

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Capital Approvals for Victoria and Westminster Schools

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INFORMATION

On February 24, 2000 the district received advice from Alberta Infrastructure that two projects were approved as 1999-2000 capital projects. These approvals have been announced as the final decisions for the province's 1999-2000 fiscal year School Modernization budget. They represent additional funds for the district that were not anticipated. This funding announcement follows the province's physical condition assessment of 433 schools province-wide, including 10 of the district's schools. The province intends to assess all 1,460 school buildings in the province by the end of April 2000.

Victoria School was approved for concept development in the amount of \$50,000. This will allow the district to proceed with developing a concept plan for the future modernization of the school. The concept study is necessary as the scale and scope of the modernization of Victoria School is very extensive.

The second approval was for the upgrading of Westminster School in the amount of \$4,481,527. Due to the nature of the timelines for the project, the administration is utilizing a fast track process. As of this date, ACI Architecture Inc. has been appointed as the prime consultant and preliminary meetings have commenced. The administration is currently going through the process of publicly advertising for a construction management firm and expects to have the firm selected by March 14, 2000.

The project team will consist of the architectural consultant, construction management firm, Facilities staff, Planning staff and the school principal. The administration is also utilizing a principal mentor on the project team. Joanne Bertagnolli, principal of Dovercourt School, has agreed to fulfill this role.

Once the administration has received further clarification from Alberta Infrastructure regarding the results of the recent facility evaluation of Westminster School, a capital budget report will be brought to board.

The administration believes that information with respect to our Year 2000 Capital Submission will be received by the end of March 2000.

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APPENDIX I: Letter from Alberta Infrastructure dated February 24, 2000