

## Capital 2024- 2026 Plan for Suzuki Charter School

### **Background:**

The three year Capital Plan must be approved by the board and annually and submitted to Alberta Education for consideration of funding. Alberta Education's needs are considered in the context of the infrastructure needs of other government ministries.

Alberta Education prioritizes all capital plans from the entire province based on criteria which include:

- Health and Safety
- Current and Projected Enrolments
- Utilization Rate
- Strategic Location
- Cost savings by right sizing
- Functionality
- Condition (as determined by facility audit)

There are three types of requests that a Capital Plans could include; expansion, a new school, or modernization. A modernization as defined by Alberta Education is a renovation to all or part of the school in order to:

- overcome major deficiencies throughout the building or a section of a building that threaten the health and safety of students and staff
- accommodate educational programs and integrate delivery of technology
- provide access and facilities for persons with disabilities
- replace or upgrade building structural components, mechanical and electrical services and architectural finished.

Once the capital project application has been submitted Alberta Education reviews the project application and identifies high priority project in consultation with Alberta Infrastructure. The list of high priority school capital projects is submitted to the Government of Alberta's capital planning and then is provided to the Treasury Board/Caucus for approval. Once approved, Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure prepare joint approval letter to school board receiving approval.

Senior Administration believes SCS falls within the parameters of a modernization and as such is recommending a modernization project.

### **IMR Expenditure**

The building is owned by EPSB; therefore, SCSS approached EPSB regarding the replacement of all windows. That work began in 2023 and will continue until completion with the costs reported by EPSB.

### **Capital Plan for SCSS**

SCSS recently completed a strategic plan and subsequently will be establishing priorities. Once these have been determined, a capital plan will follow.

In March 2023, SCSS received \$50,000 for planning the modernization and expansion of the existing facility. In consultation with Alberta Education Capital planning staff, next steps will be determined.