



# WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

## Three Year Capital Plan 2026-2029



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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 17 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 116 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 students with exceptional needs. 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 \$203,462,985 with contents of \$30,519,448.

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 Pipestone School is 526.69 square meters.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PRIORITIES

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

Priority	New Construction or Modernization
1.	K-8 Replacement new build in the North-East area of the City of Wetaskiwin
2.	K-12 Ward 4 Solution (Alder Flats, Buck Mountain Central, Winfield)
3.	Modernization of Pigeon Lake Regional School
4.	Modernization of CTS spaces at Wetaskiwin Composite High School
5.	Clear Vista Sprinkler System Replacement

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

## K-8 REPLACEMENT SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF WETASKIWIN

Currently there are five (5) schools in the City of Wetaskiwin which offer an ECS to Grade Eight (8) program. Only two (2) of these schools are properly equipped to offer robust physical education, band, home economics, and industrial arts programs.

In addition, all five (5) schools' enrollments have been such that each school operates significantly underutilized. Future enrolment projections anticipate further enrolment decline.

	<u>2024 Enrolment</u>	<u>2026(P) Enrolment</u>	<u>2024 Utilization</u>
Clear Vista	425	416	71%
Centennial	114	100	56%
Norwood	191	184	64%
Parkdale	196	190	64%
Queen Elizabeth	164	163	44%

WRPS has received approval from Government to start planning a new K-8 replacement school.

The new school will be constructed to accommodate 420 students and will replace three (3) of the existing schools (Centennial, Norwood, Parkdale) and will provide the opportunity to enhance and increase program offerings.

Project Category: New - Replacement School

Grade Configuration: ECS (K) to Grade Eight (8)

Total Project Cost: \$21,051,520

Requested Scheduled Start Date: April 1, 2026

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2028

**Key Project Drivers:** Financial Pressures, Health and Safety, Infrastructure Condition, Functionality and Programming

## NEW K-12 SCHOOL - WARD 4 SOLUTION

Currently there are three (3) schools in Ward 4; Alder Flats (K- Gr. 6), Winfield (K – Gr. 6) and Buck Mountain Central (Gr. 7 – Gr. 12).

Historically, all three (3) schools' enrollments have been such that each school operates significantly underutilized. Future enrolment projections anticipate further enrolment decline.

	2024 <u>Enrolment</u>	2026(P) <u>Enrolment</u>	2024 <u>Utilization</u>
Alder Flats	81	67	40%
Winfield	74	67	31%
Buck Mountain	146	156	51%

A new K-12 school would provide economies of scale and provide the opportunity to enhance and increase program offerings

The new school would be constructed to accommodate 365 students.

Project Category: New - Replacement School

Grade Configuration: ECS (K) to Grade Twelve (12)

Total Project Cost: \$25,826,720

Requested Scheduled Start Date: April 1, 2026

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2029

**Key Project Drivers:** Demographics, Financial Pressure, Infrastructure Condition, Functionality and Programming and Health and Safety

# MODERNIZATION OF PIGEON LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL

Pigeon Lake Regional School School is located in the rural community of Falun, Alberta.

Currently, the school is designed in such a way that the School Board is unable to offer robust programming related to vocational trades, for example; Construction, Welding, Automotive Mechanics.

A facility modernization is required to address this inequity.

Project Category: Preservation – Facility Modernization

Grade Configuration: Grade Seven (7) to Grade Twelve (12)

Total Project Cost: \$2,540,000

Requested Scheduled Start Date: April 1, 2026

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2027

**Key Project Drivers:** Functionality and Programming

# CTS SPACES AT WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Wetaskiwin Composite High School is located in the City of Wetaskiwin and offers a Grade Nine (9) – Twelve (12) program.

This school received a major modernization in 2016 but a significant portion of the capital dollars were required to upgrade electrical and mechanical systems. While this school is designed to offer vocational trades programming the facility spaces and program equipment need upgrading.

Project Category: Preservation – Facility Modernization

Grade Configuration: Grade Nine (9) to Grade Twelve (12)

Total Project Cost: \$508,000

Requested Scheduled Start Date: April 1, 2026

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2027

**Key Project Drivers:** Building Condition, Functionality and Programming and Health and Safety



# CLEAR VISTA SCHOOL SPRINKLER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Clear Vista School is located in the City of Wetaskiwin and offers an ECS – Grade 8 program was built in 2002.

Evidence of a high rate of corrosion and pin-hole leaks in the sprinkler system pipe and fittings necessitated the investigation on the status of the sprinkler system. This investigation uncovered a number of serious issues that will inevitably cause or contribute to multiple sprinkler failures throughout the building.

Project Category: Preservation – Facility Modernization

Grade Configuration: ECS (K) to Grade Eight (8)

Total Project Cost: \$858,520

Requested Scheduled Start Date: August 1, 2025

Proposed Scheduled Completion Date: August 31, 2027

**Key Project Drivers:** Building Condition and Health and Safety