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Elk Island Catholic Schools Building Through the Summer to Better Serve our Division

Sherwood Park, AB—Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Facilities Department provided an update at the September 16, 2020 public meeting of the EICS Board of Trustees on the various summer projects that took place throughout the division.

Over \$2.1 million in funding was allocated to various schools in order to maintain and update existing buildings and heating/cooling systems. The majority of the funding for these projects were a result of the Government of Alberta's Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding. Summer facility projects are the norm for all school divisions as it is easier to work in the buildings without staff and students. This year was an exceptional year however, as the sheer number of projects was doubled and facility staff worked quickly with staff and contractors to ensure the projects were done in advance of the September school re-entry.

"As a governing board we are thrilled with the progress of these projects in our schools," said EICS Board Chair Ted Paszek. "As a board, we realize that funding for these projects enhances the high-quality learning and the working environments for our staff and students."

Highlights of the summer projects include:

- St. Nicholas Catholic School – Strathcona County: upgrade flooring in gym and corridors; signage upgrades on school building and road sign.
- St. Patrick Catholic School – Camrose: classroom upgrades in the kindergarten rooms; gym floor refinishing.
- Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School – Camrose: new portable and accessibility pad installed; classroom modernization.
- St. Theresa Catholic School – Strathcona County: gym flooring and upgraded electronic bleachers.

*We have pictures of all the summer projects available upon request.

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