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Dear St. Gerard Families,

We are pleased to share news about a [new school](#) planned for the St. Gerard community.

Earlier this month, the province announced that a new Catholic Kindergarten to Grade 9 school has been approved for the St. Alphonsus site at [116 Avenue and 81 Street](#). This future school would serve both the St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard communities.

This approval is an important first step. Planning approval allows Edmonton Catholic Schools to begin detailed work on the school, including design and site planning. Once construction is approved, we will have a clearer understanding of timelines. At this stage, construction has not been approved, and there are no changes for students.

Alberta Education and Childcare has indicated that from planning to opening, a school project like this typically takes four to five years, and timelines can vary by project.

A new Catholic elementary and junior high school brings modern classrooms, improved accessibility, and shared spaces designed for how students learn today. It also creates the opportunity to bring both school communities together in a welcoming, purpose-built space that will serve families for generations.

Our Division first identified the need for a capital project at this site for more than 25 years through Edmonton Catholic Schools' Capital Plan. Our school was [added to this project plan in March 2025](#). Both St. Gerard and St. Alphonsus are more than 70 years old and were designed for a different time. Over the years, the buildings have required ongoing repairs and updates, and their layouts and infrastructure no longer fully support today's learning needs, accessibility expectations, or enrolment pressures.

### **Next Steps**

This approval allows us to plan carefully and responsibly for the future while staying focused on students today. As planning continues, we will work with students, families, and staff to gather input on the new school and will keep families informed as updates become available.

Our priority remains your child's day-to-day experience at St. Gerard. For more information, please visit our [website](#). If you have questions, you may email [engagement@ecsd.net](mailto:engagement@ecsd.net).

Sincerely,  
Edmonton Catholic Schools