

**DATE:** January 21, 2014

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Student Population Growth and Proposed New Schools (Response to Request for Information #007)

**ORIGINATOR:** David Fraser, Executive Director, Corporate Services

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**REFERENCE:** December 3, 2013 Board Meeting (Trustee Gibson)

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### ISSUE

Provide information regarding what percentage of the expected student population growth will be met by adding the proposed new schools in the growth regions, e.g. does one new school in Lewis Farms address the need in the west end or does it address 10% of the need?

### BACKGROUND

Edmonton Public Schools plans future school needs in newly developing areas using plan areas established by City Council. It is more accurate to look at plan areas individually - such as the Lewis Farms plan area - as demographics are different throughout the City within the different plan areas.

### CURRENT SITUATION

The new junior high school proposed for Lewis Farms would not address all of the capacity that will be needed to provide local accommodation to the Lewis Farms plan area. With regard to the Lewis Farms plan area, there are four possible sites where EPSB schools could be constructed: Potter Greens, Rosenthal, Secord and Webber Greens. Sites in Potter Greens and Webber Greens are assembled and ready to accommodate a future school. In conjunction with the City of Edmonton, Planning is in the process of assembling the sites required for future schools in both the Rosenthal and Secord neighbourhoods. Winterburn School is an existing K-9 school located on the edge of the Lewis Farms plan area. This school has reached capacity and has limited junior high facilities.

### KEY POINTS

- The proposed school for the Lewis Farms plan area is competing with the 13 other new school construction priorities in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2014-2017*.
- Edmonton Public Schools has 44 other possible school sites (at various stages of assembly) in developing neighbourhoods across the City that could serve increasing student residency numbers.
- Residential growth and student demographics will continue to be monitored annually after official enrolment numbers are finalized in October of each year.
- New school priorities are adjusted annually within the Three-Year Capital Plan, approved by the Board and submitted each spring to the Government of Alberta.

### ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

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