

**report to  
Board of Trustees**

**Construction Projects Status Report**

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| Date                        | April 23, 2024   |
| Meeting Type                | Regular Meeting, Public Agenda   |
| To                          | Board of Trustees  |
| From                        | Joanne Pitman<br>Chief Superintendent of Schools   |
| Purpose                     | Information  |
| Originator                  | Dany Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services                                 |
| Governance Policy Reference | Operational Expectations<br>OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board<br>OE-9: Facilities |
| Resource Person(s)          | Trevor Fenton, Director, Facility Projects<br>David Jaimes, Project Manager, Facility Projects     |

**1 | Recommendation**

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- This report is being provided for information to the Board of Trustees. No decision is required at this time.

**2 | Issue**

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The Chief Superintendent is required to provide the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the project status of new schools and facility modernizations under development or construction.



### 3 | Background

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The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has received approval for full construction on two new school construction projects and two modernizations, and design-only approval for two new schools and one modernization. Additionally, “planning” activities are approved for one new school, while “pre-planning” activities are approved for two modernizations.

On March 23, 2018, the Alberta Government announced design approval for a new high school in Coventry Hills (North Trail High School). Full construction approval was then announced on November 1, 2019. North Trail High School opened on August 31, 2023. Work is ongoing at this school to address deficiencies as part of the warranty period.

On March 4, 2022, the Government of Alberta announced the approval of a middle school for Evanston. On December 14, 2022, Alberta Infrastructure advised the CBE that Evanston middle will be delivered via a Design-Build delivery method. The design-build contract was awarded in November 2023 and construction is projected to commence in mid-spring 2024, contingent on receipt of permits from the City of Calgary.

On November 29, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of the Louise Dean Centre at Kensington School effective June 28, 2024 for the purpose of relocation to Jack James High School (JJHS). Modernization and expansion of JJHS is required to accommodate the Louise Dean program. Required municipal permits have been issued by the City of Calgary. Phase 1 Construction was completed on August 25, 2023, and Phase 2 construction is currently underway.

On March 1, 2023, the Government of Alberta announced the approval for full construction of the modernization of John G. Diefenbaker High School. Alberta Infrastructure will deliver the modernization project at John G. Diefenbaker with an approved construction budget of \$33.1M and \$2.5M for hazardous materials abatement. A report outlining pre-design findings from stakeholder engagement and consultant site reviews was issued in December 2023 for assessment of project scope. The original timeline for construction was between 2-3 years, although no official completion date had been set.

On March 1, 2023, the Government of Alberta announced the approval for “Planning” of a modernization of Annie Gale School and a new high school in the community of Cornerstone, as well as approval for “Pre-Planning” of modernizations at A.E. Cross School and Sir John A. MacDonald School and a new middle school located in the community of Saddle Ridge. Work associated with these phases of capital approval could include preliminary studies such as facility condition assessments, options analysis, community engagement, site analysis and schematic design. On February 7, 2024, funding approval was received for these projects.

On March 1, 2024, design approval was granted for the Annie Gale School modernization and the new high school in Cornerstone. The new middle school in Saddle Ridge was also advanced from the pre-planning to planning phase. Efforts are underway to secure consulting services to complete the approved pre-

planning and planning studies and analysis in advance of design work kicking off. In addition, the Alberta Government also announced design and construction approval for a new elementary school in Evanston, and design-only approval for a new elementary school in Redstone. All projects that received design and/or construction approval on March 1 are awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.

## 4 | Analysis

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Information on the current status of the projects under development and being administered by the CBE and Alberta Infrastructure is provided in **Attachment I**.

The locations of the various new schools and modernization capital projects under development are shown in **Attachment II**.

**Attachment III** provides a series of onsite photographs to visually convey the progress at Jack James High School. No material changes were made at North Trail High School, which opened in 2023, thus progress photos are excluded.

There are three Project Steering Committees set up for the current school projects as follows:

- Louise Dean Centre Relocation;
- Evanston Middle School; and
- John G. Diefenbaker Modernization

## 5 | Conclusion

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This report provides the current update on the project status of new schools and facility modernizations within the CBE currently under development or construction.

It is provided to the Board of Trustees for informational purposes in compliance with Operational Expectation 7: Communication With and Support for the Board.

JOANNE PITMAN  
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment I:   | New/Modernized Facility Construction Status |
| Attachment II:  | Project Location Map                        |
| Attachment III: | Construction Photos                         |

### GLOSSARY – Developed by the Board of Trustees

Board: Board of Trustees

**Governance Culture:** The Board defined its own work and how it will be carried out. These policies clearly state the expectations the Board has for individual and collective behaviour.

**Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship:** The Board defined in policy how authority is delegated to its only point of connection – the Chief Superintendent – and how the Chief Superintendent's performance will be evaluated.

**Operational Expectations:** These policies define both the nonnegotiable expectations and the clear boundaries within which the Chief Superintendent and staff must operate. They articulate the actions and decisions the Board would find either absolutely necessary or totally unacceptable.

**Results:** These are our statements of outcomes for each student in our district. The Results policies become the Chief Superintendent's and the organization's performance targets and form the basis for judging organization and Chief Superintendent's performance.

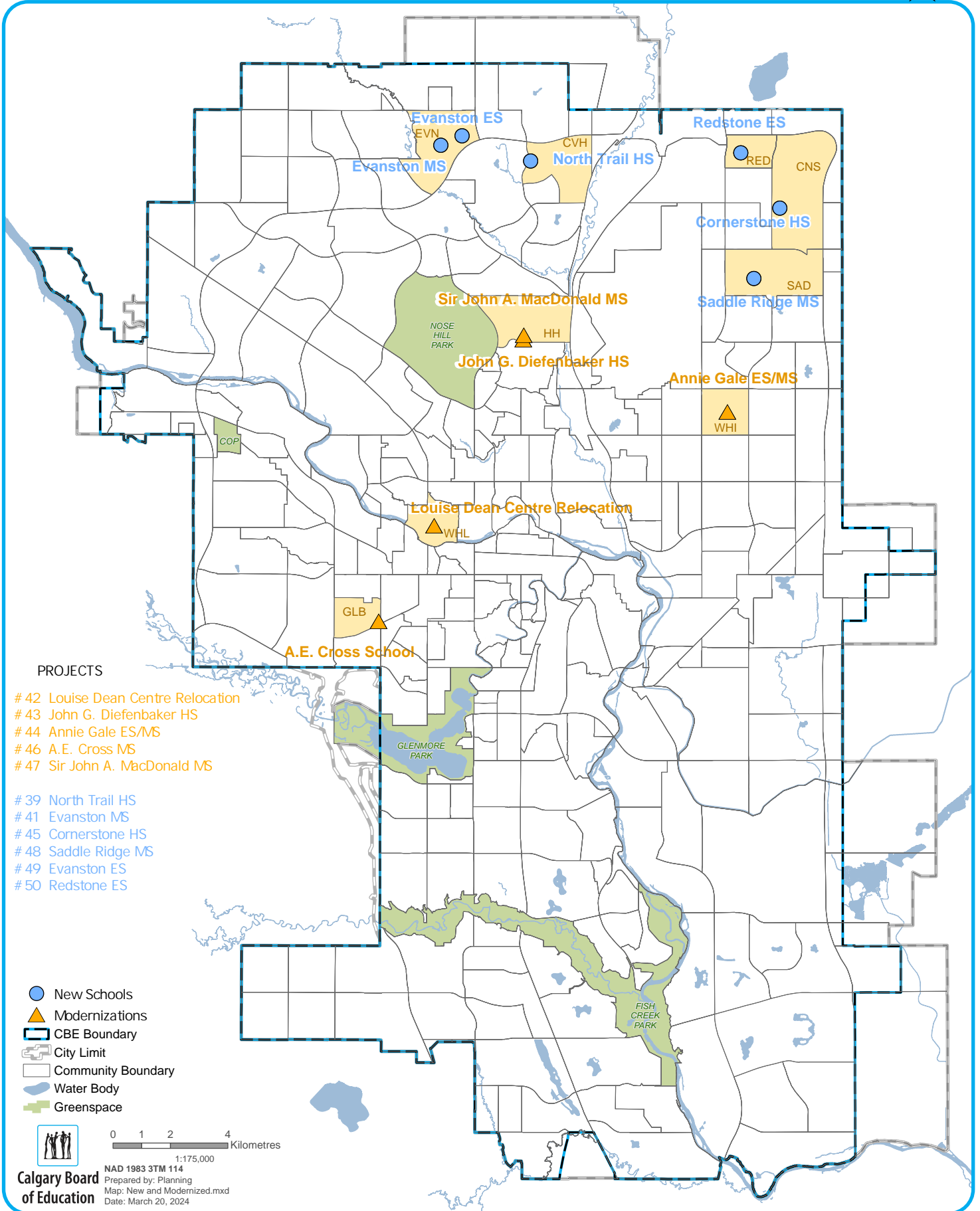
**CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEW/MODERNIZED FACILITY CONSTRUCTION STATUS  
April 23, 2024**

| Building  | Opening Date     | Notes/Comments   |      |
|---|------------------|--|------|
| 39. North Trail High School<br>Grades 10-12<br>Capacity 1800 students | Aug. 31,<br>2023 | Design and Specifications  | 100% |
|   |                  | Construction Award   | 100% |
|   |                  | Construction Progress  | 100% |
|   |                  | Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. School complete, correction of deficiencies / warranty issues ongoing.  |      |
| 41. Evanston Middle School<br>Grades 5-9<br>Capacity 900 students     | TBD              | Design Build – RFP Package ( includes drawing package to 30% development and Performance Specifications)   | 100% |
|   |                  | Design-Build Contract Award  | 100% |
|   |                  | Design and Specifications  | 90%  |
|   |                  | Construction Progress  | 0%   |
|   |                  | Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Design-build contractor currently working on design development and securing permits for mobilization.  |      |
| 42. Louise Dean Centre Relocation<br>Grades 9-12                      | Fall<br>2024     | Design and Specifications  | 100% |
|   |                  | Construction Award   | 100% |
|   |                  | Construction Progress  | 35%  |
|   |                  | Note: Project managed by Calgary Board of Education Phase 1 completed on August 25, 2023. Phase 2 started on September 1, 2023. Interior demolition complete, exterior demolition complete, structural steel complete, roofing ongoing, interior framing and boarding ongoing, Mechanical and electrical rough-ins ongoing |      |
| 43. John G. Diefenbaker School<br>Grades 10-12<br>Modernization       | TBD              | Design and Specifications  | 0%   |
|   |                  | Construction Award   | 0%   |
|   |                  | Construction Progress  | 0%   |
|   |                  | Note: Project Managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Approved construction budget of \$33.1M plus \$2.5M for HAZMAT abatement. Pre-Design report completed in December 2023 for assessment of scope and corresponding cost estimates. Coordination discussions regarding next steps are ongoing with AB Infra.                 |      |
| 44. Annie Gale School<br>Grades 6-9<br>Modernization                  | TBD              | Design and Specifications  | 0%   |
|   |                  | Note: Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Project was advanced to design-only following a Government announcement on March 1, 2024.  |      |

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| 45. Cornerstone High School<br>Grades 10-12                     | TBD          | Design and Specifications  | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Project was advanced to design-only following a Government announcement on March 1, 2024.  |    |
| 46. A.E. Cross School<br>Grades 7-9<br>Modernization            | TBD          | Pre-Planning Phase   | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023. Funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Pre-planning activities, including the facility condition assessment, are expected to commence in the spring.  |    |
| 47. Sir John A. MacDonald School<br>Grades 6-9<br>Modernization | TBD          | Pre-Planning Phase   | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Pre-planning activities, including the facility condition assessment, may be linked to modernization project at John G. Diefenbaker HS. Coordination discussions with AB Infra are ongoing. |    |
| 48. Saddle Ridge Middle School<br>Grades 5-9                    | TBD          | Planning Phase   | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Project was advanced to Planning phase following a Government announcement on March 1, 2024.  |    |
| 49. Evanston Elementary School<br>Grades K-4                    | TBD          | Design and Specifications  | 0% |
|   |              | Construction Award   | 0% |
|   |              | Construction Progress  | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Project announced for design and construction on March 1, 2024.  |    |
| 50. Redstone Elementary School<br>Grades K-4                    | TBD          | Design and Specifications  | 0% |
|   |              | Note: Project announced as design-only on March 1, 2024.   |    |

# New and Modernized Schools As of March 2024



Jack James High School



Area 6 Roof



Area 6 - Structural



Exterior



Exterior