



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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EICS Board of Trustees Advocacy Report Coronavirus Pandemic Discussion |

During the March 18, 2020 Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustee monthly meeting, a majority of the agenda was directed to the immediate plans in light of the recent public health crisis that presents itself across the globe. Discussion points centered on:

- the recent move to cancel all classes from the Minister of Education on Sunday, March 15th, 2020
- next steps needed for the continuation of educational programming throughout the division and a move towards online learning.
- immediate needs in our schools for students: scheduling and organizing the cleaning out of student desks/lockers with textbooks and necessary tools for students to now have at home in order to continue their programming.

In parallel with the educational and regular functioning of the school division, planning is taking place on keeping the health and wellness of our staff within schools and facilities as a necessary priority setting up process for communications in a variety of methods including:

1. Daily superintendent messages to all staff - email and video
2. Creation of an new EICS webpage which houses all EICS Coronavirus

information located at: <https://www.eics.ab.ca/coronavirus-information-in-eics>

Camrose School Calendar 2020-2021

EICS is tasked each year with approving a school calendar. The goal is to develop a calendar that meets the necessary hours of instruction, supports a quality learning environment and supports teacher and staff professional development. EICS has a joint transportation agreement in place with Battle River School Division. Two calendars have traditionally been approved each year in Camrose to support the five day program at St. Patrick Catholic School and the four day program at Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School. |

During the March 18, 2020 EICS board meeting, the Trustees approved the 2020-2021 School Calendar for Camrose which can be viewed on the website.

**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 22,
2020**

Virtual Meeting

EICS Capital Plan - 2021-2024

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During the March 18, 2020 public board meeting, Secretary Treasurer Cindy Wang presented the EICS Capital Plan for 2021-2024. Each year, school boards are required to submit a three-year capital plan to Alberta Education. This plan provides project justification and supportability and demonstrates overall planning and management, communicate local priorities, provide project definitions for budget and scope and demonstrate that all options for the accommodation of students has been explored and considered.

Highlights of the EICS 2021-2024 Capital Plan include:

Priority One: New Catholic High School in Camrose

Priority Two: Replacement school for Our Lady of Angels Catholic School in Fort Saskatchewan

Priority Three: Modernization and addition of École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic Elementary School

This report was sent to the Government of Alberta prior to the April 1, 2020 deadline.

Trustee Reports

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Report - Trustee Szott

Trustee Szott presented a copy of her Director Report that highlighted the major discussion points from the February 6 and 7, 2020 meetings. As well, Trustee Szott presented a copy of the ACSTA Executive Report from the February 7, 2020 meeting.

Alberta Teachers Association Liaison Committee - Trustee Baier

Trustee Baier provided a verbal summary of a recent meeting of the Alberta Teachers Association Liaison Committee which he attended.

Next Meeting:
April 22, 2020: 2:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Details Forthcoming