Ten Year Capital Plan

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools held public consultations during the 2008-2009 school year. The Board of Trustees developed eleven strategies based on the ideas and suggestions of parents who attended the public consultations at Buck Mountain, Pigeon Lake Regional, and Wetaskiwin Composite High schools. The majority of these strategies are being implemented during the 2009 – 2010 school year.

One such strategy is a comprehensive review of the Division’s educational facilities. The review will deliver analysis, options and recommendations that will form the basis of a Ten Year Capital Plan. The intent of the review is to create educational spaces that are sustainable, given reduction in educational funding from the Government of Alberta due to declining student enrolment and increasing costs.

On-site consultations at each facility took place during the early part of November. The Ten Year Capital Plan recommendations will come forward in December and could include, but are not limited to facility replacement, modernization, right-sizing, reconfiguration or no change. For each facility and the Division as a whole, consideration could include, but is not limited to:

- Enrolment projections and the effect on utilization rates;
- Facility condition;
- Transportation routing and ride times;
- Programming requirements;
- Services provided to non-resident students;
- Grade configuration or re-configuration;
- Overall immediate community needs and/or sector needs;
- Number of school facilities; and
- Jurisdictional needs.

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to hold public consultations on the draft recommendations in the Ten Year Capital Plan once they have been created. Dates and locations for the Ten Year Capital Plan public consultation meetings have not yet been determined.

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