

**VINCENT J. MALONEY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION ENHANCES STUDENT PROGRAMMING!**

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Dignitaries and the V.J. Maloney School Community will gather today to cut the ribbon to mark the completion of their second school modernization. In 2015, the school was gifted with the announcement that new learning spaces and much needed upgrades would be done to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.

Today, students attending the school are enjoying the new student-centered spaces that support diverse CTF programming, refreshed core learning spaces and enhancements for student wellness and connectivity, along with a new learning commons. Alberta Infrastructure, ONPA Architects and K-Rite Construction have transformed areas of the school that will contribute to greater student engagement and the experience students will enjoy during their time at the school. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century model for education is based on providing flexible learning environments that include spaces where students are learning and leading. As you walk through V.J. Maloney, it is visible that students have options for flexible seating, places to gather to work collaboratively and areas dedicated to supporting their well-being.

Board Chair, Joe Becigneul commented, *"while mechanical upgrading of the building is always essential for health and safety, what is most attractive to those who work and learn in the building is the beautiful spaces that contribute to student learning. It is our hope that this modern facility will inspire student success for years to come. This modernization addresses a key capital project priority for our district."*

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School is a vibrant learning community for students in grades seven to nine. Built in 1985, the schools' namesake reflects the leadership of a former superintendent of the district that provides diverse programming for close to 500 students.

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