

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 13, 2007

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: B. Holt, Acting Superintendent

SUBJECT: Update on Balwin and Holyrood Modernizations

ORIGINATOR: R. MacNeil, Executive Director

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 Balwin and Holyrood School Modernizations

BALWIN SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

- Approval of Project:
The district received approval for this project from the provincial government in October, 2007 (Appendix # I).
- Budget
The project received approval from the provincial government within the provincial 2006-07 Capital Plan.

The construction budget has been approved at \$7,592,566. The total project budget has been approved at \$11,431,899, which includes the construction budget, consultant fees, project expense, furniture and equipment allowance, GST and an allowance to offset inflation.

- Scope
The scope for the project has been approved by the province as a general upgrade modernization.
- Project Management Team
Through an architectural selection process, Group 2 Architecture Engineering Ltd. was identified as the architectural firm for the Balwin School Modernization project. Project Team meetings are now underway to address the initial planning stage of the project which is to prepare a schematic design and the related scope of work.

A general upgrade modernization is intended to preserve and improve the learning environment and prolong the life of the facility through planned pro-active replacement of components which have failed or are at the end of their life cycle and need replacement, but at the present time are not posing a life, health, safety risk and not creating an immediate need of repair/replacement. It also includes an upgrading of educational areas necessary to meet program requirements. The upgrade will also address the requirements of students with disabilities or special educational needs.

The project will incorporate 'best practices' related to sustainable design to the extent possible.

- Preliminary Project Schedule:
Group 2 Architecture Engineers Ltd. has prepared a preliminary project schedule. The schedule identifies the key stages involved to complete the project.
 - Schematic Design Completion mid April 2007
 - Design Development Completion end June 2007
 - Working Drawings-initiation July 2007
 - Tender Award late Fall 2007
 - Project Completion mid August 2009
- As the project progresses a detailed "accommodation plan" for the students and staff will be developed.

HOLYROOD SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

- Approval of Project:
The district received approval for this project from the provincial government in November 2007.
- Budget
The project received approval from the provincial government within the provincial 2006-07 Capital Plan.

The construction budget has been approved at \$4,883,880. The total project budget has been approved at \$7,999,997 which includes the construction budget, consultant fees, project expense, furniture and equipment allowance, GST and an allowance to offset inflation.

- Scope:
The scope for the project has been approved by the province as a general upgrade modernization and addition.

- **Project Management Team**
Through an architectural selection process group, Manasc Isaac Architects Ltd. was identified as the architectural firm for the Holyrood School Modernization/Addition project. Project Team meetings are now underway to address the initial planning stage of the project which is to prepare a schematic design and the related scope of work.

As previously mentioned, a general upgrade modernization is intended to preserve and improve the learning environment and prolong the life of the facility through planned pro-active replacement of components which have failed or are at the end of their life cycle and need replacement, but at the present time are not posing a life, health, safety risk and not creating an immediate need of repair/replacement. It also includes an upgrading of educational areas necessary to meet program requirements. The upgrade will also address the requirements of students with disabilities or special educational needs.

The project also received provincial approval for the addition of 464 sq. metres with an allowance for subsequent demolition.

The project will incorporate ‘best practices’ related to sustainable design to the extent possible.

- **Preliminary Project Schedule:**
Manasc Isaac Architects Ltd. has prepared a preliminary project schedule. The schedule identifies the key stages involved to complete the project.

- Schematic Design Completion	mid April 2007
- Design Development Completion	early July 2007
- Working Drawings-initiation	July 2007
- Tender Award	Jan/Feb 2008
- Project Completion	mid August 2009
- As the project progresses a detailed “accommodation plan” for the students and staff will be developed.

NEXT STEPS

Next steps in the projects will be the development of the Schematic Design through a consultation process involving the school administration and staff, students, parents and the community, including an open house which will be open to the public.

Once the Schematic Design is complete a presentation will be made to the Board of Trustees. The Schematic Design will then be presented to Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education to receive approval to move to the next phase of the project.

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Appendix I: October 27, 2006 letter from Alberta Education

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October 27, 2006

Mr. Lyall Thomson
Superintendent of Schools
Edmonton School District No. 7
Centre for Education
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Dear Mr. Thomson:

The Ministers of Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation have recently made the following school capital funding decisions for your board:

1. Approval of funding, in the amount of \$11,431,889, including non-refundable GST for 2006/2007, for the modernization of Balwin Junior High School in Edmonton (File No. 17491).
2. Approval of funding, in the amount of \$7,999,997, including non-refundable GST for 2006/2007, for the modernization, partial demolition and permanent addition of four classrooms at Holyrood Elementary School in Edmonton (File No. 17492a-c).

These projects have been funded with an allowance for escalation, market and location over the anticipated construction period, based on an assumed tender date of April 1, 2008. Your consultants should be designing to the base rate. Once the tender date is finalized the escalation budget will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. However, unless it can be demonstrated that there are extraordinary circumstances, no additional funding will be approved and any surplus funds will be transferred to your capital reserve account.

Please work with Capital Programs Branch, School Facilities North, on the implementation of these projects.

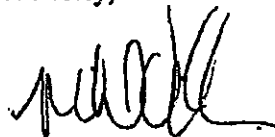
The budget and funding information are attached for your reference. Please refer to the *School Infrastructure Manual* for the Terms and Conditions for school preservation and expansion projects.

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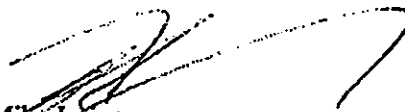
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If you have any questions, please call Mr. John Lovell, Acting Director, School Facilities North, Capital Programs Branch, at (780) 422-7529.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: Mr. Dean Power, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. John Lovell, School Facilities North
Mr. Brad Smith, Senior Manager, School Budgeting & Funding