

**DATE:** April 11, 2017

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Ray Martin, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #4 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held March 21, 2017)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4  
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees  
[School Act](#) - Section 61

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#### **ISSUE**

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the March 21, 2017, Caucus Committee meeting:

#### Three-Year Capital Plan Submission Deadline Extension Request

1. *That the Board of Trustees request an extension to the deadline for submitting the Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021 to the province be approved.*

#### **BACKGROUND – Recommendation 1**

Administration presented a draft Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021 for feedback at the Caucus Committee meeting on March 7, 2017. Feedback from Caucus Committee has been incorporated into the draft proposed Three-Year Capital Plan 2018–2021 Recommendation Report, scheduled for the upcoming Board meeting on March 21, 2017. The provincial budget announcement on March 16, 2017, mentioned that the province has committed \$488 million towards school infrastructure across the province. Specific project funding announcements are anticipated on March 21, 2017. Capital funding announcements will likely have a significant impact on the priorities identified in the Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021.

#### ELEVATE - Memorandum of Understanding

2. *That authorization for the Superintendent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Edmonton, the Government of Alberta, Edmonton Catholic Schools and the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord be approved.*

#### **BACKGROUND – Recommendation 2**

Edmonton school districts have been in discussions with the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta regarding issues of school viability and community sustainability for the past several years. The ELEVATE initiative was the outcome of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Sustainability, completed in 2012. The Edmonton Community Sustainability Coalition, made up of representatives from the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools, the Edmonton Catholic School District, the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord and the Province of Alberta provides administrative guidance for the ELEVATE initiative. Since 2014, the Edmonton Community Sustainability Coalition has been meeting to advance the concept of collaborative inter-jurisdictional community planning. A framework was initially created to guide discussions. Since 2014, discussions related to exploring ways to enhance information sharing about capital planning processes have led to the decision to create a memorandum of understanding as a more concrete way to advance this vision.

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