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### Superintendent's Report August 23, 2017

To: Board of Trustees

From: C. Lewis, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject: Mary Bergeron Elementary School Update**

Originator: K. Baluch, Director – Facility Services

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receive an update on the Mary Bergeron Elementary School project, as information.

#### **REPORT**

##### **Background:**

Interior work on the classrooms and administration area is almost complete. The gym and learning commons is scheduled for completion in October and the playground is scheduled to start installation towards the end of August. The furniture from Evergreen and A.H. Dakin is being moved the week of August 23, 2017. The exterior panelling and stucco work has started and the parking lot and drop off loop is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Landscaping will start in September.

##### **Context of the Recommendation:**

October 8, 2014, the Province of Alberta announced school projects that would be moving forward immediately. Included in this announcement was the replacement of the A.H. Dakin School.

February 27, 2015, administration and representatives from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure toured Evergreen School. Following this tour, administration recommended to the Board of Trustees that the modernization of Evergreen School be included in the 3-Year Capital Plan.

On April 8, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the 3-Year Capital Plan which included the modernization of Evergreen School.

June 2015, as a result of the request in the 3-Year Capital Plan and the earlier tour of Evergreen School, Alberta Education shared their internal evaluation of the A.H. Dakin and Evergreen Schools and included the replacement of Evergreen School by adding space to the A.H. Dakin/Evergreen Project. Representatives of Alberta Education have indicated the following:

- The replacement of A.H. Dakin alone would be only supported to 200 students (not 350 requested by the Board). This is based on Dakin's current enrolment and changes to school facility guidelines which construct schools to 100 % capacity.
- Alberta Education would support including the replacement of Evergreen School within the current replacement project, expanding the project to a single 450 student school, noting the Board's request to have Evergreen School modernized.

October 7, 2015, Alberta Education announced that the A.H. Dakin/Evergreen school project has been fully approved with an opening capacity of 450 students with the permanent core sized to accommodate a fully built out capacity of 500 students. The full build out would be realized through the addition of two modular classrooms.

December 16, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the plans, in principal, for the Edson Replacement School.

January 11, 2017, the Board of Trustees approved the name for the new replacement school in Edson that is currently under construction to be: Mary Bergeron Elementary School

The design committee, established by the superintendent, has representatives from many stakeholder groups: parents, staff, school and division administration. Student representatives may also be included, depending on the project.

**Conclusion:**

That the Board of Trustees receive an update on the progress of the Mary Bergeron Elementary School.