

# Government of Alberta News Release

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**EDMONTON, December 18, 1995**

"I'm pleased to announce 116 school construction projects for the next two years. Our list of approved projects shows that the critical need for new classroom space in growing communities has been balanced with essential modernizations and upgrades for health and safety."

Halvar Jonson  
Education Minister

## **EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS APPROVED FOR 1996 and 1997**

Students across Alberta will benefit from 116 construction projects over the next two years. Eight new schools will be built, one school will be replaced, one school building will be purchased, 54 schools will be modernized, 22 schools will receive additions, and portable classrooms will be constructed or moved in 30 locations.

"Before approving the construction of a new school, we encourage school boards to pursue all other ways of accommodating growing student populations," said Education Minister Halvar Jonson. "New schools are built only where existing buildings are used to capacity and other options, such as bussing, aren't viable or sufficient to meet the demands in high growth areas." Alberta's new schools are planned for Airdrie, Cochrane, Douglasdale, Edgemont, Harvest Hills and Sundance in the Calgary area; and St. Albert."

Wetaskiwin's Queen Elizabeth School, constructed in the 1950s, will be partially replaced. In other communities, additions or portable classrooms will accommodate higher enrollments and 54 schools will be modernized to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

"Decisions to fund these projects were made by the School Buildings Board," said Jonson. "The board determines priorities and approves funding for new construction and essential modernization projects in accordance with Alberta Education's school capital funding guidelines."

"Over the last year we have worked with superintendents, school facility managers, architects and others to find ways to reduce the costs of school construction without sacrificing function or durability," said Jonson. "With assistance from our education partners we are implementing lower capital funding rates that will result in quality buildings at affordable prices and within our spending targets."

To maintain existing school buildings and sites, there is funding available through Alberta Education's Building Quality Restoration Program. School boards will receive block funding based on the size of their student populations and the area of their school buildings. This funding will ensure the continued health and safety of schools, and make schools more accessible to handicapped children.

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NOTE: a summary of major projects approved for 1996 and 1997 is attached

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## **Major School Capital Projects**

### **"Approved In Full" for 1996/97**

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School capital projects on this list are "Approved In Full" for construction in 1996.

#### **New Schools**

##### **Jurisdiction Location/Area Project Description**

Calgary RCSSD #1 Airdrie Elementary School  
Calgary RCSSD #1 Douglasdale Elementary/Junior High School  
Calgary Public District #19 Edgemont Junior High School  
Rocky View Division #41 Airdrie Elementary School

Four new schools to meet enrolment needs.

#### **Major Addition Projects** (over \$1million)

##### **Jurisdiction Location School Name**

Horizon School Division #67 Taber W.R. Myers School  
Medicine Hat C.S. Reg. Div #20 Medicine Hat McCoy High School  
Northern Gateway Reg. Div #10 Mayerthorpe Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School  
Rocky View Division #41 Airdrie Bert Church High School

Four major additions to meet enrolment and program needs.

#### **Major Modernization Projects** (over \$1million)

##### **Jurisdiction Location School Name**

Black Gold Reg. Div #19 Devon John Maland High School  
Chinook Edge Reg. Div #5 Sylvan Lake H.J. Cody School  
Edmonton RCSSD #7 Edmonton St. Joseph High School  
Edmonton Public District #7 Edmonton McNally High School  
Edmonton Public District #7 Edmonton Old Scona High School

Five major modernization projects to address essential facility needs in old schools.

# Major School Capital Projects

## "Approved In Principle" for 1997/98

School capital projects on this list are "Approved In Principle" for 1997.

### New & Replacement Schools

#### Jurisdiction Location/Area Project Description

Calgary RCSSD #1 Harvest Hills Elementary/Junior High School  
Calgary Public District #19 Sundance Junior High School  
Greater St. Albert Cath Reg #29 Dorchester Elementary School  
Rocky View Division #41 Cochrane High School (Phase I)  
Wetaskiwin Reg. Div #11 Wetaskiwin Queen Elizabeth School  
(partial replacement)

Four new schools to meet enrolment needs, one partial replacement to replace obsolete building.

### Major Addition Projects (over \$1million)

#### Jurisdiction Location School Name

Calgary RCSSD #1 Calgary St. Martha School  
Calgary RCSSD #1 Calgary St. William School  
Greater St. Albert Cath Reg #29 Morinville Notre Dame Community School  
Wild Rose Division #66 Drayton Valley Eldorado Elementary School

Four major additions to meet enrolment and program needs.

### Major Modernization Projects (over \$1million)

#### Jurisdiction Location School Name

Buffalo Trail Reg. Div #28 Mannville Mannville School  
Calgary Public District #19 Calgary David Thompson School  
Calgary Public District #19 Calgary` Queen Elizabeth High School  
Edmonton Public District #7 Edmonton M.E. Lazerte High School  
Edmonton Public District #7 Edmonton Mayfield School  
Elk Island Pub. Sch. Reg. Div #14 Lamont Lamont Junior Senior High School  
Golden Hills Reg. Div #15 Strathmore Samuel Crowther Middle School  
Grande Prairie District #2357 Grande Prairie Swanavon School  
Horizon Division #67 Taber W.R. Myers High School  
Livingstone Range Division #68 Pincher Creek Matthew Halton Comm. School  
N.W. Francophone Ed. Reg. #1 Falher Notre Dame College  
Peace Wapiti Reg. Div #33 Beaverlodge Beaverlodge Elementary School

Pembina Hills Reg. Div #7 Barrhead Barrhead Elementary School  
Rocky View Division #41 Airdrie Alberta Transportation Building  
St. Paul Educ. Reg. Div #1 Elk Point F.G. Miller High School  
Wild Rose Division #66 Drayton Valley Eldorado Elementary School  
Wolf Creek Reg. Div #32 Lacombe Lacombe Upper Elem. School

Seventeen major modernization projects to address essential facility needs in old schools.

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