* WEST CAMPUS ATHLETIC WING & DESIGN STUDIO

Research shows that physically active students perform better academically, improve their social skills and have higher self-confidence levels. That's why we are proud to support students' health and well-being through physical education at TFS. It's also why we can't wait to build the new West Campus Athletic Wing, where your children will fuel their passions — on and off the court. Build their stamina. Their confidence. And lead with winning attitudes.

**"Our philosophy on sports at West Campus is to give everything you have, and then you'll have no regrets. So if students win, they win. But if they don't, they can take pride in knowing that they gave it everything they had. We apply this philosophy to everything our students do at the school. Because there is never a failure if you've given everything."**



**ULRIK  
BEDOS**

Principal,  
TFS West Campus







## West Campus Athletic Wing

The West Campus Athletic Wing will be a cornerstone of campus life — a beacon of school pride and community engagement.

The new wing will house a regulation-sized gymnasium that is almost double the size of the existing facility. It will give our students a real home-court advantage. They will practice in an appropriately sized space and proudly host home games and tournaments. West Campus school spirit can finally be on full display!

The flexible state-of-the-art facility adds to our successful West Campus athletics program and will serve the whole student body. The gymnasium's adaptable design and storage options will help West Campus faculty expand the physical education roster with new sports and activities. That means more of our TFS students will find an activity they love that keeps them active, motivated and connecting with classmates.

The new wing will lead to the transformation of the current gymnasium into a multi-purpose room. Here, we'll be able to host new and existing programming for all ages. And it gives us extra room for school social and community events.

We can't wait to build the Athletic Wing — the new home of West Campus pride for generations to come.

## Viewing Gallery & Lobby

Friends and family can cheer on our TFS Cougars courtside from our new bleacher seating or from the comfort of a new viewing gallery. These added areas ensure more of our community can come out and celebrate our West Campus students.

Hallway passage through the new wing allows TFS students, faculty and visiting teams access to new changeroom and washroom facilities, plus added equipment storage.

Community members and visiting teams will enter the new Athletic Wing through a direct entrance at the corner of Meredith and Atwater Avenue. This new entry point will transform the school's exterior, welcome the surrounding community and let TFS rent the space to groups outside of school hours.

**"As parents, we deserve to host home games and cheer on our children. I'm excited to see my children, currently in Grades 2 and 5, use everything being built at the West Campus. The school has been working on this project for years (the entire time I've been on the TFS Foundation Board) and can't do it without our support. I encourage all West Campus parents to ask questions and get involved."**



**KRISTEN  
BECHARA**

Director,  
TFS Foundation Board









# *A Dedicated* **DESIGN STUDIO** *& A Brand New* **CLASSROOM**

Technology is moving faster than ever before. Its advancement and new applications are changing how we learn, live and work. That's why we can't wait to build a design studio at our West Campus. Your children will get to be creative. Unleash their ideas. And build.



## Design Studio

The West Campus Design Studio is a dynamic learning environment where innovation meets exploration. Students will build on the current STEAM curriculum using this flexible and purpose-built studio specifically for design thinking and creative problem solving.

The space will have versatile workstations, extensive whiteboard surfaces, and communal tables for collaboration and cross-disciplinary learning. Students will also put theory into practice with access to tools like 3D printers and laser cutters for hands-on experience in rapid prototyping.

The studio is more than a classroom; it's a launchpad for applied science. Students from Grade 2 onward will use the studio to immerse themselves in practical engineering, robotics and mathematics applications. They will use design thinking and creative problem solving to prototype and test their ideas. Students will also use these spaces to expand their understanding of sustainability and environmental science. Lessons exploring the mechanical and natural world will come to life in this dedicated STEAM studio so students can think big and build.

**“The new West Campus Design Studio will expand opportunities for hands-on STEAM education. This purpose-built space will support physical and digital prototyping as students apply the design cycle trying to solve real-world problems.”**



**BOB  
TARLE**

Executive Director,  
Innovation and Technology



## A brand new classroom

The West Campus Athletic Wing will expand the school's footprint by adding more spaces for physical education and STEAM learning. It will also house a brand new classroom that will give our students more room to discover, discuss and explore.



# ANSWERS

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## The Athletic Wing

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**Q:**  
**How will the new Athletic Wing benefit students across different age groups and interests?**

The new Athletic Wing will advance our excellent West Campus athletics program by giving our athletes a regulation-sized space to practice and host home games and tournaments.

The new space will also expand the sports and activities available to students. The new space and storage will introduce students of all ages to a range of new potential activities. There will be something for everyone — students will expand their interests, increase their physical activity and find new ways to build their health and confidence.

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**Q:**  
**What special features or facilities does the Athletic Wing offer?**

The new Athletic Wing will be a versatile hub. Key features include the regulation-sized gymnasium so West Campus athletes can practice in an appropriately sized playing space and host visiting teams. New bleacher seating and a viewing gallery will also give our community the space to join in the fun, show our school spirit and cheer our Cougars on!

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**Q:**  
**How will this space be different from our current facility?**

The new regulation-sized gymnasium will be a significant upgrade from our existing facility. It will be nearly twice the size and open the door to

hosting home games and tournaments. The new facility will also ensure our athletes practice in an appropriately sized space that doesn't disadvantage them during away games.

The new changeroom and washroom facilities will also support larger events, and the wing's new direct entrance will let us rent the space to community groups.

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**Q:**  
**Why does sport matter in early education?**

Sport and physical activity support better concentration, enhanced executive function and greater levels of confidence and well-being in students. Sports also nurture leadership and social skills. These skills are the essential building blocks for lifelong success and why physical education is foundational to the school's strategic priority of thriving at TFS and beyond.

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**Q:**  
**Will the new facility accommodate school-wide events like assemblies and performances?**

The new gymnasium will be able to accommodate full-school events like assemblies. It will also free up our current, smaller gymnasium for programming like performances and social events.

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## The West Campus Design Studio

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**Q:**  
**How will the new design studio benefit West Campus students across age groups and interests?**

The West Campus Design Studio will be a learning hub where students can dive into engineering,



robotics and applied mathematics. Starting from Grade 2, students will build on the TFS STEAM curriculum by bringing theory into practice.

Our younger grades will use this space to apply STEAM to project-driven lessons, such as learning code. Our older students will build on their application of science and math by using design thinking to prototype, test and refine their ideas.

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## Timelines and construction

**Q:**  
**When will the West Campus Athletic Wing open?**

We started construction in the spring of 2025 and are on track to open the Athletic Wing in the fall of 2026.

**Q:**  
**How will construction impact the regular school activities?**

We're pleased that construction will have a limited impact on the school's activities. Construction will happen at the far end of the campus, meaning that most classrooms won't be affected.

**Q:**  
**How does TFS plan to minimize classroom disruption during construction?**

Our faculty and staff have worked together to create a plan that minimizes disruption and ensures students' safety by reallocating classrooms, storage spaces and student gathering areas. Our faculty and staff will also increase yard monitoring during recess to make sure our students stay safe in areas close to the construction.

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## Financial details

**Q:**  
**Why does TFS need donations for this project?**

We rely on donations from our community to make this and other projects possible, as we dedicate tuition fees to the school's operational needs. That means essentials like faculty salaries and facility upkeep. Significant new developments like this are funded through a combination of financing, planned operational surpluses and donations. Through philanthropic support, we ensure that tuition is not impacted due to this extraordinary investment in the future of our school.

**Q:**  
**Will tuition be affected by this capital project?**

No. This capital project does not impact our tuition fees.

**Q:**  
**Is there a recommended donation amount?**

"*Can't Wait!*" is a transformational campaign for TFS. We haven't expanded our school's footprint in over 20 years. So, we're asking you to consider making a donation that's personally meaningful to you and your family.

We appreciate all gifts from our community and gratefully recognize significant commitments that help our school thrive.

To learn how you can be part of this campaign, including recognition opportunities, please contact the TFS Foundation at [foundation@tfs.ca](mailto:foundation@tfs.ca).

**Q:**  
**Do donations qualify for a tax receipt?**

Yes. All donations will receive an official charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes.

**Q:**  
**Can we spread out our donation over time? Or do we need to contribute a lump sum?**

You can make a contribution to TFS as a pledge over several years or through a one-time contribution. Our team is happy to work with you and your family to find out which option serves you best.

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## Donor recognition and updates

**Q:**  
**How will the school recognize West Campus donors?**

We can thank donors through title naming and other recognition opportunities. Donations can also qualify you and your family to join our Cercle des Philanthropes. To learn more about our recognition opportunities, please contact the TFS Foundation at [foundation@tfs.ca](mailto:foundation@tfs.ca).

Q:

**How will the TFS Foundation keep donors informed about the project's progress?**

The TFS Foundation will send campaign updates to all donors. Donors who contribute \$25,000 or more will receive personalized reports from the TFS Foundation. Reports will reflect the progress of your supported projects or the impact made by your giving, such as contributions to our TFS Entrance Scholarship Program.

## Other considerations

Q:

**How was sustainability considered in the project?**

CS&P Architecture factored in our school's commitment to sustainability in all decisions. The plan replaces gas energy with greener electricity where possible, helping us become more carbon neutral. Architects also included more north-facing windows and used overhangs on south-facing glazings to help with temperature control. Our new green roof will also create more shade while helping with stormwater drainage.

Plans on each campus meet the City of Toronto's green standard and, in some areas, exceed requirements to ensure the school remains in compliance as standards become more aggressive.

Q:

**Will the school make changes to parking or school drop-off and pick-up locations during the construction?**

Unfortunately, parking will be affected during construction because we are losing the staff lot adjacent to the current gym. We will reallocate staff parking to the main lot and ask parents to find street parking if required for student drop-offs and pick-ups.

We know street parking can be a challenge. That's why we're talking with the City of Mississauga to see if it can give our parents some flexibility in parking on residential streets. We will inform everyone about street parking as we receive this information from the city.

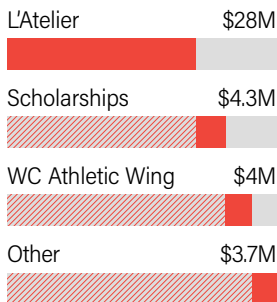
Q:

**Can donations be made in honour of alumni, former teachers, or current students?**

Yes. The TFS Foundation team will happily work with you and your family to appropriately honour anyone of your choosing with a pledge to the school.

Q:

**How is the \$40M being allocated?**



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# *Can't* **WAIT!**

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Our kids are facing a world that is getting more complex by the day – but a world that is also alive to more opportunities than ever before.

Your generosity will help us build the opportunities your children need today for the world we all need tomorrow.

We can't wait,  
because they can't wait,  
because the world can't wait for your kids.



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