

April 26, 2022

Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education
228 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister LaGrange:

Edmonton Public Schools' Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032 and 2023-2026 Three-Year Capital Plan

I am pleased to share with you Edmonton Public Schools' **Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032** (Attachment I) and **Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026** (Attachment II), both approved by our Board of Trustees on March 22, 2022.

Edmonton Public Schools' **Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032** identifies the Division's long-range facility needs and incorporates a strategic focus aimed at ensuring the effective and efficient use of capital funding. The Plan highlights the challenges facing the Division today, and in the decade to come. Our most pressing infrastructure challenges can be summarized into two key themes: a lack of available space due to continually rising enrolment, and the mounting deferred maintenance in our aging buildings. Fundamentally, choice for students and families will be reduced as available space declines, and aging buildings need repair or replacement.

The amount of space the Division has available to accommodate students is declining, which challenges the Division's ability to provide access to schools close to where students live, provide a range of alternative and Division centre special needs programs, and maintain yellow-bus service levels. With 93 schools operating at 80 per cent utilization or higher, providing optimal learning conditions for our students and staff is challenged by overcrowding.

The condition of many schools continues to decline as funding limitations are leading to a mounting deferred maintenance deficit in our aging buildings. Over 60 per cent of our schools are 50 years old or older. This limits the Division's ability to deliver quality learning environments for all students, regardless of where they live, and to provide diverse learning environments to accommodate student needs.

The **Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026** establishes the Division's highest priority school facility needs for the forthcoming three-year period. The Plan features two main areas of focus: new school construction and existing school maintenance. Five new construction projects to serve rapidly developing areas of the City top our priority list.

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I trust that the information provided meets requirements for strong consideration for funding approval by your Government, to serve our mutual constituents' needs adequately.

Should you wish to discuss either the **Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032** or the **Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026**, please call me at 780-429-8016.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair

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Attachments

- I - Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032
- II - Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026

c: Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure
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Darrel Robertson, Superintendent, Edmonton Public Schools