



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Update on WCCHS in Preparation for the New School Year**

It has been a very busy summer for facility and maintenance staff at Livingstone Range School Division. Since the funding announcement for the modernization of WCCHS, the focus has been on emptying the high school and preparing alternate sites for the delivery of educational programs to students.

To summarize:

- Grade 7 students will remain at West Meadow Elementary School even though they are part of WCCHS and parental contact with the school should be made through WCCHS.
- On Tuesday, September 6, 2011 an opening assembly for Grade 7, 8 and 9 students will be held at 8:35 in the gym at the modernization site (former WCCHS gym). Following the assembly, Grade 7 students will walk with their teachers to their classrooms in West Meadow Elementary School. Grade 8 and 9 students will remain on site to begin their classes. All Grade 7, 8 and 9 students will be dropped off at the bus loop adjacent to West Meadow Elementary School.
- Grade 8 and 9 students will be accommodated in the 4 portables on the WCCHS campus. A link between the portables and the school is currently under construction and will be completed by September 16, 2011. As a result, classes for Grade 8 and 9 students will take place at the former WCCHS site from September 6 through September 16, 2011.
- Grades 10 to 12 will be accommodated in the former Grade 7 – 8 WCCHS campus. On the first day of school, Grade 10-12 students will be informed about the time and date of their opening assembly.
- CTS classes are scheduled at CTS Central (the former G.M. dealership) for welding, automotives, construction and cosmetology. Band is also scheduled at that site.
- CTS foods classes are scheduled at the former Quills restaurant.
- Most Physical Education classes are scheduled for Maclean Hall located at Claresholm Care Centre; otherwise classes are at WCCHS campus. Extra-curricular events and practices will be scheduled at WCCHS campus, Maclean Hall and West Meadow Elementary School.
- A Divisional school bus and driver will be provided 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. In order to limit the impact related to the increase in vehicular traffic in the area around the school, the Town will be creating a student parking lot immediately east of the school on the current school ground. Access to the parking lot will be through the alley just south of the school. The alley is currently, and will remain, a one-way running from west to east. Parking is also available on 1A Street. 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Street immediately west of the school and playground area as well as on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of the school.

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.

Bi-weekly modernization updates are posted on Mondays on both jurisdictional and school websites. However, the next update will be provided on September 2, 2011 prior to the labour day week-end.

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*Livingstone Range School Division #68 has 15 schools and 12 Hutterite colony schools in southwestern Alberta. The division office is located in Claresholm, Alberta.*

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