

# Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Facility and Capital Plan for 2014-2017

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## ***Update – September 30, 2013***

Further to the Government's announcement of a new school in St. Albert in favor of the Francophone School Board, the existing Capital priorities were reviewed and at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on September 30, 2013, the following MOTION was passed:

***THAT the Board of Trustees rescind Motion 288/12; and Motion 248/13; revise the Capital Plan Priorities for 2014-2017 and direct administration to update all associated postings of this information, as follows:***

- 1. Modernization of SACHS***
- 2. New Morinville Elementary School***
- 3. New K-9 School in Erin Ridge***
- 4. St. Albert Modernization of VJM***

The revised value for the updated 2014-2017 Capital Plan is \$60,440,188

## ***Original Report – May 2013***

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on May 27, 2013, the following MOTION was passed:

***THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2014-2017 , as presented, with no change from the prior year's submission due on or before the June 1, 2013 submission deadline.***

### ***2014-2017 Ranking – Total Value of 5 Projects: \$94,054,758***

- 1. Modernization of SACHS***
- 2. New Morinville Elementary School***
- 3. Three School Partnership***
- 4. K-9 School in Erin Ridge, St. Albert***
- 5. Modernization of VJM***

Descriptions of current priorities (in order):

### **1. Modernization of SACHS**

*Modernization of St. Albert Catholic High School - to meet school program needs and the School Facility Evaluation Report*

With the first phase of this project completed, an additional capital investment would result in the improvement of washroom facilities, HVAC systems, programming for students with diverse needs, and physical education facilities.

Key Drivers: Technological Change

Projected Cost: \$21,230,336

### **2. New Morinville Elementary School**

As a result of new legislation that enabled the Sturgeon School Division to operate public secular education in the Town of Morinville, the Minister assigned an elementary school to the newly operating Public School Board. The strong retention of our students within one fewer school has resulted in a utilization rate of 91% for the three GSACRD schools that operate in Morinville. Important to this matter is the fact that the only elementary school, Notre Dame, has a current utilization rate of 110%. Given this unusually high utilization rate in Morinville, it is important that a new elementary school will be developed to accommodate our growth needs.

Key Drivers: Legislation

Projected Cost: \$15,194,533

### **3. Three School Partnership**

*Three-School Partnership with the Greater North Central Francophone School Board*

This partnership envisions a state of the art high school that could house programming facilities to accommodate approximately 1200 students, while maintaining the distinct identities of a grades 7 – 12 Francophone School, the existing 10 – 12 grades of St. Albert Catholic High, and the existing 10 – 12 grades of École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville (ESSMY). The project would feature a common learning area that has enhanced gymnasium and technology focused learning centres, but distinct wings that would enable three schools to function under one campus. The goals of this partnership are to bring efficiency to the current utilization and long-term maintenance of our schools, retain students who leave our system for other programs after grade 9, and most importantly, maximize equity in program opportunity for all of our St. Albert high school students.

Key Drivers: Innovation & Partnership

Projected Cost: \$33,614,570

### **4. K-9 School in Erin Ridge, St. Albert**

*New Kindergarten to Grade 9 School in Erin Ridge (North, St. Albert)- enrolment pressures*

In the 2010 - 2011 School Year, the existing attendance boundary in the East Kingswood area of St. Albert was removed to promote parental choice in selecting elementary programming. This decision enabled new students who reside in close proximity to Neil M. Ross School to attend its

programs, while also enabling new opportunities to be in place for Vital Grandin who has in place a City wide-transportation service to access the new Fine Arts and Media Enhancement (FAME) program. This opportunity continued for the 2012 – 2013 school year. It is anticipated that the expected growth in both school communities will assist their feeder junior high school, R.S. Fowler, to experience growth as well. The total impact of these expected enrolment trends will be the need to plan for a new elementary school to the north of these programs, in the rapidly developing Erin Ridge area.

Key Drivers: Demographics

Projected Cost: \$19,989,800

### **5. *Modernization of VJM***

*Modernization of Vincent J. Maloney (VJM) Junior High School - to meet school program needs*

This additional upgrade would result in the modernization of instructional spaces that house programming for students with diverse learning needs, library services, and Career and Technology Studies.

Key Drivers: Program Changes

Projected Cost: \$4,025,519