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report to Board of Trustees

Construction Projects Status Report

Date	June 24, 2025
Meeting Type	Regular Meeting, Public Agenda
To	Board of Trustees
From	Joanne Pitman Chief Superintendent of Schools
Purpose	Information
Originator	Dany Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Governance Policy Reference	Operational Expectations OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board OE-9: Facilities
Resource Person(s)	Trevor Fenton, Director, Facility Projects David Jaimes, Manager, Capital Construction Colt Chesney, Project Manager, Facility Projects

1 | Recommendation

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

2 | Issue

The Chief Superintendent is required to provide the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the status of major capital projects including new schools, modernizations, additions and Modular Classroom Program (MCP) projects currently under development or construction.

3 | Background

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has received construction approval for four new schools and one modernization, design approval for ten new schools and one modernization and planning approval for one new school. Additionally, pre-planning activities are approved for two modernizations.

On March 4, 2022, the Government of Alberta (GoA) announced “Design and Construction” approval of a middle school for Evanston. On December 14, 2022, Alberta Infrastructure (AI) advised that Evanston middle school will be delivered via a design-build delivery method. The design-build contract was awarded in November 2023 and construction commenced on April 25, 2024.

On March 1, 2023, the GoA announced the approval of “Design and Construction” funding for the modernization of John G. Diefenbaker High School. A pre-design report outlining findings from stakeholder engagement and consultant site reviews was issued in December 2023. On April 16, 2024, Alberta Education (AE) granted approval to extend project timelines to allow CBE to conduct additional planning activities to further evaluate the project scope prior to proceeding with design. The CBE is now awaiting word from the GoA on next steps.

On March 1, 2023, the GoA announced the approval of “Pre-Planning” funding for modernizations at A.E. Cross School and Sir John A. Macdonald School (SJAM). On February 7, 2024, funding approval was received for these projects, allowing the commencement of condition assessments of each facility. The final facility condition reports have been received. A.E. Cross School was determined to be in ‘Good’ condition with no outstanding areas of concern, while SJAM was determined to be in ‘Fair’ condition with select building systems requiring upgrades. Maintenance & Renewal (M&R) funding has been allocated to address the outstanding areas of concern at SJAM over the next two to four years, which will result in the condition rating increasing from ‘Fair’ to ‘Good’. Due to the relatively good condition of these schools, major modernization is not required and this will be the last update for these projects.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced approval of “Design and Construction” funding for a new elementary school in the community of Evanston and “Design” funding for a new elementary school in the community of Redstone and a new high school in the community of Cornerstone. On August 8, 2024, the GoA approved a capacity increase of the Cornerstone high school from 1,800 to 2,410 students. On December 3, 2024, the GoA approved a capacity increase of Redstone elementary from 600 to 890 students. AI commenced pre-design work on August 6, 2024 for Evanston elementary, October 7, 2024 for Redstone elementary and December 13, 2024 for Cornerstone high school, with this work currently ongoing. On February 15, 2025 the GoA announced construction approval for both Redstone elementary and Cornerstone high school. All three schools will be delivered as Public-Private Partnership (P3) projects.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced approval of “Design” funding for the modernization of Annie Gale School starting in 2026. On September 18, 2024, AE announced that design funding was being provided immediately to accelerate the

delivery timeline. The project is being managed by CBE and on April 1, 2025 the design contract was awarded with schematic design currently underway.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced that “Planning” funding for a new middle school located in the community of Saddle Ridge would be provided in 2026. On September 26, 2024, AE announced that “Planning” funding was being provided immediately to accelerate the delivery timeline. Work is underway to conduct tasks associated with this project phase.

On March 14, 2025, the GoA announced approval of “Design” funding for ten new CBE elementary and middle schools located throughout various communities in Calgary. On April 25, 2025, AE and AI representatives advised that all ten schools will be bundled together and delivered under a single P3 contract.

The MCP provides school jurisdictions with new modular classrooms, modular/portable unit relocations, replacements and demolitions to assist school jurisdictions with the accommodation of students on an urgent basis. On March 14, 2024, as part of the 2024-25 MCP, AE approved 12 new and the relocation of six modular classrooms. On April 9, 2024, the CBE Board of Trustees approved the use of Capital Reserves to relocate six modular classrooms. On August 2, 2024, as a part of the 2024-25 MCP, AE provided in-year approval of an additional 35 new and the relocation of five modular classrooms. On April 17, 2025, under the 2025-26 MCP, AE provided approval for eight new modular classrooms and one demolition. CBE has completed the relocation of six modular units with the remainder being at various stages of design and construction.

4 | Analysis

Information on the status of the abovementioned projects is provided in **Attachment I.**

The locations of the various new school, existing school and MCP capital projects are shown in **Attachment II**.

Attachment III provides a series of onsite photographs to visually convey the progress at Evanston middle.

There are four Project Steering Committees set up for the following projects:

- Evanston elementary;
- Redstone elementary;
- Cornerstone high school; and
- Annie Gale School Modernization

5 | Conclusion

This report provides the current update on the status of all approved new and existing school capital projects as well as all approved projects under the MCP. 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

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 & EXISTING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STATUS
As of May 20, 2025

Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
41. Evanston Middle School Grades 5-9* New School, Capacity 900 students Construction approval	TBD	Design Build – RFP Package (includes drawing package to 30% development and Performance Specifications)	100%
		Design-Build Contract Award	100%
		Design and Specifications	99%
		Construction Progress	35%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Design-build contractor mobilized to site in late April 2024. Building envelope work ongoing, mechanical and electrical rough-ins ongoing.	
43. John G. Diefenbaker School Grades 10-12 Modernization Construction approval	TBD	Planning Phase	99%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Approved construction budget of $33.1M plus $2.5M for HAZMAT abatement. Additional 'Planning' activities approved and completed. Now awaiting Government of Alberta determination of next steps.	
44. Annie Gale School Grades 6-9 Modernization Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	10%
		Note: Project being managed by Calgary Board of Education. Design approval received on September 18, 2024. Prime consultant contract has been awarded. Schematic design is ongoing.	
45. Cornerstone High School Grades 10-12* New School, Capacity 2,400 students Construction approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	10%
		Note: Design approval was announced on March 1, 2024. Construction approval announced on February 15, 2025. Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Internal engagement is ongoing. Schematic design underway.	
46. A.E. Cross School Grades 7-9 Modernization Pre-planning approval	TBD	Pre-Planning Phase	100%
		Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023. Funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Facility condition assessment completed. Modernization not supported. This will be the last update.	
47. Sir John A. Macdonald School Grades 6-9 Modernization Pre-planning approval	TBD	Pre-Planning Phase	100%
		Note: Pre-Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding received on February 7, 2024. Facility condition assessment completed. Modernization not supported. This will be the last update.	
48. Saddle Ridge Middle School Grades 5-9* New School, Capacity 900 students Planning approval	TBD	Planning Phase	90%
		Note: Planning approved on March 1, 2024. Planning activities ongoing.	

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Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
49. Evanston Elementary School Grades K-4* New School, Capacity 600 students Construction approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	25%
		Construction Award	0%
		Construction Progress	0%
		Note: Project announced for design and construction on March 1, 2024. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Schematic design completed in January 2025. Design development currently underway.	
50. Redstone Elementary School Grades K-4* New School, Capacity 600 students Construction approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	20%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
51. Aspen Woods Middle School Grades 5-9* New School, Capacity 900 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
52. Cityscape/Redstone Middle School Grades 6-9* New School, Capacity 1,200 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
53. Cornerstone Elementary School Grades K-5* New School, Capacity 900 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
54. Livingstone Elementary School Grades K-5* New School, Capacity 900 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
55. Mahogany Middle School Grades 7-9* New School, Capacity 1,200 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
56. Nolan Hill Elementary School Grades K-4* New School, Capacity 600 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	

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Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
57. Sage Hill Elementary School Grades K-5* New School, Capacity 600 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
58. Sage Hill/Kincora Middle School Grades 6-9* New School, Capacity 1,000 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
59. Sherwood/Nolan Hill Middle School Grades 5-9* New School, Capacity 900 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	
60. Cornerstone Middle School Grades 6-9* New School, Capacity 1,200 students Design approval	TBD	Design and Specifications	0%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 14, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from Alberta Infrastructure on next steps.	

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MODULAR CLASSROOM PROGRAM STATUS
As of May 20, 2025

Building	Number of Units	Type	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
M7. Connaught School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 150	4 2	New Relocation	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	45%
				Note: Four new modulars approved on March 14, 2024 and two relocated modulars approved on April 9, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
M8. Nelson Mandela HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	60%
				Note: Approved on March 14, 2024. Design is complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
M9. Prairie Sky School Grades K-9 Added Capacity: 175	3+1 4	New Relocation	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	45%
				Note: Four relocated modulars approved on April 9, 2024 and three new modular classrooms plus one new modular washroom approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
M10. Peter Lougheed School Grades 5-9 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	60%
				Note: Two new modulars approved on March 31, 2024 and two new modulars approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
M12. Joane Cardinal-Schubert HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	5 1	Relocation New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	20%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design is complete. Construction activities underway.	
M13. Mahogany School Grades K-5 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	20%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	

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Building	Number of Units	Type	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
M14. North Trail HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	35%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M15. Hugh A. Bennett School Grades K-4 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	35%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M16. Grant MacEwan School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 150	6	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	40%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M17. Colonel Irvine School Grades 5-9 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	40%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M18. Buffalo Rubbing Stone School Grades K-5 Added Capacity: 50	2	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	15%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M19. Kenneth D. Taylor School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 50	2	New	Summer 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	15%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction activities underway.	
M20. John G. Diefenbaker HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6	New	TBD	Design and Specifications	5%
				Construction Award	0%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Approved on April 17, 2025. Design activities ongoing.	

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M21. Mount Royal School Grades 7-9 Added Capacity: 50	2	New	TBD	Design and Specifications	5%
				Construction Award	0%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Pending approval from Alberta Education for the reassignment of approved modular units to this location.	

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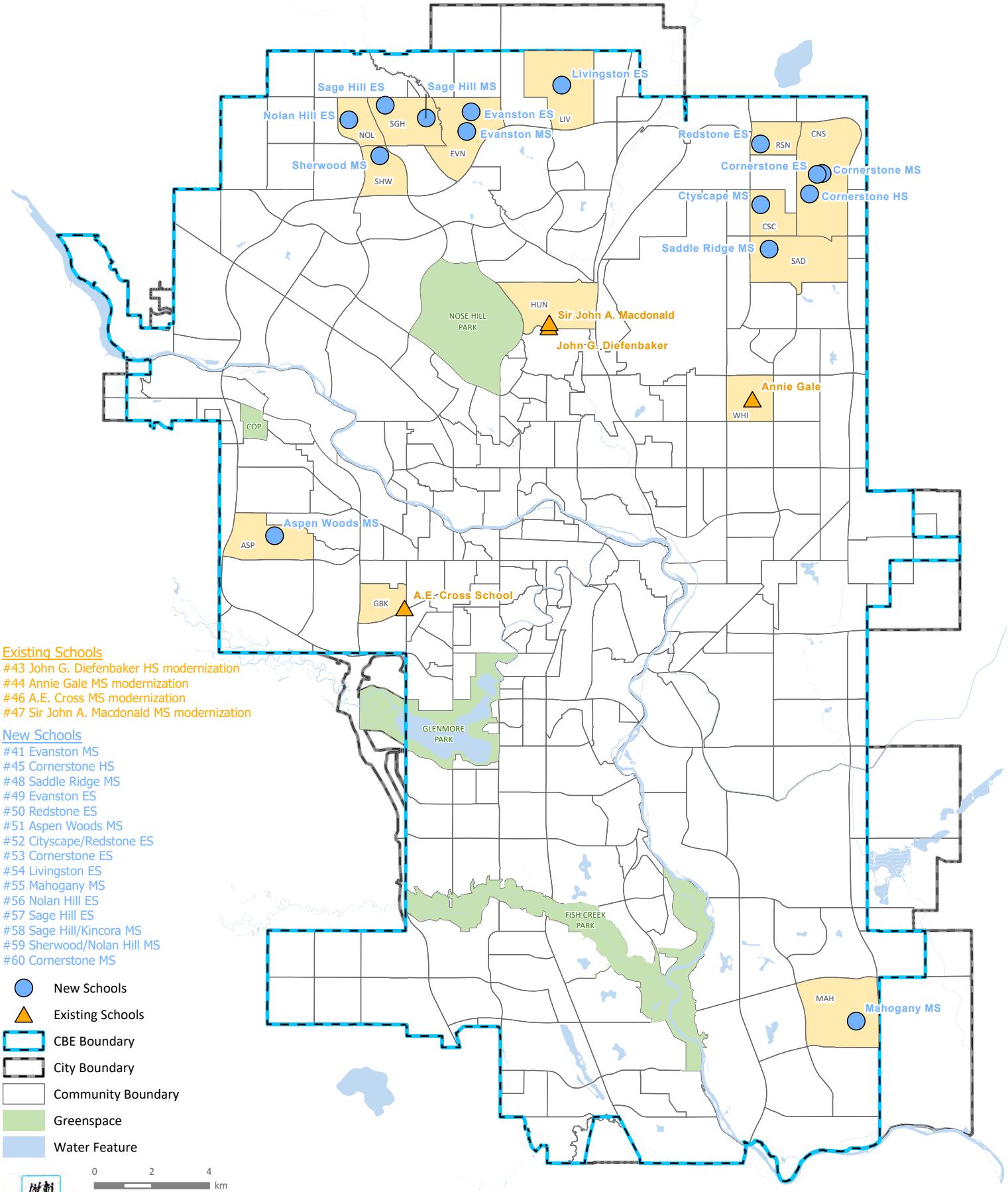
Attachment II

New and Modernized Schools
As of May 2025



Existing Schools
#43 John G. Diefenbaker HS modernization
#44 Annie Gale MS modernization
#46 A.E. Cross MS modernization
#47 Sir John A. Macdonald MS modernization

New Schools
#41 Evanston MS
#45 Cornerstone HS
#48 Saddle Ridge MS
#49 Evanston ES
#50 Redstone ES
#51 Aspen Woods MS
#52 Cityscape/Redstone ES
#53 Cornerstone ES
#54 Livingston ES
#55 Mahogany MS
#56 Nolan Hill ES
#57 Sage Hill ES
#58 Sage Hill/Kincora MS
#59 Sherwood/Nolan Hill MS
#60 Cornerstone MS

New Schools
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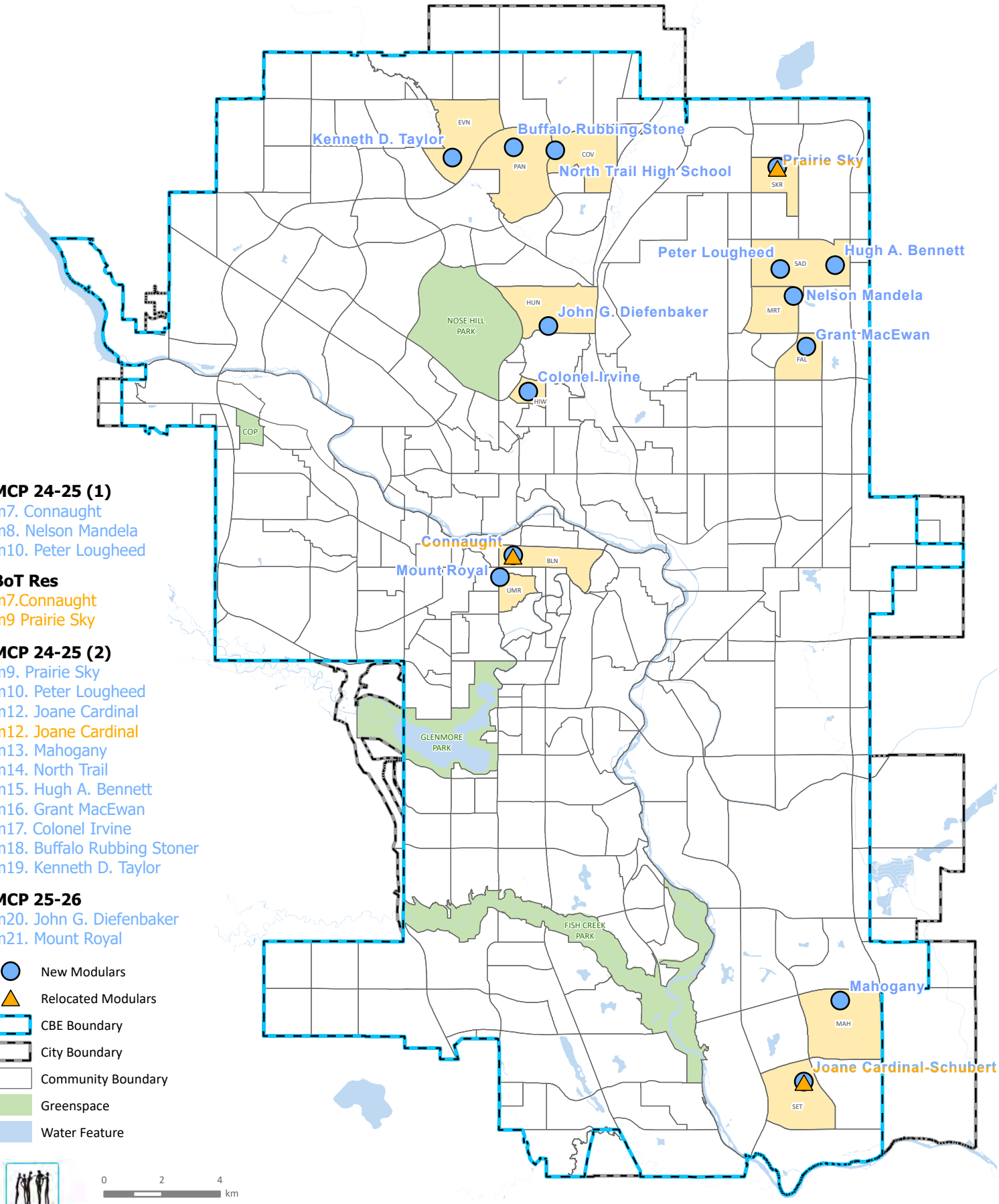
Attachment II

Modular Classroom Program

As of May 2025



MCP 24-25 (1)
m7. Connaught
m8. Nelson Mandela
m10. Peter Lougheed

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m7.Connaught
m9 Prairie Sky

MCP 24-25 (2)
m9. Prairie Sky
m10. Peter Lougheed
m12. Joane Cardinal
m12. Joane Cardinal
m13. Mahogany
m14. North Trail
m15. Hugh A. Bennett
m16. Grant MacEwan
m17. Colonel Irvine
m18. Buffalo Rubbing Stoner
m19. Kenneth D. Taylor

MCP 25-26
m20. John G. Diefenbaker
m21. Mount Royal

New Modulars
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Evanston middle school

Roofing

Framing

Exterior

Interior