

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees
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SUBJECT: Update on Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts
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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Board of Trustees on the status of the revitalization of Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

- The current approach is a combined modernization to selected portions of the existing school and new school construction of 1,100 new student spaces attached to the Eva O. Howard Theatre wing.
• The school is designed to accommodate 1700 students. The enrolment breakdown is 400 elementary students, 400 junior high students, and 900 senior high students.
• The proposed school project can be successfully completed within the April 2005 support budget of 31 million dollars, including site works and demolition. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation indicated that funds have been allocated for project inflation.
• The schematic design report was completed September 1, 2006. The project is now approximately 50% into the detailed design phase.
• All parties are committed to tendering the project as soon as possible. Current information indicates a possible earliest tender date of July 2007.
• Phased construction will be incorporated to accommodate the students on site without bussing. Tentative project dates are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Activity, Schedule at Sept 2006, Schedule at Feb 2007. Rows include Tender, Phase 1: Construction start, Complete new wing construction, Vacate 100 & 110 Wings, Complete 150 Wing renovations, and Occupy new elementary wing.

	<u>Schedule at Sept 2006</u>	<u>Schedule at Feb 2007</u>
<u>Phase 2:</u>		
Start abatement/demolition 100 & 110 Wings:	June 2009	August 2009
Start new gym const. & 110 Wing renovations:	August 2009	October 2009
Complete new gym const. & 100 Wing renovations:	January 2010	July 2010
Move high school students:	January 2010	August 2010
<u>Phase 3:</u>		
Start high school asbestos abatement/demolition:	January 2010	September 2010
Complete high school demolition:	May 2010	December 2010
Start site development west:	June 2010	April 2011
Complete site development:	September 2010	August 2011

- It is anticipated that the project will experience some extended construction times during the construction period due to the current construction climate in Alberta.
- Students will be accommodated within the existing and newly constructed portions of the school as required during construction. Students will not be relocated off site during the construction period. Student and staff safety and welfare are of prime importance in addition to minimizing classroom disruption during the school year.
- Updates on progress will be regularly communicated to the board.
- Updates on construction and related issue will be regularly communicated to the parent community and student body through the school's line of communication. An open house for trustees, staff, students and the general public is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007 in the Centre for Education atrium.

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