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Partnership in Terwillegar is not a priority

The Edmonton Catholic School District does not consider a partnership with the City of Edmonton in the Terwillegar/Riverbend area as a possibility due to several other top priorities on the district's Capital Plan.

The City of Edmonton and the district met to discuss a possible partnership that would include a proposed recreation centre in the area.

"There are over \$35 million in projects listed as priorities on our district Three Year Capital Plan before a school in Terwillegar is even mentioned on our plan," said Debbie Cavaliere, Chairperson for the Board of Trustees.

"Our priorities are very clear. We desperately need dollars to modernize several high schools, including St. Francis Xavier, Archbishop MacDonald and Archbishop O'Leary," Cavaliere went on to say.

The district's Capital Plan for 2006-2007 lists the construction of a 400 student Grades 9 to 12 Academic School in Terwillegar as the sixth of eight projects on the list but a recent feasibility review indicates that this project will likely be removed from the next Capital Plan.

"The district has taken a closer look at where to locate its Academic High School and will be recommending a site that is much more central in order to make this program accessible to students throughout the entire city," said Joan Carr, Assistant Superintendent for the Edmonton Catholic School District.

"The district is still determining the future educational needs of students in the Terwillegar/Riverbend area and the program offered in a future school at that location is still to be decided," Cavaliere added.

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