

Division NEWS

Capital Plan Announcement

Immediate Release: March 10, 2021 - The Province announced that Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's number one priority on their Three-Year Capital Plan is one of five capital projects approved for design funding during today's announcement. The Board's number one priority on their Three-Year Capital Plan for the last three years has been the consolidation of Grand Trunk High School, Evansview School in Evansburg, and Wildwood School in Wildwood, into a K – 12 school with a 500-student capacity at Grand Trunk High.

The amalgamation of all three schools was approved at a Public Board meeting on September 27, 2018. Multiple engagement sessions provided opportunities for community and stakeholder input regarding future programming for students of Wildwood and Evansburg, considering the infrastructure, student enrollment, and resources available. A timeline of the process to determine the Board's number one capital priority included:

- **March and April 2018** - A facility review, or (Value Scoping) session facilitated by Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure in the spring of 2018. Participants included representatives from school councils (parents), school administration (Wildwood School, Evansview School and Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)), municipal elected officials, GYPSD's Board of Trustees and senior administration, Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, architects, and cost consultants. The session centered around informative discussions on the different options and possibilities for school facilities in both Evansburg and Wildwood, communities located in the division's east end, Lobstick Zone.
- **September 13-22, 2018** - A series of community engagement sessions were held to discuss the options that were discussed at the value scoping sessions including an online survey for stakeholders unable to attend in-person.
- **September 27, 2018** - The Board passed a motion to revise the Three-Year Capital Plan (2019-2022), placing the Grand Trunk Amalgamation option as its number one priority. The new option amalgamates all three schools into one fully modernized 500 student facility from kindergarten to Grade 12 on the Grand Trunk High School site in Evansburg.
- **April 3, 2019** – The Board approved the transfer of the Wildwood junior high program (Grades 7-9) to Grand Trunk High School for the 2019/2020 school year.

Next Steps

Now that design funding approval has been announced by the Province, the Board will move forward with further discussions with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure over the next few months to determine the full scope of the project, including the facility's design and funding to ensure that it meets the future learning needs of the communities of Wildwood and Evansburg.