



Three - Year Capital Plan (2019-2022) Revised

September 27, 2018 - On March 21, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022). This plan prioritized the full modernization of Grand Trunk High School and Evansview School in Evansburg, as well as Wildwood School in Wildwood. The Three-Year Capital Plan identifies the division's capital priorities for two project types: modernization of existing facilities and new school construction/major additions. In order to accommodate situations where circumstances or board priorities may change after the capital plan has been submitted, each jurisdiction has the opportunity to request revisions to their capital plan priorities before September 30th of the submission year. At a Special Board Meeting today in Edson, trustees approved a revision to the Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022) to consolidate all three schools into a fully modernized facility on the Grand Trunk site.

"Our board is very appreciative of the feedback and participation from our stakeholders in our Evansburg/Wildwood Facilities Review process," noted Board Chair and local trustee for the Lobstick zone, Brenda Rosadiuk. "This was not an easy decision to make, but one we felt was in the best interests of our students today, and in the future, in both communities. We are competing for provincial funding for capital projects with jurisdictions that are experiencing significant overcrowding. Grand Trunk has been on our capital plan for over a decade and we needed to change our strategy to assist our students in obtaining the optimum learning environment they deserve."

Approximately 10 percent of all province-wide capital plan submissions received funding approval last year.

Some of the factors considered in the board's decision were: programming options, impact on community, past and projected enrolments, demographics of both hamlets and surrounding communities, site constraints, geographic distribution, student retention within the division, transportation, building design and condition, school proximity, and community partnerships.

After careful consideration, the board moved to revise the Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022) in support of the amalgamation of all three schools into Evansburg, with a full modernization of Grand Trunk High School into a 500-student capacity facility from kindergarten to Grade 12. If approved, this would be the second school facility in the division with a kindergarten to Grade 12 population, with the first successfully implemented in Grande Cache.



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The board's decision was made after a value scoping meeting in the spring of 2018 and a series of community engagement sessions over the last few months. Community engagement sessions were used to determine the final five facility options and decision criteria for the board to consider at today's meeting. For those that could not attend the engagement sessions, online surveys were available on the GYPSD website. Six delegations from different interest groups spoke at today's meeting to share their hopes and concerns for the three schools with the board of trustees.

Information collected for the [Evansburg/ Wildwood Facility Review](#) is available on the division's website.

The board will now forward the revised Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022) to Alberta Education for their consideration.