



2020-2021 Summer Capital Projects, Capital Priorities Program and School Ventilation Updates

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Background

Summer Capital Projects Update

In the 2020-2021 school year, The Board completed work on 60 capital projects at twenty-four St. Clair Catholic locations. Over 11 million dollars was invested in ventilation, security, roofing, plumbing, asphalt/sitework, and interior renovation projects. Projects were funded through the Ministry of Education (Ministry) annual School Condition Improvement and School Renewal funding allocations, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS), Air Quality funding allocation and Accumulated Surplus. At our upcoming October board meeting, the Board of Trustees will receive a report for information that provides a detailed report reconciling the actual expenditures versus budgeted.

Capital Priorities Program Update

On March 24, 2021, the Ministry announced the 2021-2022 Capital Priorities Program including Child Care Capital Funding, which provided school boards an opportunity to identify their most urgent pupil accommodation needs. On May 21, 2021, in line with the Board's Capital Plan, the Board submitted three separate business case submissions to the Ministry for consideration.

- Priority rank # 1, Ursuline College Chatham – Replacement School.
- Priority rank # 2, St Philip Catholic School, Petrolia – Childcare Addition and Renovation (a joint business submission with Generations Day Care Inc. current child care operator)
- Priority rank # 3, Christ the King, Wallaceburg – Port-A-Pak replacement.

The Board anticipates notification of successful business submissions, in late fall of 2021 to early 2022.

School Ventilation Update

On August 4, 2021, the Ministry released memorandum 2021:B14, in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, the memo included:

- Updated ventilation best practice guidance
- Details of the investment in and approach to allocating standalone HEPA filter units; and
- Introduction of a standardized school ventilation report.

Our board's funding allocation to purchase HEPA units for FDK classrooms was \$21,000 and the Ministry centrally procured 75 HEPA units for learning spaces without mechanical ventilation. Our board purchased 53 HEPA units in addition to the 75 HEPA units provided by the Ministry for all JK/SK and SK/1 classrooms in our system.

Recommendation

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *2020-2021 Summer Capital Projects, Capital Priorities Program and School Ventilation Updates* for information.