

Modernization of WCCHS Update

July 25, 2011

The first of four portables arrived in Claresholm on July 21, 2011. Two portables were scheduled to arrive that day but due to heavy rains in both Calgary and Claresholm, site conditions were very challenging at both the removal site in Calgary and the receiving site here in Claresholm. The portable has been placed in the parking lot of WCCHS while the grounds at the former WCCHS 7-8 campus are being prepared. The portable is slightly larger than a traditional classroom and will be fitted with whiteboards and SmartBoards. It is anticipated that the remaining three portables will arrive by the end of the first week of August, at which point they will be installed on site. A covered hallway will be built to link the four portables to the school.

Should the portables not be ready for occupancy on September 6, 2011 due to weather delays or site conditions, the Division's back up plan is to place the Grade 8 and 9 classrooms in the south wing of WCCHS for the first few weeks in September.

Work is well underway on the former General Motors building where the CTS courses will be offered and at Quills where Foods classes are scheduled. It is anticipated that both locations will be ready for classroom instruction at the beginning of the school year.

Discussions are underway between Livingstone Range School Division and the Town of Claresholm regarding options for parking.

The next modernization update will be posted on August 8, 2011.