



# Palliser Regional Schools

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## 2016-2019 CAPITAL PLAN – March 15, 2016

### Priority 1 - Huntsville School Mini Modernization

The original wing has a basement that is very wet and requires constant monitoring for mold. We had the mold cleaned completely in the summer of 2012 and we get the school's air quality tested regularly. Last spring we placed a seacan on the school grounds to reduce the need to use the basement. The scope of this modernization project would include eliminating the basement, replacing the classrooms and creating an administration and mechanical space above ground, enlarging the gym space, modernizing the main floor including accessible washrooms and tying in the existing sewer to the town system. The main floor and office area of the school is in good shape and we upgraded the flooring and cabinets in all the classrooms in 2013.

Alberta Education has visited the site and agrees with the Divisions assessment. They have scheduled a Value Management assessment meeting for May of this year. Current utilization is 50%. This project will include a partial right sizing of the school (loss of lower level).

The Huntsville School as we know it now was built in 1941, with four classrooms, a library, a supply room and a small office for the principal. An addition was added to Huntsville in 1958 to make the school what we see today.

Estimated cost on this project is \$2.5-\$3.0 million.

### Priority 2 - Barons

Barons - The Barons school is in need of usable administration space and does not have any barrier free classrooms or washrooms. Presently any student or staff member that cannot manage stairs cannot attend a class without assistance. Currently there is one student attending the school that requires staff assistance getting up and down stairs and is restricted to the pre-school area for that reason. Another logistical issue in the school is the administration area being spread out over a number of locations and floors. This creates a challenging work environment for the schools administration and support team. The scope of this capital project includes installing an elevator for barrier free access throughout the school, creating a new functional administration area in the North entry of the school, renovating the bathrooms to meet current code requirements and replacing the roof area over the administration and washroom space.

Alberta Education has also visited this site and asks us to have an engineered report prepared and submitted to address the issues identified above. The report has been concluded and the estimated cost for the scope of work identified is just over \$1 million (\$1,028,500 – report sent to Alberta Education). Current utilization is 65%

The main building of the Barons School was built in 1929. The existing administration and gym area was added in 1960. The building received a substantial mechanical upgrade (heating system) to the original building in 2015.

Estimated cost on this project is \$1.0 – 1.250 million.

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students  
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*

### **Priority 3 - Kate Andrews High School Modernization**

The continued population growth in the town of Coaldale (1.74% per year for the past five years – 2013 Census Information) has continued to put pressure on all four of our school located in the town. With Jennie Emery operating at over 90% utilization, the capital requirements in our system will need upgrading to accommodate those students as they reach the high school years. We have capacity and updated facilities at RI Baker to meet middle school needs but Kate Andrews High School is a dated building that is starting to show its age and is revealing some potential structural and mechanical issues as well. This will require a full scope evaluation of the facility to determine structural, mechanical and functional needs moving forward. Presently the school is operating at 61% utilization.

The school was originally built in 1959 with upgrades and additions in 1964, 1970, 1987 and 2004. Major capital projects completed in the school over the past few years have included new roofing, replacing portions of flooring, window replacements and adding new roof drains.

Estimated cost on this project is \$10.0-\$12.0 million.

### **Priority 4 - Coalhurst High School Modernization**

Coalhurst High School is over 60 years old and although functional, it is inefficient and in need of a facelift. Perpetual drainage problems on the site and increasing concerns about the cast iron main sewer lines are two major issues of this older building. The school's cast iron plumbing system is nearing the end of its life cycle and has caused some maintenance issues over the past few years. At some point that system will have to be addressed requiring substantial demolition to parts of the school. This will require a full scope evaluation of the facility to determine structural, mechanical and functional needs moving forward. Presently the school is operating at 49% utilization. The town has experienced 9.6 % growth in the past two years.

School was built in 1957 with additions in 1973 and 1975.

Estimated cost on this project is \$7.0-\$8.0 million.