



*Edmonton Suzuki
Flute and Recorder
Society*

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To: All Members of the Suzuki Charter School Society, Society for Talent Education, Edmonton Suzuki Piano School, Edmonton Suzuki Flute and Recorder Society.

From: The Board of Directors of the Suzuki Charter School Society (SCSS), Society for Talent Education (STE), Edmonton Suzuki Piano School (ESPS), Edmonton Suzuki Flute and Recorder Society (ESFRS).

Subject: Update on Acquisition of a new facility

Background:

The Suzuki Charter School Society has been actively engaged in a process to secure a new facility for the last several years. A number of factors have influenced our pressing facility requirements. These factors include:

- A SCSS board decision on March 19, 2002 to increase our program from one class from K to grade six to two classes from K to grade six.
- The second class of ECS (Kindergarten) began in September 2004, with the intent that SCSS would add a second class per grade in each subsequent year. We currently have two classes per grade from K to grade five.
- The lack of storage, office and music studio space required to meet the needs of the SCSS program and space requirements of our Suzuki partners (STE, ESPS, ESFRS and private Suzuki teachers)

Objectives:

- Find a facility which will accommodate the SCSS school program, the STE, ESPS, ESFRS private and group lessons
- Office space for the programs which will require office space
- Storage space for all of the programs
- Adequate parking for the staff and parents of the various programs
- Find a location within the S-E quadrant of the city

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Current Status:

- SCSS has been approved for three modulars (two classrooms and one washroom) to be located at the S.W. entrance of the school. While this is only a band aide solution these additional spaces will allow for the school to complete its doubling of classes
- SCSS continues to work with Alberta Education, Edmonton Catholic Schools and Edmonton Public Schools to find a suitable space for the school's program and for the Suzuki Partners
- Board and administration reps from SCSS, STE, ESPS, ESFRS have meet in February, June and October of 2009 to discuss the long and short term objectives of each organization so we can move forward together in finding a suitable facility
- SCSS still hopes to find a new facility by 2010
- **In the event that timeline is not met, SCSS will continue to operate out of its current location until such time as it acquires a new facility**

Moving Forward:

It is our vision and belief that the most ideal scenario would be for all Suzuki organizations to be housed under one roof sharing philosophically, musically and physically---our combined resources. We believe our students, parents and staff would benefit from collaborating and creating a" Suzuki Center of Excellence".

While we work towards this common goal we intend to keep our membership informed and welcome your questions and comments. Our next Suzuki Partners' meeting is set for early December. Please look for an update from the outcome of that meeting in mid December. In the interim if you have any questions we will try our best to help answer them and take any comments you may have into consideration.

Please forward your questions and or comments to:

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