



St. Clair Catholic
District School Board



2020-2021 Capital Projects and Capital Priorities Update

September 28, 2021

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, and over the past summer, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board completed work on 60 capital projects, at 24 locations across the system. More than \$11 million was invested in ventilation, security, roofing, plumbing, asphalt, site work and interior renovation projects.

The projects were funded through the Ministry of Education's annual School Condition Improvement and School Renewal funding allocations, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS), Air Quality funding allocation and accumulated surplus dollars.

"I want to thank our Facility Services team, led by Associate Director Amy Janssens and Facility Services Manager Tony Montanino, for making these important projects a priority in our schools," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. "The health, safety and wellness of our students and staff is always our first priority."

A complete listing of 2020-2021 projects is below:

Building Envelope

Catholic Education Centre Roof Replacement
Catholic Education Centre Window Replacement
Gregory Hogan Windows
Holy Rosary Roof Replacement
Holy Trinity Exterior Shell (Design)
Our Lady of Fatima Roof Replacement
St Anne Sarnia Window 2022 (Design)
St Anne Sarnia Window Replacement
St Matthew Exterior Shell (Design)
St Patrick Window 2022 (Design)
St Patrick Window Replacement

Health & Safety

Catholic Education Centre Security Upgrades
Christ The King Security Upgrades
Good Shepherd Security Upgrades



Gregory Hogan Security Upgrades
Holy Family Security Upgrades
Holy Rosary Security Upgrades
Holy Trinity Security Upgrades
Our Lady of Fatima Security Upgrades
Sacred Heart Port Lambton Security Upgrades
St Angela Merici Security Upgrades
St Anne Blenheim Security Upgrades
St Anne Sarnia Security Upgrades
St Elizabeth Security Upgrades
St John Fisher Security Upgrades
St Joseph Corunna Security Upgrades
St Joseph Tilbury Security Upgrades
St Matthew Security Upgrades
St Michael Bright's Grove Security Upgrades
St Michael Ridgetown Security Upgrades
St Patrick Security Upgrades
St Patrick Security Upgrades
St Peter Canisius Security Upgrades
St Philip Security Upgrades
Ursuline College Security Upgrades
Ursuline College Security Upgrades (CCTV)

Mechanical & Electrical

Catholic Education Centre HVAC Phase 2 (VVT)
Catholic Education Centre HVAC Phase 1(RTU)
Christ The King Plumbing Upgrades
Gregory Hogan Mechanical
Holy Family Mechanical Upgrades
Our Lady of Fatima Childcare Mechanical Upgrades
Our Lady of Fatima PA/Data Wiring
St Anne Blenheim Mechanical Upgrades
St Elizabeth Mechanical Upgrades
St John Fisher Mechanical Upgrades (Design)
St Joseph Corunna Mechanical Upgrades
St Michael Bright's Grove Mechanical & Window
St Philip Mechanical Upgrades (RTU)



St Philip Plumbing Upgrades
Ursuline College BMS Upgrades

Renovations & Alterations

Our Lady of Fatima Interior Renovations
Our Lady of Fatima Lockers
Ursuline College Interior Reno
Ursuline College Library Upgrades

Site Improvements

Christ The King Parking Lot Replacement
Christ The King Site Improvements
Our Lady of Fatima Asphalt Replacement
Our Lady of Fatima Road Sign
Sacred Heart Port Lambton Asphalt Upgrades
St Angela Merici Road Sign
St Elizabeth Fence
St Joseph Corunna Parking Lot
St Joseph Tilbury Parking Lot

Capital Priorities

New Gregory Hogan Catholic School (Design)
New South Chatham Catholic School (Design)
Sacred Heart Port Lambton Addition & Renovation (Design)

At tonight's meeting, Trustees were also updated on capital priorities, which identify the Board's most urgent pupil accommodation needs. These include:

- Priority #1 – a replacement school for Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School;
- Priority #2 – a childcare addition and renovation at St. Philip Catholic School, Petrolia;
- Priority #3 – a port-a-pak replacement at Christ The King Catholic School, Wallaceburg.

The Board has forwarded three separate business case submissions to the Ministry of Education for consideration. Notification of successful submissions is expected in late fall of 2021 to early 2022.

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Board Presents 2021-2022 Community Planning and Partnership Update

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At tonight's Regular Board Meeting, Trustees received an update on the *Long Term Capital Plan*, which includes planning for future Board initiatives.

All school boards in Ontario are required to share with community partners information regarding their long-term capital plans. St. Clair Catholic's *Long Term Capital Plan* provides background information with respect to the Board's future capital needs and accommodation strategy and a framework for decision-making regarding facilities. The report provides specific data and information related to enrolment trends, facility conditions and strategies and schedules for accommodation.

"Our annual report to Trustees and our community partners shares important planning information," says Amy Janssens, Associate Director – Corporate Services & Treasurer. "Projects named in the report have all be identified by the Board as priorities; however, they are all at various stages of Ministry approval."

Tonight's report is an update to the 2018-2022 document. A new *Long Term Capital Plan* is scheduled to be released in September 2023.

Highlights for the 2021-2022 Budget Year:

Planning Area	Accommodation Activities
E1: Sarnia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete design and begin construction of Sacred Heart Replacement School • Procure additional portables for Gregory A. Hogan and St. Anne, Sarnia if required
E2: Lambton County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure additional portables for St. Joseph, Corunna and St. Philip, if required • Begin design of child care addition and renovation at St. Joseph, Corunna • Begin design of child care expansion and school addition at St. Philip
E3: Wallaceburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete design and begin construction of portapak replacement at Sacred Heart, Port Lambton



- Begin design of portapak replacement at Christ the King
 - Procure portables for Christ the King, if required
- E4: Chatham
 - Complete purchase of land for South Chatham Elementary School
 - Complete design and begin construction of South Chatham Elementary School
 - Open newly retrofitted Monsignor Uyen in former Our Lady of Fatima school building
 - Sell St. Vincent and Monsignor Uyen
- E5: Kent County
 - Procure portables at St. Anne, Blenheim, if required
- S2: Kent County – UCC
 - Submit land priorities application to purchase land for Ursuline College Replacement School
 - Begin design of Ursuline College Replacement School

Highlights for the 2022-2023 Budget Year:

Planning Area	Accommodation Activities
E1: Sarnia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete construction of Sacred Heart Replacement School • Procure additional portables for Gregory A. Hogan and St. Anne, Sarnia if required • Declare Sacred Heart Sarnia surplus and initiate disposition process (Ontario Regulation 444/98)
E2: Lambton County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure additional portables for St. Joseph, Corunna and St. Philip, if required • Complete design and begin construction of child care addition and renovation at St. Joseph, Corunna • Complete design and begin construction of child care expansion and school addition at St. Philip
E3: Wallaceburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete construction of portapak replacement at Sacred Heart, Port Lambton • Complete design and begin construction of portapak replacement at Christ the King • Procure portables for Christ the King, if required • Investigate accommodation review for Wallaceburg planning area
E4: Chatham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete construction of South Chatham Elementary School • Declare Georges P. Vanier and St. Ursula surplus and initiate disposition process (Ontario Regulation 444/98)
E5: Kent County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure portables at St. Anne, Blenheim, if required



S2: Kent County – UCC
Replacement School

- Complete design and begin construction of Ursuline College

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Director of Education Deb Crawford Releases Report on Board Activities for 2020-2021

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Director of Education Deb Crawford has released her annual report, which profiles the many learning activities and initiatives for students, including faith formation and Catholic citizenship; as well as profiling the progress of new school projects and capital improvements to schools right across the district.

"I am pleased to present the *Director's Annual Report 2020-2021* to the Board of Trustees, our families and staff, and to our many parish and community partners," says Mrs. Crawford. "Although it seemed at times our work was consumed with COVID-19, it was not the only business of this Board. We made noticeable advances throughout the year in meaningful learning, faith activities, new school builds and upgrades, and ongoing initiatives with community partners, as is evident throughout the pages of the report."

Mrs. Crawford also noted that this would be her final report to the Board. Her retirement, which she announced last March, is effective September 30, 2021.

"As this is my last report, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for the tremendous opportunity you have given me to serve this Board, our staff, our students, their families, our parishes and our many community partners," says Mrs. Crawford. "I also want to thank our staff. Working together and supporting each other, we have done tremendous work because of and in spite of COVID-19. With our Catholic faith to guide us, we have helped to lift up our students and families, to fill them with hope and the certain belief that, with Christ as our Shepherd, we will come through this pandemic together."

The *Director's Annual Report 2020-2021* is posted to the Board website at:

<https://cloud.42north.ca/sccdsb/dar>

It will now be forwarded to the Minister of Education and shared with staff, families, parish and community partners and other publicly funded school boards across the province.

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'Showers of Blessings' as Deb Crawford Retires

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The Board of Trustees presented 'Showers of Blessings' to Deb Crawford, as she attended her final Board Meeting before her retirement, which was announced in March and takes effect on September 30, 2021.

"Deb we want you to know how much we have appreciated your tremendous leadership at St. Clair Catholic over these past several years," said John Van Heck, Chair of the Board. "Your service to Catholic education stretches back 38 years. You've been with St. Clair Catholic for 20 of those years, and we are truly grateful for that!"

As a surprise for Mrs. Crawford, her family, including her husband, children, grandchildren and brother, joined the meeting virtually, as Trustees led a service of prayer and blessing.

"May you retire confidently, knowing that St. Clair Catholic will remember your influence," said Mat Roop, Vice Chair of the Board. "May you take leave of your career knowing that the work you leave to others will continue to flourish in your absence. And may you take hold of your new-found freedom with the same enthusiasm that you have given your work."

Scott Johnson assumes the role of Director of Education on October 1, 2021.

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Trustees Receive Report on Activities Planned for Truth and Reconciliation Week and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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At the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting, the Board of Trustees received a report on the many activities planned for Truth and Reconciliation Week and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, which is September 30.

“The acknowledgement of Truth and Reconciliation Week and the learning activities for our students provide opportunities for schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for future generations,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

“St. Clair Catholic has a history of bringing first hand-learning to communities across the system, in keeping with the Calls to Action outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, as we deepen our relationships with Indigenous partners,” says Mrs. Crawford.

Cortnee Goure, Indigenous Education Lead for St. Clair Catholic, took Trustees through a number of student learning activities, which are featured on the Board website at:

<https://www.st-clair.net/truth-and-reconciliation-week-1.aspx>

Beginning on September 21 through October 1, the Board is hosting virtual sessions for classrooms, staff, parents, and community to engage and learn firsthand from survivors and family members of survivors of the residential school system in Canada. Classrooms are also participating in virtual sessions hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Additionally, all schools are encouraged to have a moment of silence on September 30 and to show support of Indigenous people by wearing orange.

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St. Clair Catholic Invests \$9.6 Million in Upgrades to Improve Ventilation at Schools Across the District

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Clair Catholic has made a sizeable investment of more than \$9.6 million to improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at schools across the district. Improved ventilation is one strategy to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in schools. These projects include:

- New HVAC systems in schools with partial mechanical ventilation systems
- Upgraded air filters on all HVAC equipment, at all schools;
 - Filters are monitored monthly and replaced as necessary, or every three months at a minimum
- Purchase and installation of portable air conditioners and high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration units for classrooms in schools which are not air conditioned, to improve occupant comfort and lower classroom humidity
- Purchase and installation of HEPA air filtration units in all kindergarten classrooms in all schools
- Purchase and installation of operable windows in classrooms with previously inoperable windows

In addition, the Board is working to ensure all HVAC equipment is working efficiently to optimize air circulation and meet system targets. Increased servicing and cleaning of rooftop units, unit ventilators and terminal devices has also been undertaken and will continue during the 2021-2022 school year. The Board continues to invest operating, maintenance and capital funds in improvements as part of regular maintenance and capital expenditures.

“At St. Clair Catholic we are using our provincial and federal funding dollars to improve the efficiency of our heating and cooling systems and employing strategies to optimize ventilation and air circulation in classrooms and offices right across the district,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

“On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our Facility Services department for being proactive in this very important work, which supports good health, safety and wellness for all students, staff and visitors to our buildings,” says Mrs. Crawford.

Other strategies for improved ventilation include:

- Facility Services staff rely on the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHREA) professional association for support in assessing and implementing technical matters related to the operation of mechanical systems in school facilities
- Retained an expert (Mechanical Consultant - Chorley & Bisset) to conduct site assessments, at all schools
- Implement ASHREA's Epidemic Task Force recommended guidelines, COVID-19 Building Readiness opening document for schools and universities.

- Increased mechanical air filtration
- Engaged licensed HVAC vendors to monitor air filters and inspect equipment monthly
- Increased outdoor air ventilation
- Keep mechanical ventilation systems running longer (pre and post occupancy)
- Added portable A/C units to all non-air conditioned learning spaces
- Added portable room air filtration (HEPA) systems to all occupied learning environments in schools without mechanical ventilation
- Installed dedicated electrical power to all spaces requiring portable A/C units
- Bypass energy recovery system
- Upgraded Building Automation Systems (BAS) at various schools to provide new digital controls to operate HVAC systems

School Specific Information

St. Clair Catholic has created a Standardized School Ventilation Measures Report, which provides a snapshot of school ventilation and filtration measures taken at each school. The report can be found on the Board website at: <https://www.st-clair.net/broader-public-sector-accountability.aspx>

As drinking water fountains were closed as a result of the pandemic, funding was also used to install water bottle filling stations at schools which did not have the filling stations. A complete list of projects is below:

School	Project Description
Christ the King Catholic School	Water Bottle Filling Station Installation
Holy Family Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Anne Catholic School	Window Replacement
St. Anne Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	Water Bottle Filling Station Installation
St. John Fisher Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Joseph Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Joseph Catholic School	Water Bottle Filling Station Installation
St. Michael Catholic School	HVAC Upgrades
St. Michael Catholic School	Window Replacement
St. Patrick's Catholic High School	Window Replacement
St. Philip Catholic School	Water Bottle Filling Station Installation

Projects have varying completion dates; however, all work is expected to be concluded by December 31, 2021.

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