



Partnership Project and Four New Schools are Priorities on District Capital Plan

The Edmonton Catholic School District's Capital Plan for 2011 to 2014 was released at a public Board meeting tonight. The plan includes additional details on the partnership project with the City of Edmonton as well as plans for four new schools, 21 major modernizations and one replacement school.

"The partnership project with the City of Edmonton is our first priority in year one of the Capital Plan," said Board Chair Debbie Engel. "This innovative facility will give our students a one-stop high school completion and upgrading facility and will help prepare our English Language Learner students for their future," Engel went on to say.

A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed for the partnership project with the City of Edmonton and the project is scheduled to move into the design phase.

A replacement Elementary/Junior High school for St. Kevin/St. Brendan is the first priority in year one of the Capital Plan. Year one priorities for major modernizations include Archbishop O'Leary (ninth year in a row on the Capital Plan), Louis St. Laurent Junior/Senior High, J. H. Picard Elementary/Junior/Senior High, H. E. Beriault Junior High and St. Edmund Elementary/Junior High.

Three of four new schools on the Capital Plan are listed as year one priorities. "A new Elementary/Junior High school for Pilot Sound is becoming more critical for that community as the utilization rate continues to climb," said Superintendent Joan Carr. "In addition, we do not have a junior high in northwest Edmonton so all students are currently bussed to other schools. The need for a junior high school in Chambéry and construction of an Elementary/Junior High School in Ellerslie-Summerside are also priorities for the first year of our Capital Plan. Our need for major modernizations is critical," added Carr.

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