

**report to
Board of Trustees**

Construction Projects Status Report

Date	January 30, 2024
Meeting Type	Regular Meeting, Public Agenda
To	Board of Trustees
From	Gary Strother Acting 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, 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 project status of new schools and facility modernizations under development or construction.



3 | Background

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

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 permit approvals 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. On August 18, 2023, a letter was sent from the Chief Superintendent to the Deputy Minister of Education requesting a scope change. Instead of replacing the existing four modular classrooms with new modulares, the request is that they be converted into permanent classroom space through a small addition to the school, a response has yet to be received. A report outlining pre-design findings from stakeholder engagement and consultant site reviews was issued in December 2023 for assessment of project scope. The construction phase is expected to take between 2-3 years, but no official completion date has been set.

On March 1, 2023, the Government of Alberta announced the approval for “Planning” of the 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 options analysis, community engagement, site analysis and schematic design. Funding for this work is granted by Alberta Education on a first-come, first-served basis. A detailed request for funding was submitted to Alberta Education on November 7, 2023, a response has yet to be received.

4 | Analysis

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 to the schools 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

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.

GARY STROTHER
ACTING 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.

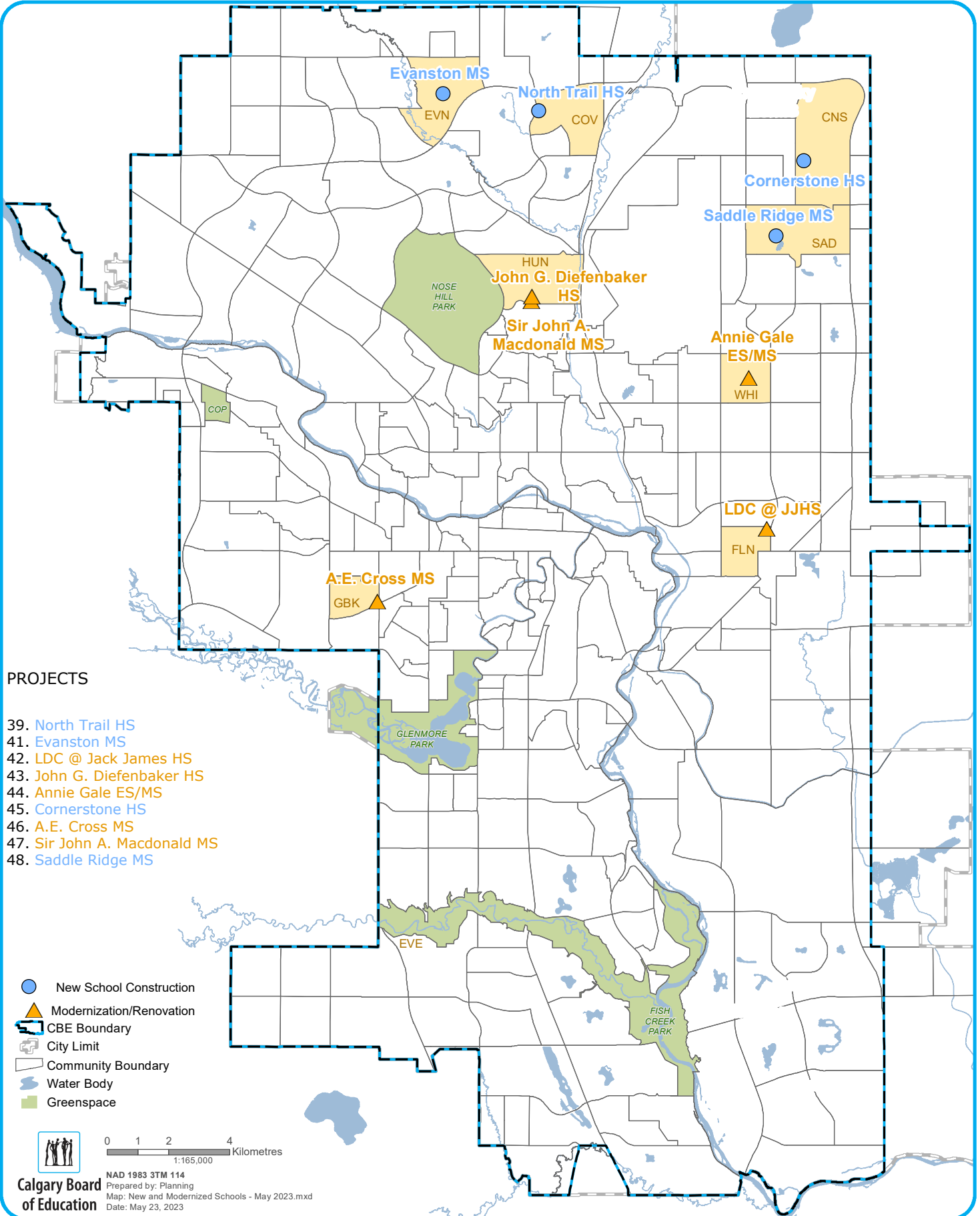
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Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
39. North Trail High School Grades 10-12 Capacity 1800 students	Aug. 31, 2023	Design and Specifications	100%
		Construction Award	100%
		Construction Progress	100%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. School complete, correction of deficiencies / warranty issues ongoing.	
41. Evanston Middle School Grades 5-9 Capacity 900 students	TBD	Design Build – RFP Package (includes drawing package to approx. 30% CD level and Performance Specifications)	100%
		Design-Build Contract Award	100%
		Design and Specifications	40%
		Construction Progress	0%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Bridging documents complete. Design-build contractor was selected and design development phase is underway.	
42. Louise Dean Centre Relocation Grades 9-12	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
		Construction Progress	18%
		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 underway, interior framing ongoing, Mechanical and electrical rough-ins ongoing.	
43. John G. Diefenbaker School Grades 10-12 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 preparation of cost estimates.	
44. Annie Gale School Grades 6-9 Modernization	TBD	Note: Planning approved on March 1, 2023 Funding request submitted to AB Ed.	
45. Cornerstone High School TBD	TBD	Note: Planning approved on March 1, 2023 Funding request submitted to AB Ed.	

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Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments
46. A.E. Cross School Grades 7-9 Modernization	TBD	Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023 Funding request submitted to AB Ed.
47. Sir John A. MacDonald School Grades 6-9 Modernization	TBD	Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023 Funding request submitted to AB Ed.
48. Saddle Ridge Middle School TBD	TBD	Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023 Funding request submitted to AB Ed.

New and Modernized Schools As of January 2024



PROJECTS

- 39. North Trail HS
- 41. Evanston MS
- 42. LDC @ Jack James HS
- 43. John G. Diefenbaker HS
- 44. Annie Gale ES/MS
- 45. Cornerstone HS
- 46. A.E. Cross MS
- 47. Sir John A. Macdonald MS
- 48. Saddle Ridge MS

- New School Construction
- Modernization/Renovation
- CBE Boundary
- City Limit
- Community Boundary
- Water Body
- Greenspace



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Kilometres
1:165,000

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Map: New and Modernized Schools - May 2023.mxd
Date: May 23, 2023

Jack James High School



Exterior Demolition



New Offices – hoarding



New Exterior Stairs - hoarding



Interior Framing underway