

DATE: March 18, 2014

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Replacement School Process (Response to Request for Information #010)

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REFERENCE: February 4, 2014 Board Meeting (Trustee Chubb)
Alberta Regulation 238/97, School Act, Closure of Schools Regulation and Province of Alberta, School Act, Section 200 and 201

ISSUE

Provide information regarding a process that could be used to identify possible locations for a replacement school and a timeline that would move this process forward in a timely manner for the Board's consideration.

BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2014, the Provincial Government announced funding for nine modernization projects across Edmonton. Five of the nine projects are within Edmonton Public School District facilities. One of the projects is a modernization/replacement school that involves the consolidation of three or more schools into a single replacement school.

CURRENT SITUATION

The District has engaged in a number of processes over the past 10 years to address consolidation of existing school programs into a single structure. In some cases, the process has resulted in a modernization project at the receiving school. Recent examples include the modernizations at Balwin and Forest Heights schools.

This project is unique for Edmonton Public Schools in that the Province has committed to fund a modernization or replacement school prior to determining the schools to be included in the consolidation. This allows the District to incorporate a commitment to improve the student learning environments in the process while considering a reduction in the number of facilities offering educational programming in the area due to over capacity.

The first phase of the project will conclude by June 2014. The following phases will begin in October 2014 and conclude with the opening of the replacement school, potentially in 2016.

Administration is proposing the following process and timelines:

Phase One	
Task	Date
<u>Stage One</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a process and timelines for the project 	March 2014
<u>Stage Two</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify three potential consolidation and replacement school clusters Identify a budget for consultants to complete a value management study and consultation process 	April 2014
<u>Stage Three</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive value management study created for each cluster Contact the City of Edmonton and the Province to determine partnership opportunities 	April 2014
<u>Stage Four</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential options within each cluster for discussion, taking into consideration the outcomes of the value management studies 	April 2014
<u>Stage Five</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with each cluster Discuss potential options and creating new options 	April to May 2014
<u>Stage Six</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration identifies a preferred cluster and option for action in 2014-2015 school year 	June 2014

KEY POINTS

- On April 23, 2013, the Board of Trustees approved the *2014-2017 Three-Year Capital Plan*, including a replacement school in a mature area within each year of the plan.
- On January 21, 2014, the Provincial Government announced funding for a replacement school in a mature area of Edmonton for Edmonton Public Schools.
- The replacement/modernization project involves the consolidation of three or more schools in a single replacement school.
- This project offers the District an opportunity to manage utilization rates within the mature areas, improve student learning environments, and reduce the District deferred maintenance deficit.
- Funding has been provided by the Province of Alberta to facilitate the completion of Value Management Studies during the 2014-2015 school year.
- The identified process will conform to Provincial Regulations and Legislation in addition to compliance with District Policies and Regulations.

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I January 21, 2014 Provincial Modernization Announcement

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 School Infrastructure

New School Capital Projects

Nearly \$1.4 billion over three years will be provided for school capital projects.

This includes \$441 million to support completion of 22 new schools expected to open in the fall of 2014 across high-growth areas of the province, as well as the modernization of 13 existing schools.

This plan also includes more than \$500 million toward the construction of a further 50 new schools and the modernization of another 70 existing facilities as committed by the Premier, with an estimated total investment of over \$2 billion. Projects will be selected through a comprehensive assessment of various factors including school boards' priorities, health and safety of students and staff, enrolment projections, current utilization, facility conditions and capacity for program delivery. The government will also continue to work closely with local school boards and stakeholders to explore potential community partnerships and innovative ways of maximizing use of existing and new school space.

2014 Modernizations Underway

Calgary, Aboriginal Family Community School (former Harold W. Riley School)

Calgary, Bowness High School

Calgary, Christine Meikle School

Calgary, Foundations for the Future (former Montgomery School)

Calgary, Jack James High School

Calgary, St. Cyril School

Calgary, St. Vincent de Paul Elementary/Junior High School

Calgary, Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys School

Calgary, Westmount Charter School (former Sir William Van Horne School)

Edmonton, Alberta School for Deaf

School District: Government of Alberta & Edmonton School District No. 7 - Partnership

Project Type: Modernization

Modernization Type: Functional Upgrade/Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade/Partial demolition and addition

Edmonton, Archbishop O'Leary High School
School District: Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: Building Envelope/Mechanical Upgrade/electrical

Edmonton, Belgravia School
School District: Edmonton School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade

Edmonton, J.H. Picard School
School District: Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: Building Envelope/Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade/Functional Upgrade

Edmonton, Louis St. Laurent Junior/Senior High School
School District: Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade/Functional Upgrade

Edmonton, Replacement in Mature Neighbourhood
School District: Edmonton School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization/Replacement
Modernization Type: This project involves the consolidation of three or more schools in a single replacement school.
Opening/Final Capacity: 450/450

Edmonton, Ross Sheppard High School
School District: Edmonton School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: Building Envelope/Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade/Functional Upgrade

Edmonton, St. Brendan/St. Kevin
School District: Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7
Project Type: Modernization
Modernization Type: This project involves the consolidation of two or

more schools in either a single modernized school or a replacement school at the site of a school that is no longer in operation.

Edmonton, Vimy Ridge School

School District: Edmonton School District No. 7

Project Type: Modernization

Modernization Type: Building Envelope/Mechanical Upgrade/Electrical Upgrade/Functional Upgrade

+ **2013 Winter Projects Underway**

+ **2013 Spring Projects Underway**

+ **2011 Projects Underway**