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## **New Schools and Modernizations are Priorities for the 2009 – 2012 District Capital Plan**

A total of five new schools, 18 modernizations and three replacement schools are all part of the 2009-2012 Edmonton Catholic School District's Capital Plan.

'Archbishop O'Leary High School is now our District's number one priority for our Three-Year Capital Plan,' said Board Chairperson Cindy Olsen. 'We have not received funding to modernize this school in the seven years the school was listed as a Modernization on the plan, so now it is crucial that the school is replaced,' Olsen went on to say.

The second priority on the Three-Year Capital Plan is a replacement of the current St. Kevin Junior High and St. Brendan Elementary. The project would replace the two schools with one Elementary/Junior High School at 7211-96A Avenue, which is the site of the former St. Bernard School which closed in 1979.

Three of five new schools are listed in the first year of the Three-Year Capital Plan. New schools are becoming critical for the areas of Summerside, Pilot Sound and Castle Downs Extension, as those areas of the city continue their brisk growth.

New to the Three Year Capital Plan are new schools in Summerside and Clareview. A new school in Summerside is the number one new construction priority for the Three-Year Capital Plan.

'Without a new Elementary/Junior High School in Summerside, utilization in that area will increase from a current 92% to 139% by 2013,' said Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools.'

Louis St. Laurent Junior/Senior High School is desperately in need of construction of a Theatre to enhance the Fine Arts Program. Both the construction of a Theatre and renovations to support the expansion will ensure the success of Louis St. Laurent as one of two Fine Arts Schools in the Edmonton Catholic School District.

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