



# Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

May 12, 2009

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## Budget 2009-2010

The Board approved a revised budget for 2008-2009, dated April 30, 2009.

The trustees received a preliminary version of the budget that will be adopted at the June 23 meeting. The Board requested that Administration reduce the projected deficit from \$1.6 million to \$700,000.

## Capital Plan 2009-2010

The Board approved the Capital Plan for 2009–2010. The top three priorities remain the schools in Jasper, Red Deer and St. Albert.

## Edmonton Joint Use Agreement – Land

The Board ratified the Edmonton Joint Use Agreement – Land, an unprecedented agreement endorsed by all partners: the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and the *Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord*.

## New names for three schools

The Board approved the following three names for its schools:

- École Joseph-Moreau (Ritchie School)
- École Alexandre-Taché (junior/senior high school in St. Albert)
- École À la Découverte (formerly École publique du Nord)

## Appointment of school administrators

The Board ratified the superintendent's following recommendations:

- *Claude Viel is appointed principal of École La Mission (K-6) and École Alexandre-Taché (7-10) in St. Albert for a four-year term;*
- *Marcel Ouellette is appointed vice-principal of École Alexandre-Taché for a one-year probationary period;*
- *Vladimir Pasek is appointed principal of École Maurice-Lavallée for a one-year probationary period;*
- *Denis Gravel is appointed vice-principal of École Joseph-Moreau for a one-year probationary period;*

## Study on alternative learning at the senior high school level

The Board received a study from Constance Murphy on four alternative learning programs: *Campus de la Cité*, English Second Language, Knowledge and Employability, distance learning and the creation of a distributed learning centre at École Maurice-Lavallée.

## H1N1 Influenza Virus (Swine Flu)

Superintendent Henri Lemire informed trustees that no school excursions (national or international) had been cancelled due to the H1N1 influenza virus. On May 4, the Deputy Minister of Education requested that school authorities not close schools even if some of

their students have the virus.

Recently, an updated information letter was sent to all families informing them of the latest developments concerning the H1N1 virus in Alberta.

### **École Desrochers (Jasper)**

The Board decided not to lease the ground floor of the Legion because it does not meet Parks Canada standards. Instead, one of the modular units presently at École Maurice-Lavallée will be moved to École Desrochers in July 2009.

### **École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)**

Officials from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure were impressed by the potential of the space to be leased at the Youville Centre. The Board has written to Minister Hancock requesting the approval of renovations to be completed by sole source contracting.

Architect Jim Der submitted beautiful plans for the renovation of approximately 13,000 square feet at the Youville Centre.

### **École Joseph-Moreau (Ritchie School)**

Administration informed trustees that renovations will commence June 1 and the district will take possession of the school July 1. The principal of École Joseph-Moreau, Marc Potvin, will continue working from École Maurice-Lavallée until the end of June.

### **Bill 44**

The Board has rallied behind the growing opposition to proposed amendments to Bill 44

introduced at the Alberta Legislature. Board chair Claude Duret will inform the provincial government of the Board's disapproval of the Bill.

### **School boundaries**

The new school boundaries for the Board's schools are now posted on the Board's website [www.csrcn.ab.ca](http://www.csrcn.ab.ca)

### **Superintendent's report**

Minister Hancock chose 24 high school students, representing 10 regions in Alberta, to participate in the *Speak-Out Annual Student Conference*. Congratulations to Justin Nshimirimana from École Maurice-Lavallée who becomes a member of this privileged group that will share their school and community experiences with the Minister at regular meetings throughout the year.

Congratulations to preschool educators Monique Juliat-Krupa (École La Mission) and Francine Ricard (École Notre-Dame) who are among the finalists for the Provincial Child Care Awards.

The trustees congratulated Superintendent Henri Lemire on receiving the Edgar-Gallant award in Ottawa on April 28. The award is an honour bestowed by the national association of francophone superintendents (*Regroupement national des directions générales de l'éducation*).

### **Next Board meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 23, at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.

