

June 23, 2015



Community Members of Edson

Re: A.H. Dakin and Evergreen Schools' Proposal

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we would like to sincerely thank all community members in Edson who came forward to express their thoughts in regards to the planning of a new school facility in the Town of Edson over the last couple of years.

Through two community Open Houses, informal conversations, School Council meetings, emails and personal conversations, our Board has gathered information to make a recommendation to the Province to move both A.H. Dakin School and Evergreen School into a new school facility which will be built on the larger Dakin property in the east end of Edson. We are very excited to plan for a wonderful new school that will complement the great programming already offered at both schools which will only be enhanced with new upgrades that may include a new kitchen, double the current sized gymnasium, a dedicated recycle room, and a safer and streamlined bus lane to ensure our students' health and well-being when going to school.

As we wait for the final approval from the Province to move forward, please be assured that students at both schools will continue to receive an exceptional education and that once construction on the facility begins, students' schooling at both schools will not be interrupted. Our target is to open the new school in the Fall of 2017 which will be large enough to comfortably hold both school populations, but still offer a welcoming and caring atmosphere that our school community members expect.

We are sure you are just as excited as we are to start with designing a new school. Your participation in the design process is not only encouraged, but will be critical to ensure that we meet the needs of both schools' communities.

Once again, thank you for your time and please feel free to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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