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Dear Parents and Guardians:

With a new school year underway, we are pleased to let you know that construction on the Carstairs Elementary School Expansion Project is about to begin. As we notified you in our May 19th update, ONPA Architects Inc. has been selected for the project and we are able to share some of the conceptual designs with this update.

The Alberta government will issue a letter of award to the General Contractor on September 14, with mobilization on site anticipated for the first week of October. This team will begin with work on the addition of 10 classrooms, and will make every effort to ensure this does not interfere with regular school days. On May 1, 2021, work on the gymnasium addition along with the bus loop and parking lot will begin. Plans are to hold as many phys ed classes outside as possible, as this phase of the work will disrupt the use of the gym.

The project is expected to be fully completed on August 31, 2021, at which time we hope the global health situation allows us to host a school-wide Grand Opening assembly, with parents and families included as part of the celebration. The project is on schedule and we anticipate the start of the 2021-2022 school year will see Carstairs Elementary become a K-4 school with capacity for 550 students, and Hugh Sutherland a grade 5-12 school.

Administration from both schools, along with a team from Central Office, are working together to plan for this exciting transition, which families in Carstairs have been eagerly anticipating for many years.

Thank you,
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