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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, Forest Lawn High School will undergo a significant modernization that will result in updated facilities for several of our career and technology courses. Providing a variety of CTS courses gives students enhanced opportunities to learn and explore areas of interest to them that may also be part of their future career path.

Forest Lawn High School opened in 1968 and an addition to the school was completed in 1984. This modernization will be a significant improvement to the school and will occur in 2 phases.

Phase 1 of the project has received approval from Alberta Infrastructure. The general contractor and subcontractors will be starting on site work at the beginning of February.

Phase 1 construction will include:

- **Fabrication / Welding Shop:** Adding a second new welding lab to the one that opened last year.
- **Automotive Mechanics / Heavy Equipment Shops and Integrated Classrooms:** Three new mechanics shops with integrated classrooms and state of the art tools and equipment.
- **Carpentry Shop:** New carpentry shop with the latest in tools and technology.
- **Band Room:** A new dedicated space for the Forest Lawn High School band and choir.
- **Fitness Centre:** New centrally located fitness centre.
- **Sports Medicine:** New dedicated space for delivering on demand sports medicine.

The modernization will include two general phases. Phase 1, as described above, is expected to be complete in the fall of 2019. Work on Phase 2 will begin in summer 2019 and will include renovations to 12 new classrooms, 3 computer labs, 1 domestic foods lab, a yoga studio and 1 fashion design lab. The school's Learning Commons will also be renovated in phase 2. Additional details related to Phase 2 will be provided in June 2019. The last part of phase 2 also involves the demolition of the southwest wing of the school (1984 addition). Alberta Education recommended the demolition of this wing in an effort to increase the school's use of instructional space to 85%, which is the recommended utilization rate for all school boards in Alberta.

We are very excited for this project to get underway. Updates will be provided at important milestones in the project or to advise you of construction activity that may impact students.

Information will be posted on the CBE's building and modernizing webpage:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/forest-lawn-high-school.aspx>

Please contact me if you have any questions about the modernization.

Kind Regards,

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