

SPACE FOR STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT



November 8, 2023

GOSPEL READING

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Luke 14.25-33

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

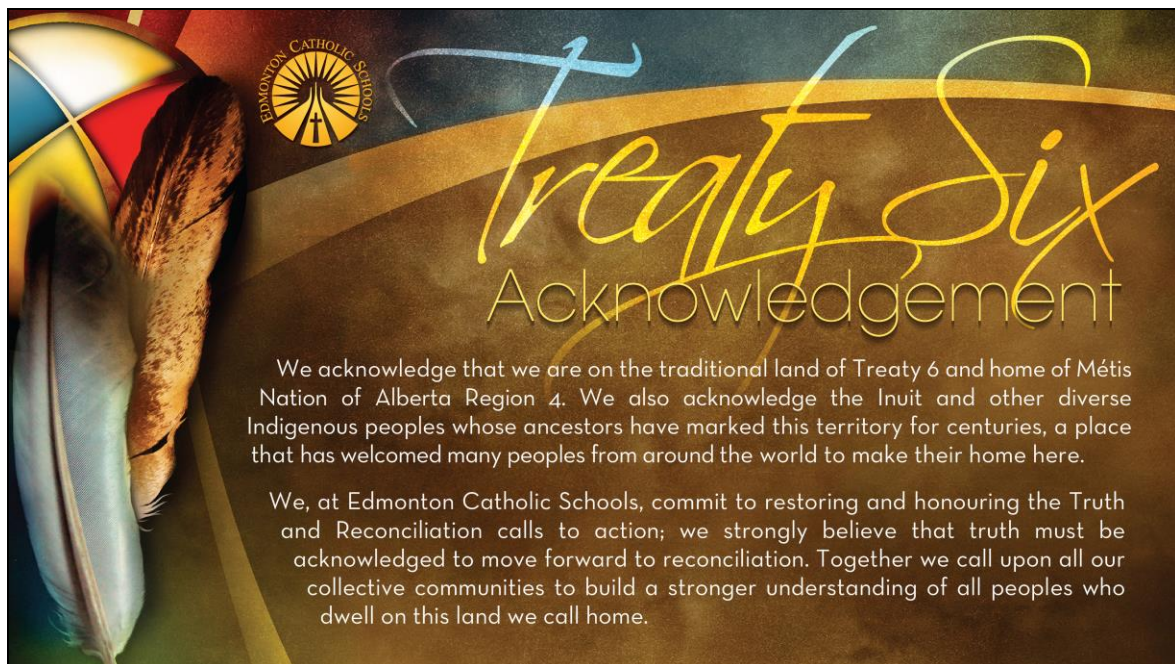
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The Gospel of the Lord.



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Board of Trustees
Chair
**SANDRA
PALAZZO**

Your school board trustee is Sandra Palazzo

Good evening, everyone. On behalf of your Board of Trustees, I am pleased to welcome you to the Spaces for Students engagement session this evening at Christ the King Catholic Elementary/Junior High School. I would like to thank Superintendent John Fiocco, Principal Ken Pyra, Assistant Principals Elizabeth Evaristo, Dane Sadownyk, and Joan Woodlock and the other Edmonton Catholic staff for their support with the important presentation you will see here today.

We are here tonight because we recognize that Christ the King is dealing with exceptional enrolment and the current number of students is greater than what the school was built for.

We are committed to gathering feedback and engaging with the CTK families to understand the student accommodation needs and to ensure the effective use of space and resources at Christ the King Catholic Elementary/Junior High School.

An ever-increasing number of families are entrusting us with the sacred responsibility of educating their children and helping them to grow to their fullest potential. This year alone, our Division has grown by 5.5%, which is 2.0% higher than we had projected. Please know that our Board has advocated for a new school for this area since 2019 as we knew that space would be needed to accommodate the growing neighbourhoods in this community.

The new K-9 Catholic school in Crystallina Nera is in the top three of our year 1 priorities of our Capital Plan. It is important to know that even though we will be exploring options here tonight, no decisions have been made, and that any provided solutions are temporary and will bridge the time between when the new school is approved for full construction and built.

Thank you so much for joining us tonight. Our evening is so important, and we are so thankful that you are providing your input into this engagement process.

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

1. Balance between funding/fiscal restraints, Stakeholder input and Division strategic plans
2. Not all viewpoints can be included
3. Final decision rests with Educational Planning and school administration



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It is important to note that the final recommendations will not include each viewpoint expressed, and decisions must uphold the Division's fiduciary responsibility. Educational Planning and school administration will take several factors into consideration when they make their final decision.

Even though we are exploring these options, no decisions have been made and that any of these provided solutions are temporary until the new school in Crystallina Nera East is built and open.

Our goal for this evening is to provide you with information, and the options we are considering, so you can give us your feedback on the options using the survey.

BACKGROUND

- No decisions have been made
- All scenarios will take effect in September 2024
- Must create safe accommodations for the number of children in the attendance area
- Capacity issue is two pronged as the neighbouring communities continue to grow and students move in throughout the year
- Looking for the best solution with the least disruptions to learning, and focuses on the consistency of programming

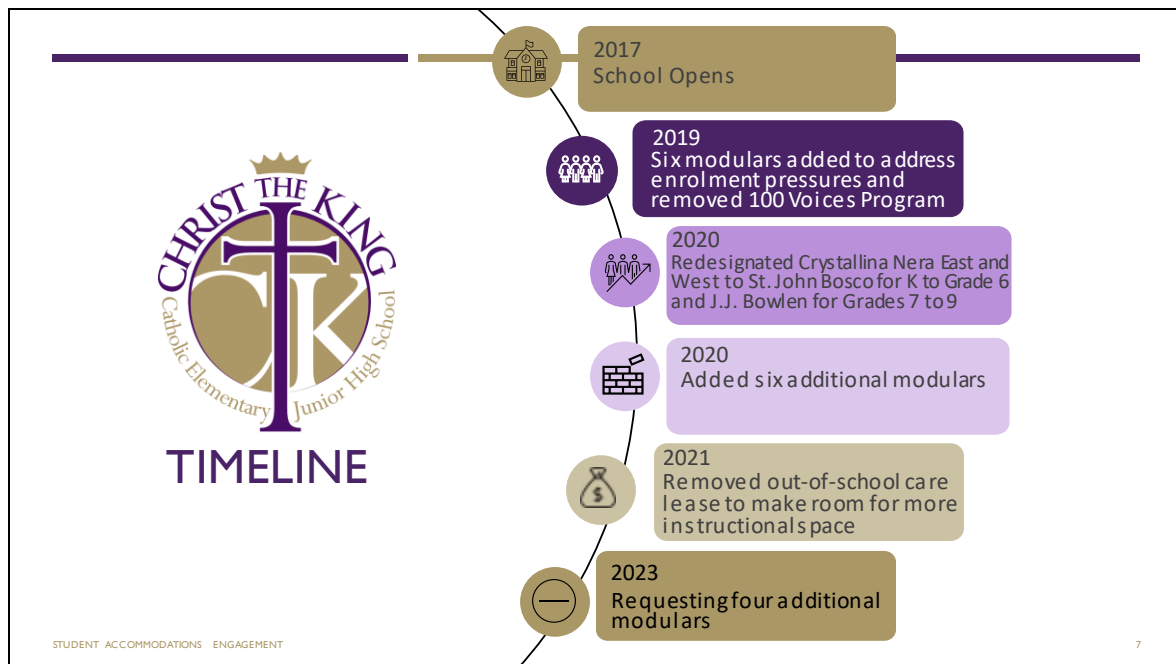
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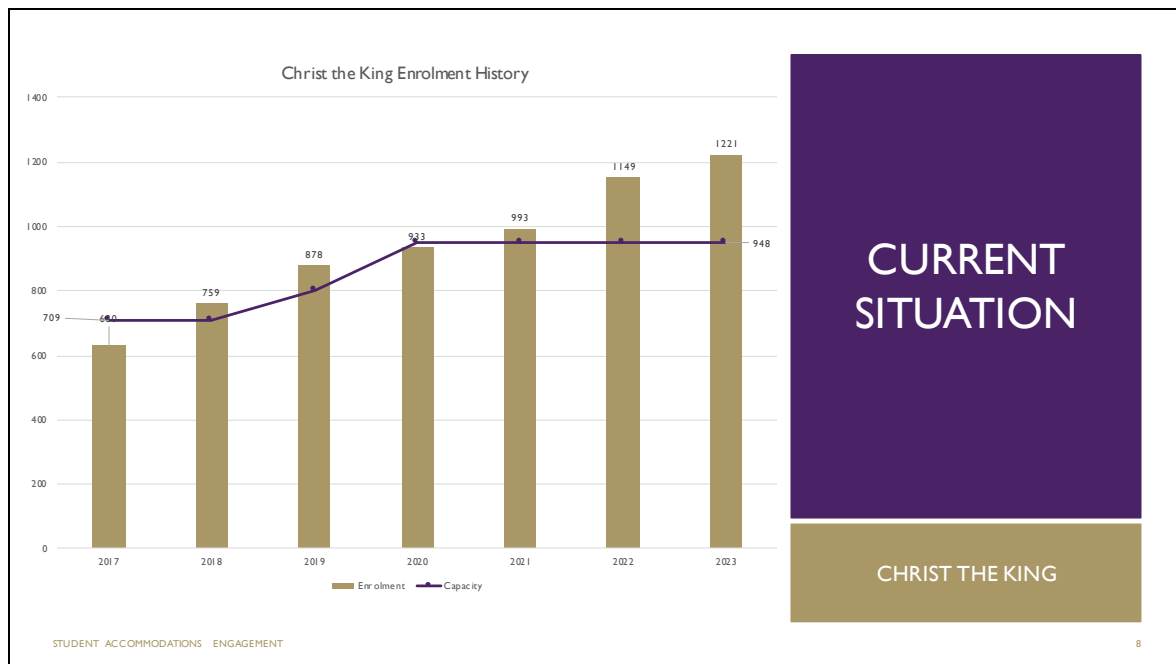
The decision that is made from the scenarios shared on November 6, 2023, will take effect September 2024.

We need to create the conditions at the school to accommodate the number of children that are in the attendance area, and we need to keep in mind the future growth in the area. The capacity issue is two pronged as the neighbouring communities continue to grow and students move in throughout the year. Finally, we need to find a solution that focuses on the consistency of programming for the students and minimizes disruptions to their learning.

If we do not do anything to alleviate the space constraints the school is facing, CTK is projected to have 1,450 students enrolled in it by September 2026. That's another whole school- 500 students above the current capacity.



Here is the timeline of Christ the King. The school opened in 2017. By 2019 ECSD added 6 modulars, also known as portables, to address enrolment pressures and removing the 100 Voices program. In 2020, ECSD changed the attendance boundary for CTK and redesignated the communities of Crystallina Nera East and West to St. John Bosco for Kindergarten to Grade 6 and J.J. Bowlen for Grades 7 to 9. Also in 2020, ECSD added 6 additional modulars. In 2021, We removed the out-of-school care lease to make room for more instructional space. This year, we are requesting four additional modulars in this year's modular submission plan.



Here's the enrollment history of Christ the King since it first opened its doors in 2017. When the school opened, it had a capacity for 709 students. As we added modular classrooms over the years, you'll notice the school's capacity expanded, indicated by the upward trend of the purple line. With each capacity expansion, the growth in enrollment significantly outpaced the additional space.

ADAPTATIONS TO LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS TO ADDRESS ENROLMENT PRESSURES:

- Learning commons now a classroom for both Kindergarten programs
- Elementary music room is a classroom
- Staff room is used 60% of the day for JH instruction
- Conference room is a classroom
- Foods lab and construction prep room used for classrooms
- Rooftop patio is an outdoor classroom
- Chapel is a part time music room

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To adapt to the enrolment pressures that CTK is facing, the school has adjusted the learning environment to make use of all available space. They have made these changes within the school:

- The learning commons is now classroom for both kindergarten programs.
- Elementary Music room is a regular classroom.
- Staff room is used 60% of day for Junior High instruction.
- Conference room (roughly the size of a large office) is a regular classroom.
- We converted a roof top patio space into an outdoor classroom, furnished with items to allow teaching and learning to take place even inclement weather. Patio heater, umbrellas, seating, tables.
- Our construction prep room is used as a regular classroom in addition to being construction prep space.
- The Foods lab is also used for regular classroom instruction (ELA, Religion, etc)
- Chapel is part time music room.

In addition to these instructional space changes, school administration have been accessing other schools to get desks to replace our classroom tables so that we can accommodate large class sizes in JH. Our JH class sizes are large simply because we don't have any space to create new sections.



MAP OF CHRIST THE KING

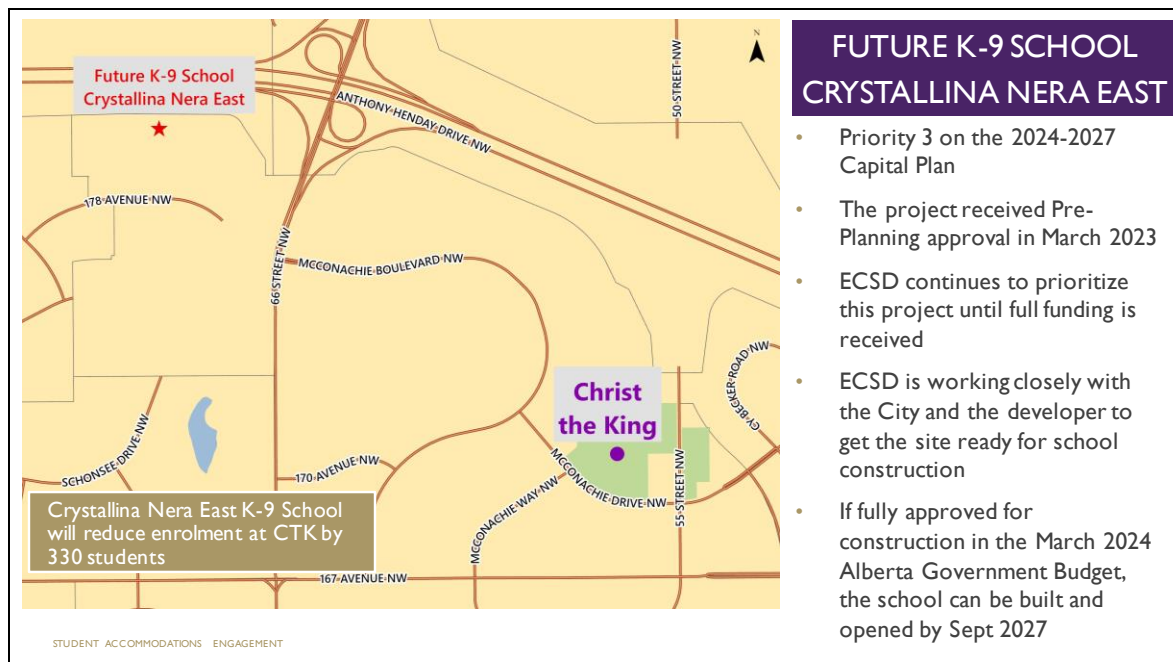
- Currently CTK has 12 modulars.
- ECSD is requesting four additional modulars from the province.

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This map is the current footprint of Christ the King. The modulars are located in the NE and SE ends of the school.

ECSD will be requesting 4 additional new modular units from the Province this year. There is an approval process to getting new modulars installed at a school, and requests are submitted to Alberta Education in the fall of each year.

If we are successful, this would be the first new modulars ECSD has received since the Province paused the modular program since 2021. Adding these 4 new modulars will increase the capacity of CTK by an additional 80-100 spaces. You can see where they would go by the area in purple. If the request is approved, the modulars can be installed before September 2024.

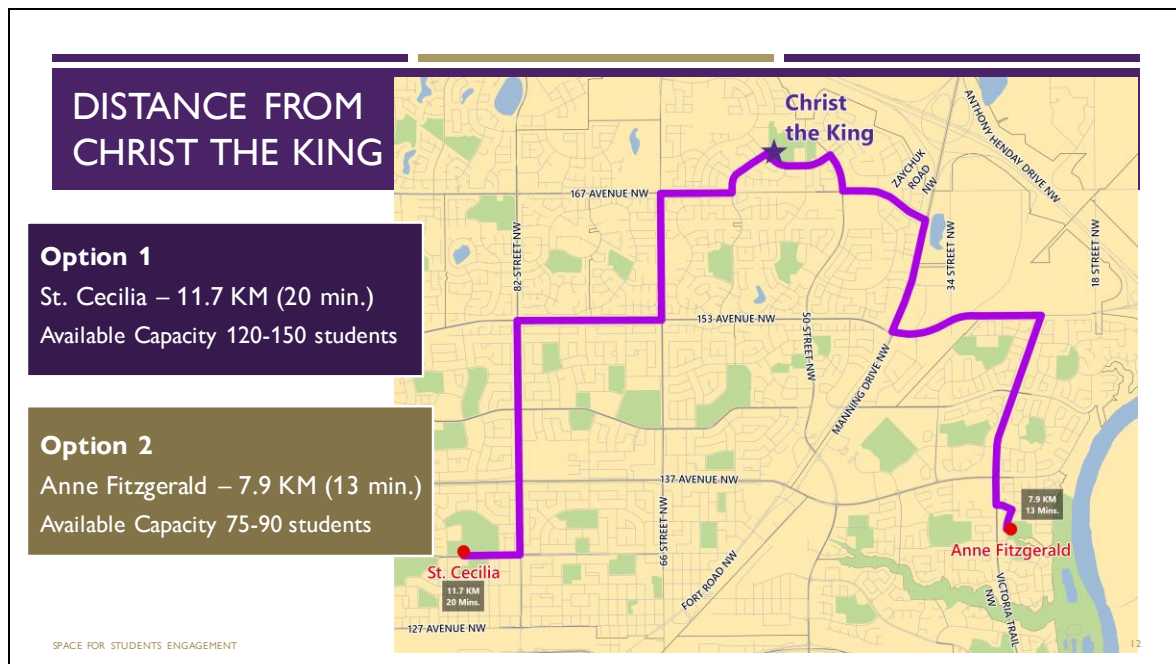


Unfortunately, this will not solve the capacity issues at CTK. We know that the schools in this area of the city are full. ECSD will be looking at additional measures, other than the options presented tonight, to reduce enrolment pressures. Additional measures are requesting 4 additional modulars from the Province this November and advocating with the province to build a new school in Crystallina Nera.

What ECSD needs is a new school for Crystallina Nera East, which is number 3 on ECSDs 2024-2027 Capital Plan priority list. This project has received pre-planning funding from the Province in March 2023; however, we are in desperate need for this to be fast tracked to full construction funding.

Our team has been working with the developers and the City to get the site ready for full construction, so we are prepared for when the Province provides the full construction funding. If fully approved for construction funding in the March 2024 Alberta Government Budget, the school could be built and opened by September 2027 subject to the timelines that are created by Alberta Infrastructure.

Opening a K-9 Catholic School in Crystallina Nera East could potentially reduce the enrolment at CTK by 330 students. Getting the new school opened as soon as possible is the preferred option to address the space issues at CTK.



Until we get the 4 modulars, and the new school in Crystallina Nera is built and opened, we need to be creative in managing space for students. This will require redesignating portions of CTK students to other schools.

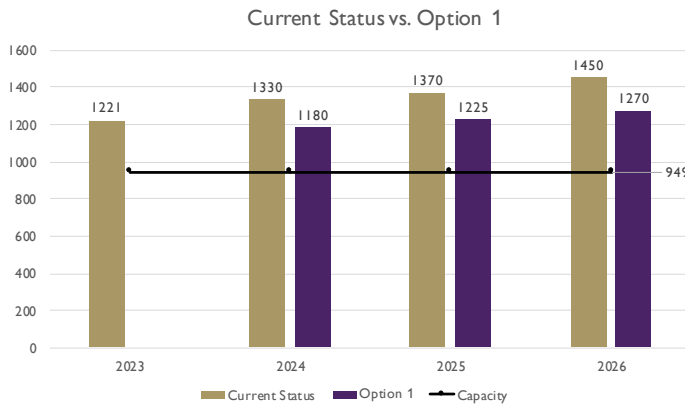
The options we are going to discuss with you, involve two schools:

- St. Cecilia and
- Anne Fitzgerald

This map shows are the distances between CTK and the two schools that are being considered in the options.

Again, these options are all temporary measures until a new school in Crystallina Nera East is approved, built and opened. Our preferred option is to get a new school in Crystallina Nera East opened as soon as possible but until then happens we can only focus on options that we have under our control.

OPTION 1



- CTK becomes a Kindergarten to Grade 8 School
- Grade 9 students are re-designated to St. Cecilia

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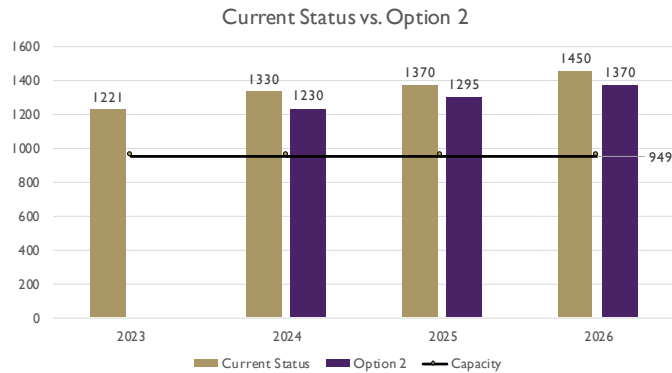
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OPTION 1

- This option is projected to impact, on average, 130-170 Grade 9 students. We will still need to consider the additional strategies to mitigate overcrowding and request additional modulars and advocate for the new K-9 school in Crystallina Nera East if we go with option 1.
- This option will see Christ the King become a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school. Grade 9 students will go to St. Cecilia.
- St. Cecilia has room for about 120-150 students in the next two years. In 2026, when Blessed Carlos Acutis Catholic High School opens, eight classrooms that are currently used by O'Leary at St. Cecilia will be available for junior high programming.
- Finally, the distance between CTK and St. Cecilia is 11.7 Km. Currently, junior high students at St. Cecilia use ETS to get to school. Grade 9 students would use ETS School Specials to St. Cecilia with an average ride time of 35 minutes one-way.

OPTION 2

- CTK becomes Grade 1 to 9
- Kindergarten students redesignated to Anne Fitzgerald.

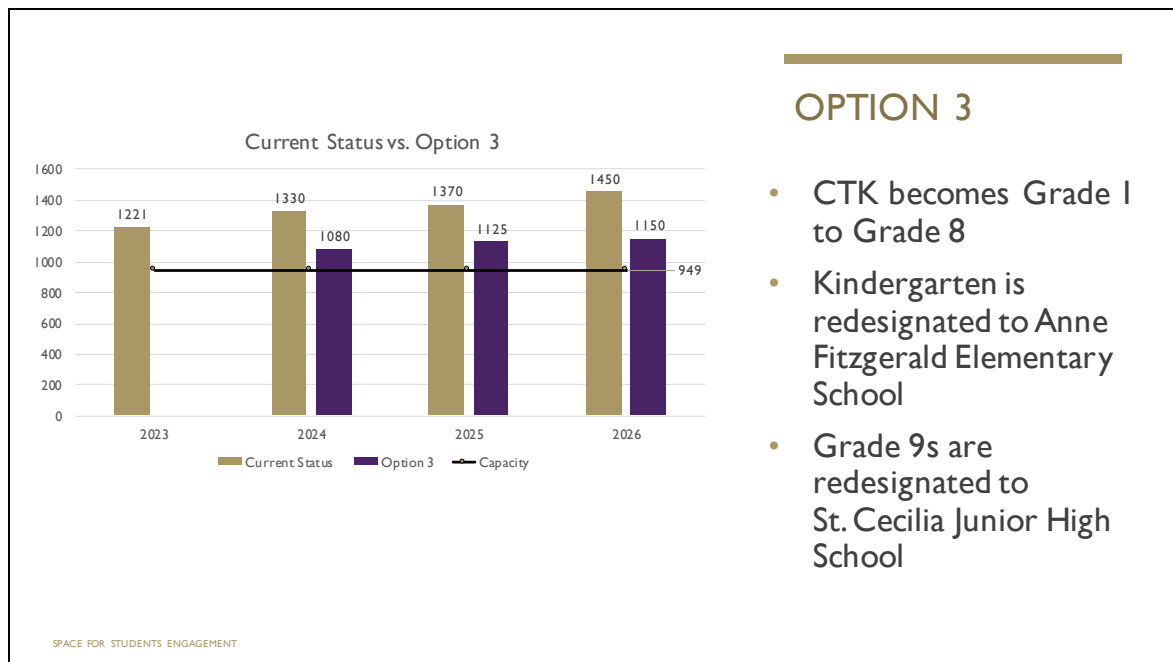


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OPTION 2:

- Similar to option one, option two is projected to reduce students by 110. As a result, we will still require additional strategies to mitigate over crowding.
- This option will see Christ the King become a Grade 1 to Grade 9 school. Kindergarten students will be designated to Anne Fitzgerald Catholic School, and they will be back at CTK the following year for Grade 1.
- Kindergarten students would be transported by yellow bus with a projected ride time of 30 minutes one-way.



OPTION 3

- This option is a combination of Options 1 and 2 and is projected to impact 250 to 300 students, which out of all the options will have the most impact on easing enrolment pressures at CTK.
- This option will see Christ the King become a Grade 1 to Grade 8 school.
- Kindergarten will be bussed to Anne Fitzgerald School and the Grade 9s will be designated to St. Cecilia and then head to O'Leary (right beside) for high school.
- Grade 9 students would use ETS School Specials to St. Cecilia with a projected ride time of 35 minutes one-way.
- Kindergarten students would be transported by yellow bus with a projected ride time of 30 minutes one-way.

SUMMARY — options would be effective September 2024

Option 1 – CTK is K to Grade 8. Grade 9 students go to St. Cecilia.

Option 2 – CTK is Grades 1 to 9. Kindergarten students go to Anne Fitzgerald.

Option 3 – Combination of Option 1 & 2. CTK is Grades 1 to 8. Kindergarten students go to Anne Fitzgerald and Grade 9 students go to St. Cecilia.

These options are all temporary measures until a new school in Crystallina Nera East is approved, built and opened.

NEXT STEPS

- Survey closes November 24
- A What We Heard Report shared in December
- Final decision shared in January
- Email questions/comments about the engagement to engagement@ecsd.net



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An Engagement Survey requesting feedback on the November 8, 2023, presentation can be found on your school website. The survey is open for responses until the end of day on November 24, 2023.

It is important to know that even though we are exploring these options, no decisions have been made.

Your feedback on the CTK Space for Students Engagement will be used by ECSD and school administration to inform their final decision and decisions to address the space constraints will be shared in January. Our priority is our families and the education of our students. All decisions will be made with this in mind.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- ECSD is in urgent need of new schools
- We need your help in providing the information on how the lack of schools in the area is impacting your family.
- Collaborate with your school council to help make your voice heard in a factual and respectful manner to:
 - MLA Heather Sweet
Edmonton.Manning@assembly.ab.ca
 - Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides
education.minister@gov.ab.ca

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Lastly, we need your help! Our Division is in urgent need of new schools. You can collaborate with your school council to make your voice heard and collectively email your MLA and Alberta's Education Minister to share your concerns about the impact of enrolment pressures on your family.



Mary, the Mother of God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*). Amen.

Let us pray: Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world.

We were created in your image and likeness; each of us a precious gift. Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to protect and guide our students and staff; caring and watching over us at all times.

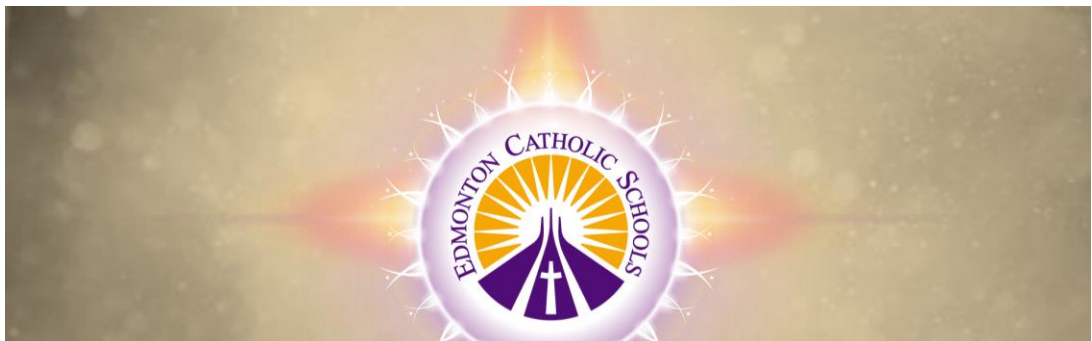
Come live in our hearts and strengthen us to love and serve you. Let us glorify your name, being kind and generous to everyone we meet. With Christ as our model and our teacher, we celebrate and witness our faith, learning together, working together, and praying together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*).

Amen

Edmonton Catholic School Division Prayers



THANK YOU!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. (Matthew 5:16)