

WESTWIND SCHOOL DIVISION NO.74

CAPITAL PLAN 2020-2023

PREAMBLE

Completion of the Stirling and Magrath School Modernization Projects

- Westwind has been fortunate to have the modernization of these schools. Each of these schools have completed their modernizations.
- There have been community and corporate partnerships entered for these two modernization projects which has created additional funding. Westwind realizes the benefits these partnerships will provide to students, the community, and stakeholders.
- The partnerships entered provide for shared community/school library space and enhanced fine arts space. The CTS building/Innovation Centre in Magrath, which was utilized for decanting purposes throughout the construction phase, is where the Sustainable Agriculture Education Partnership (SAEP) work will take place.

CURRENT BOARD PRIORITIES

1. New School for Raymond

- a. The Town of Raymond continues to experience significant growth. Raymond is a bedroom community to Lethbridge – and with the lower cost of housing and the planned development in place continued growth is anticipated. The existing Town facilities and forward thinking of Raymond Town Council makes this location desirable for young families.
 - i. Raymond population growth from 1941 – 2000 was 1100
 - ii. Raymond population growth from 2001 – 2020 (last three years projected) is anticipated to be 1350
 - iii. More growth in last 20 years than previous 60 by 250
- b. Current Utilization of the two Raymond sites combined is almost 100%. Enrolment growth in these schools has increased by 224 in the last 10 years and is projected to increase by the same amount in the next 10 years. With these enrolment increases the utilization will be well over 100%.
- c. The Town of Raymond has provided a letter of support to Westwind as Westwind seeks Government support towards a new School.

2. Raymond Junior/Senior High School – Need for Additional Instructional Space (with an identified need for an increase in space for the band program)

- a. The needs at these schools is largely contingent upon the results of Capital Plan priority #1.
 - i. If the Alberta Government recognizes the need to build a new school the grade configuration of the Elementary and existing RJHS/RHS will be changed.
 - ii. The new school will provide additional space at the existing RJHS/RHS site.

- b. With increased enrolment at the Raymond Elementary School there is a need for more instructional space at Raymond Junior High and Raymond High School.
- c. It has been determined at previous Board Planning Sessions the need for a larger Music/Band Room and to have this need included as a capital priority. The growth of the band program in Raymond has created a pressing need for a larger music room. The current band room was designed for about half of the current enrolment numbers for orchestral band.
- d. There is the possibility to explore an enhanced CTS facility/program similar as to the one in Magrath. Whether this space is accomplished with additional space attached to the existing facility or as an annex facility would require more detailed planning.