

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: L. Thomson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Balwin and Holyrood Schools Modernization Projects

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### RESOURCE

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### INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the status of the two new capital projects announced by Alberta Education on August 31, 2006.

#### The Project Management

Administration is currently in the process of engaging architects for each of the projects. This process should be completed by the end of October.

The projects will be managed separately through a Steering Committee set up for each project. As well, design committees and construction committees will be established for each project to provide input. These committees will be structured and operate in a similar manner to that of the committee set up for the new high school. Parent and student involvement will also be actively solicited for these projects.

The roles of the various committees are outlined as follows: (Appendix I)

- Management Steering Committee
  - ensure adherence to overall project objectives and timelines
- Design Committee
  - gather user, stakeholder, regulatory data
  - define project parameters and timelines
  - formulate design solutions
- Construction Committee
  - manage construction contract administration
  - coordinate final-fit up and move in

#### Project Schedules

The project timelines for each of the projects will be developed once the architect has been commissioned. The projects will move into the schematic design phase once the architects are engaged. Once the schematic design phase has been completed the projects will move into detail design and working drawings to prepare for the tender phase.

### Budgets

The budgets identified for these projects by Alberta Education are:

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| • Balwin School-Major Preservation/Modernization Project   | \$11.4 million |
| • Holyrood School-Major Preservation/Modernization Project | \$ 8.0 million |

Administration has been informed by Alberta Education that the budgets identified for the above projects are inflated to time of tender. Consequently, no additional adjustments will be made for inflation.

The district is awaiting official notification of approval for these projects from the Minister of Education. This notification will confirm the budgets for each of these projects.

### Scope

Both schools are approved for a Major Preservation/Modernization project. The Alberta Infrastructure Audit of these facilities is a cornerstone of each of these projects. The recommendations and areas required to be remedied contained in these reports are to be a priority of the project and need to be addressed. Subsequent to addressing the Alberta Infrastructure audit requirements the modernizations will:

- ensure school facility upgrades meet all regulatory agency requirements,
- prolong the life of the facility through replacement of major components which have failed or have exceeded their life cycle or are posing a life, health, safety risk and/or are creating an immediate need of repair/replacement,
- upgrade educational area to meet program requirements, and
- meet the requirements of students with disabilities or special educational needs.

Balwin School was identified as a year 1 priority in the district's 3 Year Capital Plan 2007-10. The school is the designated receiving school for students relocated due to the closure of North Edmonton School in 2005. Balwin School was opened in 1961. The project is intended to accommodate students in the Ukrainian International Bilingual Program, Opportunity, Interactions and Literacy Programs and the regular program.

Holyrood Elementary School was identified as a year 1 priority in the district's 3 Year Capital Plan for emergent preservation to provide accommodation for the existing enrolment. Holyrood Elementary School is a receiving school for students relocated due to the closure of Strathearn School in 2005. The project is intended to accommodate students in the French Immersion Program, the Ukrainian Bilingual Program and the regular program. Holyrood Elementary School was opened in 1954.

The above is a general description of the scope of work for both projects. The scope for these projects will become more detailed as the projects enter the schematic phase.

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APPENDIX I: Balwin/Holyrood Modernizations Organizational Chart

## Balwin / Holyrood Modernizations

