



**Halifax**

Regional Centre for Education

# Operations



## Construction Projects

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) operates 134 schools throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

New school construction and major renovations are managed by the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Currently, there are four projects underway with an additional four future projects planned.

Capital repair projects are managed by the HRCE Operations Services department. More than 50 capital repair projects began this past summer and are at various stages of completion.

Most are completed in July and August, but it's not uncommon for some projects to extend into the school year.

For projects that continue after students return, HRCE works closely with contractors and school staff to minimize impact during the school day.

To learn more, please visit:

 [www.hrce.ca/construction](http://www.hrce.ca/construction)

## Portable Classrooms

HRCE is growing! Portable classrooms are one solution to address space concerns in schools with growing student populations. This year, there are 39 portable classrooms being used at 17 HRCE school sites.

When it's determined that a portable classroom is needed and there is an existing surplus portable in HRCE, the structure is first moved to the school site and then fully renovated and refurbished. Once complete, a number of tests are performed to check air quality, ventilation and accessibility. As a result of rapid growth over the past few years, the HRCE has added two or three new portables each year.

All portable classrooms are equipped with the features of a regular classroom, including technology, communication systems, white boards, etc. Teachers and students are encouraged to work together to design and create a space that is reflective of learner needs.

Teachers and students also establish routines and guidelines for students to travel to and from the main building to use washroom facilities. All emergency procedures are practiced in portables, as they would in any other classroom.

## Questions?

The school principal is the best person to answer questions about how the school is supporting the learning needs of students in portable classrooms.