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## **Doors open to 18 new schools in Calgary and Edmonton**

*Edmonton...* More than 12,000 students will be filling the classrooms, hallways and gymnasiums of an unprecedented 18 new elementary and elementary-junior high schools this school year as a result of government's largest-ever new schools project.

The schools are ready for students and staff in Edmonton and Calgary through government's innovative Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement (ASAP) phase I project. The project addressed a need for new schools in rapidly growing areas of the metro cities. Originally announced in June 2007, the schools were completed ahead of schedule and at a cost savings of \$97 million to taxpayers.

"Anticipation of these new school openings has given way to genuine excitement because these are wonderful learning environments that will inspire excellence in both learning and teaching," said Dave Hancock, Minister of Education. "These communities now have a school they can call their own; a central hub that will draw friends and neighbours together."

"The opening of these 18 new schools is proof of what can be achieved when we work together, with school boards and industry partners, on implementing innovative and creative solutions to meet Alberta's education infrastructure needs," said Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure. "This investment in infrastructure is supporting the next generation of Albertans. These first-class, highly energy efficient learning facilities are built well, built to last and built to adapt to student and education needs of today and tomorrow."

ASAP I introduced the concept of a core school design, which includes high-performance modular classrooms that can be added or removed to meet fluctuations in student enrolment. The schools are designed to achieve a minimum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver standard and include a 30-year maintenance warranty.

Work has commenced on an additional 10 elementary-junior and middle schools, as well as four high schools through the ASAP II project. ASAP II will create almost 13,000 additional student spaces and address rapid student population growth in six Alberta communities. Construction on the schools is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2012.

In addition to the phase II schools, more than 20 other school infrastructure projects are expected to be completed this school year.

The Government of Alberta has a clear plan for a strong economic recovery. *The Way Forward* will bring Alberta back into a surplus position in three years by trimming government spending; using cash reserves to protect key programs; continuing to invest in public infrastructure; and ensuring that our province's industries are competitive and continue to attract investment

to provide jobs and prosperity.

For more information on the ASAP projects, visit:

[www.education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/p3project.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/p3project.aspx)

For school tour photos, visit:

[www.flickr.com/photos/albertaeducation/sets/72157623957045075/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/albertaeducation/sets/72157623957045075/)

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## Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement Schools

### Calgary Board of Education

School and Grade Structure	Capacity
Saddle Ridge K-4	550
Evergreen K-4	550
Bridlewood K-6	600
Cranston K-4	550
Royal Oak K-4	550
West Springs K-4	550

### Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District

School and Grade Structure	Capacity
Our Lady of the Evergreens K-6	600
Christ the King K-9	840
Light of Christ K-9	840

### Edmonton Catholic School District

School and Grade Structure	Capacity
Sister Annata Brockman K-9	500
Monsignor Fee Otterson K-9	500
Monsignor William Irwin K-6	500

### Edmonton Public School Board

School and Grade Structure	Capacity
Johnny Bright School K-9	850
A. Blair MacPherson School K-9	850
Esther Starkman School K-9	850
Florence Hallock School K-9	850
Dr. Donald Massey School K-9	850
Elizabeth Finch School K-9	850

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## Additional school projects scheduled for completion in 2010/11

### New Projects

Authority Name	School Name	Location
Fort McMurray Public School District No. 2833	Ecole McTavish Junior High	Fort McMurray
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4	West Lethbridge High School Campus	Lethbridge
Lethbridge School District No. 51	Chinook High School (West Lethbridge Education Centre)	Lethbridge
Living Waters Catholic Regional Division No. 42	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy	Slave Lake
Northland School Division No. 61	Bill Woodward School	Anzac
Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No. 39	Holy Trinity School	Olds

### Replacement Projects

Black Gold Regional Division No. 18	Thorsby Elementary School	Thorsby
Calgary School District No. 19	West Calgary High School (Ernest Manning)	Calgary
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 3	Anthony's School	Drumheller
East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3	Ecole du Sommet	St. Paul
Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 28	St. Mary's Catholic School	Sexsmith

### Modernization Projects

Authority Name	School Name	Location
Aspen View Regional Division No. 19	Vilna School	Vilna

East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools Regional Division No. 16	Theresetta Roman Catholic Separate School	Castor
Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52	Rainbow Lake School	Rainbow Lake
Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2	Ecole Gabrielle-Roy	Edmonton
High Prairie School Division No. 48	Kinuso School	Kinuso
Horizon School Division No. 67	Vauxhall Elementary School	Vauxhall
	Vauxhall Junior Senior High School	Vauxhall
Lethbridge School District No. 51	Gilbert Paterson Middle School	Lethbridge
Palliser Regional Division No. 26	Picture Butte High School	Picture Butte
Peace River School Division No. 10	Nampa Public School	Nampa

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