

Modernization of WCCHS Update

August 22, 2011

The tender for removal of hazardous material (asbestos) from the modernization site closes on August 31, 2011. The successful contractor for this work will begin to mobilize on-site once the tenders are closed and the contract has been subsequently reviewed and awarded by Alberta Infrastructure. This is anticipated to be in mid to late September.

It is intended that the general contract tender for the construction project will go out in late September with a projected closing date of mid October. Again, following Alberta Infrastructure's tendering processes, the successful general contractor would begin to mobilize in early November, once the bids have been reviewed and awarded by Alberta Infrastructure.

It appears that the four portables which have now been located on-site will not be ready for students for the first couple of weeks in September. Although work has been on-going since their arrival on-site, the occupancy permit cannot be granted until certain conditions are met which will take until mid-September to complete. As a result, grade 8 and 9 students will have their regular classrooms located in the south wing classrooms of the modernization site for possibly the first two weeks until they can occupy the portable classrooms.

Work continues at the CTS site and Foods site. Assuming no major unexpected delays, it appears that those sites will be ready for student occupancy on September 6th

A Divisional school bus and driver will be available, as needed, to transport students between the main campus, Maclean Hall, and temporary housing at the modernization site for grades 8 & 9 students, as well as students accommodated at West Meadow Elementary School to the CTS site for band during the renovation process.

We have been working with the Town of Claresholm related to parking. Although there is potentially something more permanent in the works, 1A Street between 53rd Avenue and 55th Avenue will likely be turned into a one-way street to create more efficient student parking along both sides of that section of street. Parking is also available further south on 1A Street. A walkway will be created from that parking area to the school. Students will be encouraged to park in that area rather than in the residential areas in the vicinity of the school. Staff parking is intended for 2nd Street immediately west of the school and playground area as well as on 55th Avenue, north of the school.

The next update will be provided on September 2, 2011.