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“SPECIAL MEETINGS” for parents & community members regarding Medicine Hat & Bow Island Catholic Schools

- All members of the **Medicine Hat** and **Bow Island Catholic Community** are invited to attend a number of **very important information meetings** in the upcoming weeks to discuss facilities and grade re-configuration within our school division. The Board of Trustees has asked Senior Administration to hold these meetings in order to:
 - **Present the results of the latest Regional Facility Plan**
 - **Share our response to the Regional Facility Plan**
 - **Get input from you on the Regional Facility Plan and Grade Re-Configuration Proposal, as recommended to the Board, by Senior Administration**
- The reason this **proposal** is being put forward, is that almost all of our schools are crowded. With no immediate prospects for a new school, grade reconfiguration needs to be **considered**.

MEETING DATES:

- **Thursday, October 29 @ 7:00 pm** at **St. Louis School**;
(this meeting is primarily for St. Louis Staff and parents/guardians)
- **Monday, November 2 @ 7:00 pm** at **St. Louis School**
(this meeting is primarily for French Immersion parents/guardians)
- **Monday, November 16 @ 7:00 pm** at **St. Patrick’s School**- Everyone is welcome
- **Tuesday, November 17 @ 7:00 pm** at **St. Francis Xavier School** –Everyone is welcome

Copies of the **Regional Facility Plan** and the **Facility/Grade Reconfiguration Proposal** can be accessed in the document library on the division website @ www.mhcbe.ab.ca under **Documents and Publications/Plans and Reports/**. **Attached is the one-page grade-reconfiguration proposal for your quick reference.**

The Board of Trustees wants your input. The Board of Trustees will be considering all input and recommendations from senior administration at the **Public Board Meeting in December 2009**. A decision on the recommendations will be made at that time.

For more information please contact Mr. David Leahy, Superintendent of Schools at 403-527-2292 or david.leahy@mhcbe.ab.ca. If you are not available to attend a public meeting please contact us by email or phone. Thank you.

“This is your opportunity to bring your voice to the table”

Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division #20

- Reconfigure grades in 2010 to improve utilization and programming at all levels.
 - i. St. Francis K-6
 - ii. St. Michael's M. H. K-6
 - iii. McCoy 10-12
 - iv. St. Louis K-6 French Immersion, Turning Points.
 - v. St. Mary's K-9 (K-9 English, 7-9 Dual Track F. I., rezone boundary to include K-6 students from sector 2 and sector 3)
 - vi. Mother Teresa K-6 (LAP will transfer from St. Louis to Mother Teresa)
 - vii. St. Patrick's K-5
 - viii. Notre Dame 6-9
- Add one new 250 seat core Elementary School in Sector 5
- Provide Modular Classrooms until new school can be opened and to relieve pressure in other sectors
- Sell St Thomas to Greater Southern Public Francophone board.
- Continue to lease original St. Louis School to CAPE.
- Modernize McCoy at a later date.
- Modernize St. Francis at a later date

Sector	School	Proposed Grades	2009 Emergent Needs	2010 Emergent Needs	2011 Emergent Needs
1	St Francis St Michaels McCoy	K-6 K-6 10-12	Add 2 modulars	Add 2 modulars Relocate grade 9's to St Mary's and Notre Dame	Add 2 modulars
2	St Mary's	K-9		Add 2 modulars Reconfigure to K-9 with 7-9 dual track F. I. Rezone boundary to include all K-6 students in sectors 2 and 3. Move K-6 F.I. to St. Louis	
3	St Louis	K-6		Transfer current K-5 students to St. Mary's. LAP Program move to Mother Teresa K-6 F.I. program relocated to St. Louis	
4	Mother Teresa St Thomas	K-6		Replace 4 old modulars with 4 new modulars Sell property to Francophone Board	
5	St Patrick's Notre Dame New Elementary	K-6 7-9 K-6	Add 2 modulars	Move Grade 5's to St. Patrick's Become 6-9 school	Remove 2 modulars Grade Six moved to St. Patrick's and new school Open new school
	Total Modulars		4	8	0