

**Capital and Facilities Projects**

- **David Thompson High School Modernization:** In the 2016-17 WRSD continued with the planning of the DTHS modernization project. The biggest area of concern for the project was the amount of areas being withdrawn from the project scope due to funding limitations and the unexpected remediation of the current sewage lagoon and addition of a new sewage system in the school. The additional funding required for the remediation and creation of a new sewage lagoon/system will add an additional \$1.2 to \$3.3 million to the required expenditures for this project. As a result of the significant challenges associated with the sewage lagoon, Alberta Education has temporarily approved the extension for the planning stage for the school division to implement the appropriate solution. Currently, we are looking into the entire corridor area and implementing a solution that will correct our utilization rates.
- **The Evergreen School Modernization** project is presenting a significant amount of challenges as a result of additional testing and investigations following the February Value Management Sessions. Due to these challenges, Alberta Education & Alberta Infrastructure requested additional options from the school division focusing on what a replacement school will look like and other changes as a result of a new school. The temporary closure of Evergreen School resulted in a significant grade reconfiguration across all of our schools in Drayton Valley. This reconfiguration was necessary due to the fact that the school division would have been short 6 classrooms if we maintained our current grade configuration and did not utilize moving available modulars. As a result of being short 6 classrooms, the Board approved the relocation of the 4 new modulars installed in Evergreen School in the 2015-16 school year to HW Pickup School. See earlier sections of this report for more details.

**Summary of Facility and Capital Plans**

**Current Projects**

- Modernization of David Thompson High School – planning is currently under way
- Evergreen Elementary School Modernization – additional testing and alternative solutions were being looked into. As a result of the testing and alternative proposal, the Minister of Education, in 2017-18, approved to amend the project scope from a modernization to a 250 new school build.

**Future Capital Projects (Not Approved)**

- Evergreen Elementary New School Build
- Ecole Rocky Elementary Modernization/Parking Lot
- HW Pick-Up School – Slab on grade movement remediation
- Frank Maddock High School CTS Reconfiguration & Minor Modernization
- Caroline School Bus Lane/Parking Lot
- Lochearn School Modular Connecting Link

**Parental Involvement**

- Each year the Board hosts 2 Umbrella School Council meetings to receive parental feedback regarding a wide variety of educational topics.
- Trustees attended their monthly school council meetings
- Division supported Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) memberships for each School Council
- Financial support for representatives of each School Council to attend the annual ASCA conference
- Increased social media presence to facilitate accurate information for parents as well as input from parents
- At each school, parents are given the opportunity to provide advice on the development of the school's foundation statements, policies, annual education plan, annual results report and budget.
- Each school provides parents with the school's provincial testing program results and accountability pillar results along with an interpretation of those results.