



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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## **EICS Reacts to Federal Funding Announcement**

The Elk Island Catholic School (EICS) Board of Trustees publicly stated their support for the \$2.3 million in federal funding that was previously announced on August 26th to help support COVID-19 preventative needs within schools.

EICS Board Chair Ted Paszek made the following statement:

"We are very pleased that the federal government provided this funding to our school division during this pandemic as everything we can have in place to protect our students and staff is such a priority during this time."

The payments are slated to be distributed to school divisions in two separate payments: one at the end of September and the second payment will occur at the end of December, 2020.

EICS has been planning for the re-entry of schools since May of 2020 and has put in place significant safety protocols in all of the divisional schools, sites, and buses. All of the information regarding EICS School Re-Entry is available on our website located at: <https://eics.ab.ca/coronavirus-information-in-eics>

Allocation of the approximately \$2.3 million in federal funding within EICS

PPE, Supplies, Technology, Equipment and Licensing Fees: \$275,000

AHS Protocols and Infrastructure Requirements: \$640,000

St. Isidore Learning Centre - Online Learning: \$1,430,000

## **EICS School Re-Entry Information**

Superintendent Haggarty spoke to the EICS Board of Trustees about the significant planning and protocols that have been put into place for the opening of the 2020 school year. He indicated that the staggered entry was a great success as it enabled schools to slowly and safely welcome back students. All PPE required for the start of the school year was distributed the last weekend of August to all schools.

All information regarding AHS/COVID-19 school re-entry in EICS is available on our website located at <https://eics.ab.ca/coronavirus-information-in-eics>

**NEXT MEETING**  
**October 14, 2020**

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Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
October 14  
2:30 PM  
CLS Board  
Room

## EICS Summer Facility Work

Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Facilities Department provided an update at the September 16, 2020 public meeting of the EICS Board of Trustees on the various summer projects that took place throughout the division.

Over \$2.1 million in funding was allocated to various schools in order to maintain and update existing buildings and heating/cooling systems. The majority of the funding for these projects were a result of the Government of Alberta's Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding. Summer facility projects are the norm for all school divisions as it is easier to work in the buildings without staff and students. This year was an exceptional year however, as the sheer number of projects was doubled and facility staff worked quickly with staff and contractors to ensure the projects were done in advance of the September school re-entry.

"As a governing board we are thrilled with the progress of these projects in our schools," said EICS Board Chair Ted Paszek. "As a board, we realize that funding for these projects enhances the high-quality learning and the working environments for our staff and students."

Highlights of the summer projects include:

- St. Nicholas Catholic School – Strathcona County: upgrade flooring in gym and corridors; signage upgrades on school building and road sign.
- St. Patrick Catholic School – Camrose: classroom upgrades in the kindergarten rooms; gym floor refinishing.
- Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School – Camrose: new portable and accessibility pad installed; classroom modernization.
- St. Theresa Catholic School – Strathcona County: gym flooring and upgraded electronic bleachers.

## Next EICS Board of Trustees Meeting

The next EICS Board of Trustees public meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 14th at the EICS board office located at Central Learning Services; 310 Broadview Road, Sherwood Park. The meeting will be accessible to the public with social distancing protocols in place and will begin at 2:30 pm.