



WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Three Year Capital Plan 2022-2025



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools: A Rural Setting

Wetaskiwin is approximately 70 kilometers south of Edmonton in an area uniquely suited to appeal to the outdoor enthusiast and the urbanite. The boundaries for the area served by Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools (WRPS) are coterminous with those of the County of Wetaskiwin, and include the City of Wetaskiwin, the Town of Millet and numerous summer villages and hamlets. The Division is composed of 19 instructional sites located in a 150-kilometer corridor running east to west along Highway 13.

Geographic Implications

The geographic configuration of the Division means significant distances to travel in serving our schools. As noted, it is approximately 150 kilometers between the 2 schools at opposite ends of the jurisdiction and approximately 115 kilometers from our maintenance facility to the furthest school.

Jurisdictional Anomalies

WRPS has a long-standing issue of an inordinately high proportion of special needs students. Our proximity to the Maskwacis First Nations Reserve constitutes the need for high quality and responsive Indigenous Programs.

OUR FACILITIES

Our inventory of 19 instructional sites and service-related facilities totals approximately 67,500 square meters and 130 acres of land. The replacement value of these facilities totals approximately \$226,453,658 with contents of \$45,754,436.

Our schools range in age from Griffiths Scott School opened in 2012 to Buck Mountain Central School, originally constructed in 1940. The largest school, Wetaskiwin Composite High School is 14,016 square meters, while the smallest is Lynn Lauren School is 1,118 square meters.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PRIORITIES

The prioritized capital projects for Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools are as follows:

Priority	New Construction or Modernization
1.	Winfield School
2.	Parkdale School

Please see the following commentary for a brief description and estimated cost of each of the above capital projects.

WINFIELD SCHOOL

Winfield School is located in the Winfield, Alberta and offers an ECS – Grade 6 program.

Winfield School has a gross area of 2,890 square meters with a net capacity of 238 students. With a 2020-2021 enrolment of 63.5 Full-time Equivalent students, adjusted to 69 for Area Capacity and Utilization purposes, the utilization is 29%.

Currently the administration office suite is located at a significant distance from the front doors of the school. Traffic in and out of the school monitored via a video camera and controlled using a buzz-in system. Student safety is an issue.

Recently a Scoping Report was prepared in order to assess the feasibility and costs associated with the modernization of this school. The report was prepared by an Architectural firm in conjunction with structural, mechanical and electrical firms. Due to issues discovered related to building code, building safety and efficient building operations, the final recommendation is to demolish the existing building and construct a new replacement school on the existing site.

The replacement school would be constructed with a core sized to 100 students plus modular units to address actual student projections.

Project Category: New Construction

5 Year Facility Condition Index: 21.09%

Total Project Cost: \$9,125,416

Requested Scheduled Start Date: September 1, 2022

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2024

Key Driver: Student Health and Safety

Backlog: No

PARKDALE SCHOOL

Parkdale School is located in the City of Wetaskiwin and offers an ECS – Grade 8 program.

Parkdale School has a gross area of 2,982 square meters with a net capacity of 383 students. With a 2020-2021 enrolment of 215.5 students, adjusted to 263 for Area Capacity and Utilization purposes, the utilization is 69%.

In September 2017, Parkdale School shall be reconfigured to offer an ECS – Grade 8 program. This will increase the enrolment and utilization. The school will require washroom upgrades to accommodate grades 7 and 8 students and will require additional staff parking areas.

Recently a Scoping Report was prepared in order to assess the feasibility and costs associated with the modernization of this school. The report was prepared by an Architectural firm in conjunction with structural, mechanical and electrical firms. Due to issues discovered related to building code, building safety and efficient building operations, the final recommendation is to demolish the existing building and construct a new replacement school on the existing site.

The replacement school would be constructed with a core sized to 300 students plus modular units to address actual student projections.

Project Category: New Construction

5 Year Facility Condition Index: 13.48%

Total Project Cost: \$11,705,400

Requested Scheduled Start Date: September 1, 2022

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2024

Key Driver: Student Health and Safety

Backlog: No