

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Response to Trustee Request for Information

ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District

RESOURCE
STAFF: Randy Billey

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #4, OCTOBER 26, 2004 (TRUSTEE FLEMING) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE REVIEW OF ACCOMMODATION AT SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOLS AND THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN The study approved by the Board on September 14, 2004 to “Review of High School Accommodations in South Edmonton” is currently underway. This study continues to gather and analyse findings pertaining to attendance and catchments areas for high schools in South Edmonton, including those neighborhoods in the Edmonton river valley.

Steps that have been taken as part of the study to date include:

- Participation and input from members of the Rossdale Community at the monthly Rossdale Community League Meeting on November 1, 2004. Planning staff were invited to participate in the agenda of this meeting to seek input into the study from the community league executive and members;
- Work with South Edmonton high school and junior high principals that includes:
 - scheduled group meetings to gather input with regard to issues, concerns, challenges and suggestions as they pertain to high school student accommodation;
 - identifying student accommodation issues, concerns and input from school councils;
 - ongoing dialogue and exchanging of information as principals independently gather data and input from their staff, students, parents and the community;
- Open dialogue and communication continues with all stakeholders; and
- A follow-up survey to this study is planned. The survey would be distributed by junior high schools to grade 9 students in May 2005, after the high school registration process has been completed. This survey would be designed to measure satisfaction levels and to identify personal concerns and issues expressed by parents and students with regard to student accommodation in South Edmonton.

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