

What We Heard from Alberta Infrastructure - September 16, 2021

Modernization Goals for Grand Trunk:

- to reconfigure the internal footprint within the existing structure of Grand Trunk to accommodate a K-12 school facility and its programs
- to ensure functionality, and bring the building up to safety codes and standards
- to stay within the provincial budget for the project
- the project's budget is based on the student capacity projection of 515

Other factors:

- the external shape of the building will not change
- the internal footprint of the current school will be changed to address 21 teaching stations, ancillary spaces, program-specific spaces (CTS, science)
- the province uses a formula to calculate the project budget - this formula is applied to all school projects across the province
- the provincial calculation for the project does not provide for a second gym and the government does not move beyond their framework for basing the budget on student enrollment numbers
- the school jurisdiction has a period of time during the design phase to raise funds for an additional gym
- the learning commons is part of the budget (learning commons = 'library') and the board can work within the community to agree to shared-use
- the size of the government-funded gym will not exceed 595 sq/metre

