Background

- Fort Saskatchewan is one of the fastest growing communities in Alberta. Mid-range projections forecast total population of 39,000 in 2030. This is forecast to result in 2,200 more students in Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) in the Forst Saskatchewan area.
- Two years ago, the Government of Alberta approved the construction of a new Catholic high school in Fort Saskatchewan as a result of the over capacity of enrolment in our schools and future projected growth.
- St. André Bessette Catholic School will open in the Fall of the 2018-19 school year with a capacity of 750 students and expansion to 1,000.
- EICS is currently engaging the community as it sets the grades, programs and possible boundaries of its Fort Saskatchewan schools for the 2018-19 school year.



Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building



Population in Ft. Saskatchewan



- The major areas for growth are in the Fort Saskatchewan West and Fort Saskatchewan South regions of the City. Currently, the majority of students reside in Central/West with the majority of growth in the South. Further expansion of the municipality is expected southward on either side of Hwy 21.
- These two areas are also, according to the 2016 census, the areas with the highest proportion of aged 0-4 population.



• Boundaries (if required) must ensure sustainable enrolment now and into the future for all schools.



Facility Constraints & Current Condition

St. John XXIII (SJ23)

- Currently the school has significant traffic and parking constraints
- 4 modulars are currently encroaching on City lands
- The 6 oldest portables are being replaced this year
- Current core space (library, gymnasium) is too small for current population and will not be expanded
- 8 additional modulars can be added (with City permission) but the site lacks space to add more parking to meet safety codes

Our Lady of the Angels (OLA)

- Currently OLA lacks washroom space and has limited parking for a school its size
- Additional modulars would require additional washrooms to be attached and parking
- This would not be funded by Alberta Education and require removing the current asphalt play area
- Current core space (library, gymnasium) is too small for current population and will not be expanded

St. John Paul II (SJP2)

- Current core school amenities, parking, washroom and site space can accommodate 9 additional modular classrooms
- The heating system is being replaced this year
- Currently, there is a ball diamond in the main field of the school that limits current play space



Community Consultation

• In February, the community was asked about its thoughts on programming, boundaries and grade configuration.



- Key priorities were as follows *(indicates stars assigned):
 - Programming
 - Fine and Performing Arts Programs *(1,383)
 - Chararacter Development and Life Skills *(1,033)
 - Sport for Life and Physical Education *(910)
 - Grade Configuration
 - No boundaries K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 *(1,122)
 - Class sizes are important *(1,078)
 - Current Configuration K-4, 5-8, 9-12 *(827)
 - Elementary/Jr. High K-6, 7-9, 10-12 *(693)
 - Boundaries
 - Transportation *(1,404)
 - Distance to school *(962)
- Priorities support three options for consideration by the community



Consultation Process and Timelines

February 2017:

- Community asked to provide solutions and respond to questions regarding the Division's grade levels, boundaries and programming through ThoughtExchange Community engagement software
- The community's solutions and questions are returned back to ThoughtExchange to be analyzed for important themes and priorities from the community

April 2017:

- Potential solutions from feedback are analyzed
- Coffee house meeting at John Paul II Catholic School for the community to review proposed solutions, ask questions and to provide feedback
- Community provides feedback of potential options and other programming concerns through an online survey

May 2017:

- The Board of Trustees will receive a recommended solution based on the data received, sustainabability of the solution, and best educational opportunities for students
- The community will be informed and provided with the opportunity for final comment and input

June 2017:

- The Board of Trustees will make a final decision
- The community will be informed of the final decision. Changes will be implemented in the 2018 2019 school year



We want to hear from you!

- Please use the paper survey provided or go to www.eicstalks.ca for a link to an electronic survey
- For each of the 3 options, please provide us:

• What do you like about the option?

What issues do you have about the option?

 Do you have any suggestions to improve the option?



Option 1: One of each school: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 SJ23 (K-3) Boundary: All



88.2% 95.9% 86.7% 83.5% 81.0% 83.4% 71.5% 79.5% 87.5% 91.1% 92.8% 94.8% 96.4% 98.1% 100.7% 103.8% 107.0% 109.8% 112.7%

Notes:

- Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016

-% indicates Utilization Rate by Instructional Area -Note: Significant traffic concerns and land constraints prevent further expansion

OLA (4-6) Boundary: All



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Notes:

- Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -2 Modulars added in 2023 and 2026



Option 1: One of each school: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

SJP2 (7-9) Boundary: All



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Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -2 modulars added in 2026, and 2 in 2028

SABCHS (10-12) Boundary: All



Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -Opens in 2018 at 750 students, 10 modulars added 2027



Option 1: One of each school: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Opportunities

- Students will not be separated from friends in their class
- Enhanced junior high programing in a high school facility at St. John Paul 2 (SJ2)

Challenges

- Modular expansion required at Our Lady of Angels (OLA) but cannot expand due to parking, washroom and land constraints
- Modular expansion required at St. John 23 (SJ23) but cannot expand due to transportation and land constriants
- Does not address current over crowding or class sizes at SJ23 or OLA
- Lower enrolments at new high school limits programming options
- Numerous transitions between schools could be disruptive to students
- Transportion will be less efficient and ride times increased due to distance between schools



Option 2: Two K-4s, one Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12



SJ23 (K-4) Boundary: Ft. Sask West and Central

Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate by Instructional Area

OLA (K-4) Boundary: Ft. Sask South, East and Rural



Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building



Option 2: Two K-4s, one Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12





Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -2 modulars added in 2020, and 2 in 2023, 4 in 2025

SABCHS (9-12) Boundary: All



Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -Opens in 2018 at 750 students, 10 modulars added 2027



Option 2: Two K-4s, one Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12

Opportunities

- Boundaries keep neighborhoods together, minimize highway crossings and evenly distribute students in the medium term
- Modular expansion happens at SJP2 and SABCHS, which have a core that can support growth
- Keeps current grade structure
- Enhanced middle school programing in a high school facility at SJP2
- Lowers traffic and parking at SJ23
- SJ23 and OLA can be right sized to their current core capacity
- More efficient transportation due to students being closer to their designated school

Challenges

- SJP2 currently lacks field space desired for a middle school and EICS will need to move the ball diamond
- Students may be separated from current friends at K-4 level



Option 3: Two K-6s, one Grades 7-9 and one Grade 10-12



SJ23 (K-6) Boundary: Ft. Sask West and Central

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Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate by Instructional Area

OLA (K-6) Boundary: Ft. Sask South, East and Rural







Option 3: Two K-6s, one Grades 7-9 and one Grade 10-12





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Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -2 modulars added in 2026, and 2 in 2028

SABCHS (10-12) Boundary: All



Notes: - Enrolment projections at September 30, 2016 -% indicates Utilization Rate of Building -Opens in 2018 at 750 students, 10 modulars added 2027



Option 3: Two K-6s, one Grades 7-9 and one Grade 10-12

Opportunities

- Boundaries keep neighborhoods together, minimize highway crossings and evenly distribute students in the medium term
- Enhanced junior high programing in a high school facility at SJP2
- More efficient transportation due to students being closer to their designated school

Challenges

- Modular expansion required at OLA which cannot expand due to parking, washroom and land constraints
- SJ23 remains the same size and does not address significant transportation concerns
- Does not address current over crowding or class sizes at SJ23 or OLA
- Lower enrolments at new high school limits programming options
- Students may be separated from current friends at K-6 level

