

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
2021-2024
THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN



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Executive Summary

Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) is a division with 14 school facilities that range from those built in the 1950's to schools requiring modernization to fit the needs of current educational programming. There are a number of schools located throughout our large geographical region that are in need of modernizing, right sizing or replacing.

WRSD continues to partner with the respective communities, counties, towns and the Government of Alberta to meet our goal of ensuring all of our students continue to receive an excellent education in modern school facilities that support 21st century learning and program delivery.

Each year school boards assess their school capital requirements and prioritize proposed projects based on defined priorities. These projects are identified in a Three Year Capital Plan that must be approved by the Board and submitted to Alberta Education annually by April 1. The plan must be developed in accordance with Alberta Education's project drivers - Health & Safety, Building Condition, Enrolment Pressures, Functionality & Programming and Legal.

Wild Rose School Division's Three Year Capital Plan submission includes the following priorities:

Priority 1 - Drayton Valley Schools

Priority 2 - Right-size Breton Schools



2021-24 Capital Budget Priorities



Priority 1 Drayton Valley Schools

The following projects comprise Priority 1:

- Interim Plan
- Long term Plan

Information

In February 2020, the division led a Drayton Valley Schools regional planning study with funding received from Alberta Education. Participants that took part in the study represented Alberta Education, WRSD trustees and administration, Drayton Valley school principals and parents, Town of Drayton Valley officials, ONPA Architects and Tech-Cost Consultants. The study took place over four days including tours of all our school facilities in Drayton Valley and the development of several future school and grade configuration scenarios for Drayton Valley. Wild Rose School Division continues to work with Alberta Education to develop a strategic capital plan for the schools in Drayton Valley



Priority 2 Right-size Breton Schools

Right-size Breton Schools

- **Close Breton Elementary**
- **Full modernization of Breton High School**
- **Reconfigure Breton High School into a Kindergarten to Grade -12**

Student Enrolment

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 Projected
Breton Elementary	169	175	176	180	173
Breton High School	125	130	151	146	153

Information

As per the 2017-18 ACU report, Breton High School is 34 percent utilized. Reconfiguring the high school into a K-12 school would increase the student population in the building and improve the utilization rate significantly - to approximately 79 percent.

To accommodate a Kindergarten to grade 12 school, a modernization of the current building would be required. This would include replacing aged mechanical systems, oversized and inefficient boilers, and obsolete heating pumps which are difficult to obtain parts. It would also involve replacing air handling units, the pneumatic controls system and the fire alarm system. In addition, larger, oversized classrooms would be reconfigured to increase the number of classrooms to accommodate elementary educational programming. The current CTS space would be also reconfigured to develop a cosmetology lab and an art room. The theater/music room would be reconfigured to utilize the space more efficiently and finally, LED lighting would be installed throughout the entire building. In late 2018, the roof of the building was replaced.

Breton High School is a grade 7 to 12 facility located in Breton, Alberta. The original 1956 structure was demolished (date is unknown). All sections of this facility have masonry exterior and interior walls. A single storey school was constructed in 1959 (1,443.2 m²). Then, 3 single storey additions were constructed, the 1965 (989.3 m²), 1968 (611.8 m²) and a 1991 addition (1,263.7 m²). Also, this facility was modernized in 1991. The total building area is 4,308.0 m².





Breton Elementary School is a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school located in Breton, Alberta. The original split level school was built in 1952 (531.7 m²) as phase one with phase two phase commencing immediately at completion of the 1952 structure in 1953 (702 m²). Two additions followed, 1966 was a (557.4 m²) single storey addition constructed to the north of the original school and the other in 1981 also a single storey addition (973.0 m²). All sections have masonry exterior and interior walls. Modifications and renovations were undertaken in 1995 and in 2004.



The total gross area of the building is 2,764.1 m².

It would be very costly to convert the existing elementary building into a high school. The current gym would not provide sufficient space for high school programming and there is no optimal space to develop CTS labs. In addition, the heating and ventilation equipment in the 1952 section of the building, and the plumbing system and fixtures in the 1966 and 1981 sections are at, or approaching the end of their useful life. The 1966 and 1981 sections also require new windows. Lastly, areas of the 1952 section do not have proper weeping tile which has resulted in several basement leaks in the past.

Risk of Project not being Approved

Breton High School will remain significantly underutilized. Plant Operation and Maintenance funding will continue to be used to maintain two large facilities and efficiencies will not be realized.

