

## **The Alstom Foundation supports the Fondation pour les élèves de Montréal (Foundation for Montreal Students) and the Code MTL program**

- The donation from the Alstom Foundation will support Code MTL workshops and program expansion for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Code MTL promotes digital literacy and the social development of Montreal public school students, in line with Alstom's longstanding commitment to advancing STEM education.
- The Foundation for Montreal Students is dedicated to reducing social inequalities through educational initiatives.

**30 January 2025** – Alstom, global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, today announced that the Alstom Foundation is supporting the Fondation pour les élèves de Montréal (Foundation for Montreal Students) to deploy the Code MTL program, which promotes digital literacy and the social development welfare of students in Montreal public schools. The associated grant will expand the reach of the program to students aged 5 to 14 and allow the program to serve additional students in Montreal public schools for the year 2024-2025.

The announcement of this funding builds on Alstom's longstanding commitment to advancing STEM education in Montreal and is supporting the development of the skills of the next generation.

"The Code MTL program aligns perfectly with the mission of the Alstom Foundation. By teaching young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the basics of programming and problem solving, the program enriches their learning experience and opens up new perspectives for the future. The Alstom Foundation is proud to support the Foundation for Montreal Students in creating innovative and transformative educational environments," said Olivier Marcil, Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs, Alstom Canada.

### **A mission that mobilises the community for the future**

Founded in 1999, the Foundation for Montreal Students is dedicated to reducing social inequalities through educational initiatives. The Code MTL program is essential to closing the digital divide among Montreal students, particularly in schools where 75% of the student population comes from disadvantaged backgrounds. This initiative allows students, including newcomers learning French, to access technological skills that they would not otherwise be able to acquire, thus promoting inclusiveness and equity in educational opportunities.

The program offers digital literacy workshops in Montreal public schools, with more than 3,000 students participating each year. Through activities adapted to each age group including software and robots, students develop skills in logical reasoning and creative thinking, tackling themes ranging from mathematics to storytelling. Since its creation in 2017, Code MTL has introduced nearly 20,000 Montreal students to programming.

“We thank the Alstom Foundation for its generous support, which will introduce thousands of young Montrealers to digital education, while developing skills such as logical reasoning and creative thinking,” said Betty Esperanza, General Director of the Foundation for Montreal Students.

For more information on the Code MTL program and the Foundation for Montreal Students, visit <https://fondationelevesmtl.ca/>.

To find out more about the Alstom Foundation : <https://www.foundation.alstom.com/>

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### About Alstom Foundation

Founded in 2007, the [Alstom Foundation](#) supports and finances projects proposed by Alstom employees and developed in collaboration with non-profit organizations. The initiatives aim to improve the living conditions of communities near Alstom's sites globally. The Foundation's projects revolve around four axes: Access to mobility, environmental protection, access to energy and water, and socioeconomic development. More information can be found on the [Alstom Foundation's website](#)

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