



Red Deer Catholic and Chinook's Edge work together to benefit Innisfail students

For immediate Release, June 23, 2010: Chinook's Edge School Division and Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools have approved the final report of a 3-day workshop held in March 2010. The Value Management Scoping Workshop involved both school jurisdictions, Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure. It explored options that would allow both divisions to better meet the facility needs of Innisfail students.

On Tuesday, June 22nd, Red Deer Catholic Regional Division's board approved the report that recommends that École St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School in Innisfail get much needed space to accommodate its student population. The school would get a larger gymnasium, a library, a few more classrooms, and would be able to repurpose the current gym for music classes and Career and Technology Studies.

On Wednesday, June 23rd, Chinook's Edge School Division's board approved the final report that recommends a new state-of-the-art gym at Innisfail High School, a new elevated library linking John Wilson Elementary School to Innisfail Middle School, and long-awaited renovations and new construction of classroom space.

Christine Moore, Board Chair at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Division, said, "The discussions were very positive as they always centered on the facility needs of Innisfail students. The Board believes that the report findings address the current facility needs of its students."

"We are pleased with the results of the report and with how we have worked together to meet the needs of all students in Innisfail," said Ian Taylor, Board Chair for Chinook's Edge School Division.

Capital plans of both school divisions support the final report's recommendations and boards now await funding approval from Alberta Education.

Chinook's Edge is Alberta's largest rural school division, serving over 10,000 students in 42 schools throughout a large region of South Central Alberta.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 6500 students in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail and Olds.

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