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Subject: **2024-25 Capital Project Approval**

Background

Each year the Board identifies capital projects that are priority to upgrade, renew, and maintain school facilities. The Ministry of Education provides annual funding allocations to support these expenditures.

School Condition Improvement (SCI)

School Condition Improvement is a capital renewal program that allows school boards to revitalize and renew aged building components that have exceeded or will exceed their useful life cycle. Items eligible for SCI funding are identified through the ministry's School Facility Condition Assessment Program.

The Ministry requires that at least 70 percent (restricted) of the SCI Grant – School Renewal is to be spent on major building components and systems, and at most 30 percent (unrestricted) on building interiors, site, and other components considered non-critical.

The SCI Grant – School Renewal can only be used on depreciable renewal expenditures in schools that are expected to remain open and to address renewal priorities of the Board.

The Board's SCI allocation for the 2024-25 school year is \$4,208,406.

School Renewal Allocation (SRA)

The School Renewal Allocation is a multi-faceted program that allows school boards to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components. This includes roof replacement and replacing of aged HVAC systems. The program also allows school boards to undertake capital improvements (e.g. building automation systems, air-conditioning systems, address program-related needs and accessibility-related enhancements). In addition, SRA also allows school boards to address maintenance requirements such as painting, roof patching and pavement/parking repairs.

The Board's projected SRA allocation for the 2024-25 school year is \$1,584,303.

2024-2025 Total Funding Available

SCI and SRA allocations that are not used within the school year are deferred and carried forward for use in a subsequent year. The 2023-24 unused balances carried forward are added to the 2024-25 school year allocations for SCI and SRA funding to determine the total SCI and SRA funding available for the 2024-25 school year as summarized below:

	2023-24 Carry Forward	2024-25 Allocation	Total Available
School Condition Improvement (SCI)	\$ 2,198,516	\$ 4,208,406	\$ 6,406,922
School Renewal Allocation (SRA)	\$ 737,740	\$ 1,584,303	\$ 2,322,043
Total Capital Funding	\$ 2,936,256	\$ 5,792,709	\$ 8,728,965

Renewal Funding Time Limits

Per Ministry of Education memo 2024:B08, all new School Condition Improvement (SCI) and School Renewal Allocation (SRA) funds will expire approximately 2.5 years after the allocation date. All funds carried forward from 2023-24 will expire March 31, 2026, and 2024-25 funds will expire March 31, 2027.

Financial Implications

Appendix A presents the proposed capital project budget for renewal projects requiring Board approval in accordance with Sec. B Policy – Purchasing. The proposed funding sources are as follows:

School Condition Improvement (SCI)	\$ 2,590,000
School Renewal Allocation (SRA)	\$ 0
Total Capital Funding	\$ 2,590,000

In addition to the projects presented for approval, the Board is still working to complete the previously approved gymnasium expansion and major renovations at the new Sacred Heart in Sarnia, with \$2,442,665 in SCI budget and \$1,517,995 in SRA budget outstanding for 2024-2025. There are also approximately 17 capital projects with budgets falling beneath the Sec. B Policy – Purchasing approval requirements are planned for 2024-25, with budgets totalling approximately \$725,000. Appendix B presents the additional planned capital projects for information.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *2024-25 Capital Project Approval*, for information.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve the award of contracts related to the Capital Projects presented in Appendix A for the 2024-2025 school year where the budget does not exceed the estimated level of grant available from the Ministry of Education and where the project budget does not exceed the estimated budget enclosed in this report entitled 2024-25 Capital Project Approval dated March 25, 2025.



Appendix A: 2024-25 Capital Projects by Project Type

Project Type and Location	Budget
Renovations & Alterations St. Patrick's High School – Gymnasium Renovations	\$ 690,000
Site Improvements Sacred Heart, Sarnia – Rear Asphalt and Yard Improvements St. Anne, Blenheim – Rear Asphalt and Yard Improvements St. Elizabeth – Rear Asphalt and Yard Improvements	1,900,000
Total Capital Funding	\$ 2,590,000



Appendix B: 2024-25 Additional Capital Projects by Project Type

Project Type and Location
Renovations & Alterations Gregory A. Hogan – Accessibility Upgrades St. Anne, Blenheim – Accessibility Upgrades St. John Fisher – Accessibility Upgrades St. Joseph, Tilbury – Accessibility Upgrades St. Peter Canisius – Stair Lift Upgrades Ursuline College – Special Education Storage Expansion
Mechanical & Electrical Projects St. Anne, Sarnia – Heat Pump Replacement St. Michael, Ridgetown – Fire Alarm Replacement
Building Envelope Projects St. Anne Blenheim – Siding Replacement St. Michael, Bright's Grove – Facade Repairs Ursuline College – Roof Repairs
Site Improvements Gregory A. Hogan – Outdoor Play Improvements (School Funded) Holy Trinity – Outdoor Play Improvements (School Funded) Sacred Heart, Sarnia – Outdoor Play Improvements (School Funded) St. Michael, Bright's Grove – Outdoor Play Improvements (School Funded) St. Patrick's High School – Parking Lot Repairs
Temporary Accommodations St. Angela Merici – Portable 1