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Dear St. Alphonsus Families,

Earlier this month, the [province announced that a new school](#) has been approved for the St. Alphonsus site. This is exciting news for our community. The new Kindergarten to Grade 9 school will serve the St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard communities as part of Edmonton Catholic Schools' planning for the 118 Avenue West area.

This approval is an important first step. Planning approval allows our Division to begin detailed work on the school, including design and site planning.

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. At this stage, construction has not been approved, and there are no changes for students.

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

Our Division has identified the need for a capital project at this site for more than 25 years through Edmonton Catholic Schools' Capital Plan. St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard are both more than 70 years old, and as many schools built decades ago, they 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.

There are no immediate changes for students, families, and staff. Students will continue to attend St. Alphonsus. The school remains open, supported, and cared for, and we continue to invest in regular maintenance and safety at the site.

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. Alphonsus. For more information, please visit our [website](#). If you have questions, you may email engagement@ecsd.net.

Sincerely,

Edmonton Catholic Schools