



# *Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education*

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**Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at St. Louis School:**

I am writing to invite you to a very important information meeting which will be held at **St. Louis School** on **Thursday, October, 29<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** The meeting is being called to discuss the **Regional Facility Plan** and **Grade Re-Configuration Proposal** as recommended to the Board by Senior Administration.

**This proposal; if it is approved will have major implications for St. Louis School and its current students. The proposal calls for the transfer of all current St. Louis Students to St. Mary's School. St. Mary's will become a Kindergarten to Grade Nine School; with a *French Immersion Program* in grades 7-9.**

**The plan proposes that the French Immersion program currently at St. Mary's School move to St. Louis School.**

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***.

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](http://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 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 Board of Trustees will be making a decision in December 2009. If you unable to attend the meeting on October 29, 2009 please plan to attend one of the other special meetings listed below:

- **Monday, November 02, 7:00 p.m. at St. Louis School**  
**(this meeting is primarily for French Immersion parents/guardians)**
- **Monday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's School – Everyone is welcome**
- **Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. St. Francis School – Everyone is welcome**

I encourage you to come to the school on **October 29** to hear about the plan and to provide your input. Should you be unable to attend and your wish to express your comments please email me at [david.leahy@mhcbe.ab.ca](mailto:david.leahy@mhcbe.ab.ca) or contact my office at (403) 527-2292.

**Thank you. Mr. David Leahy, Superintendent of Schools (403) 527-2292**

**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