

Westwind School Division 2024-2027 Three Year Capital Plan

On March 1, 2023 the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, announced full construction funding for the new Raymond High School project. This project is anticipated to break ground in the fall of 2023 with an estimated completion time between September 2025 to February 2026. This project, after 5 years of being Westwind's number 1 priority, will now be taken off the capital plan.

Moving forward – the Board has approved these two projects as their capital plan priorities. They are:

#1 – Modernization of Cardston Junior High School

Cardston Junior High School (CJHS) was built in 1986. In a couple years this school will be 40 years old. Alberta Infrastructures “Facility Condition Rating” report indicates at 40 years there will exist significant renewal costs of many of this school's components. This includes renewal costs toward the building's shell (roofing and exterior enclosure), interior finishes, services (plumbing, mechanical, electrical) and various furniture and equipment upgrades. This school also lacks a gathering space for students – which acts as a central hub providing connectivity between classrooms, administration, kitchen, and the gymnasium. It is important that each school has this social / connective space.

#2 – Reconfiguration of Cardston High School

Upon completion of our new Raymond High School – all Westwind High Schools will have a theater space. Cardston High School has a strong theater program that must utilize external space to put on productions. A reconfiguration would include repurposing space to create a theater (used for both drama production, music, and instruction) and looking at new configurations that place the learning commons more central to the gathering space and opening the gathering to the gymnasium.

Currently these two capital plan priorities are not fully defined and will be subject to change. The Division has requested Planning Funding from Alberta Education where a consultant will be retained to conduct Value Scoping on these two projects. This will allow for proper alignment between the curricular needs of these schools and the project design.