



High School Completion and Upgrading Centre a Top Priority for District's Capital Plan

A High School Completion and Upgrading Centre is a year one priority for the 2010 to 2013 Capital Plan. The 22-million dollar Centre would be built in partnership with the City of Edmonton and will be connected to the Clareview Recreation Complex. The District is requesting approval and \$2.1 million for furniture and equipment only. The 22-million will be financed through cost recovery and could open within two years.

“This innovative project reflects our focus and priority on high school completion in our District,” said Board Chairperson Debbie Engel. “This one-stop high school completion and upgrading facility would ensure that all students including English as a Second Language and Adult learners would complete high school but also prepare students for their future,” Engel added.

In addition, the campus would include a Career Planning Skill Centre, Edmonton Public Library, the Recreation Centre and would house the District's new ASIST (Assessment, Support Intervention and Success Team) program that includes wrap-around services and supports for at-risk Grade 7 to 12 students in Edmonton Catholic Schools.

A total of four other new schools, 20 modernizations and two replacement schools are also included in the 2010 – 2013 Capital Plan. New schools are needed in Pilot Sound, Castle Downs Extension (Chambery), Ellerslie (Summerside) and Lewis Farms.

“A new Elementary school in Pilot Sound is becoming critical because the school serving that area will be at 108% utilization next year, and at 126% in 5 years,” said Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools.”

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The first priority for modernization is Archbishop O'Leary High School. This is the eighth year it has been on the three-year plan. Other modernizations in year one of the plan include Louis St. Laurent Junior/Senior High School for renovations to the school and construction of a Theatre to enhance the Fine Arts Program, H.E. Beriault Junior High and St. Edmund Elementary/Junior High School.