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The former RDCRS Cultural Services Centre is now called the St. Benedict the Moor Centre

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The Cultural Services Centre in Red Deer on 39th Street, between Maryview School and St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School is now called the St. Benedict the Moor Centre. This building will house some personnel from Montfort Centre, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' (RDCRS) Central Office.

"We would like to thank our stakeholders for ideas on what we should name our building. We look forward to having this space utilized by our division again," said Superintendent, Dr. V. Paul Mason at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

For the past 18 years, RDCRS has been renting out the facility to the City of Red Deer. During the 2019 Canada Winter Games, the City of Red Deer moved downtown to the former Central Elementary School building, which is now the Cultural Services Centre. Therefore, it left the building on 39th Street vacant.

RDCRS operates their administrative office at Montfort Centre, which was the original St. Louis de Montfort School. In 1999 when Montfort Centre opened, the division's student population was under 4,300 students. Student enrollment for October 2019 is 10,483. During the past two decades, Montfort Centre has remained the same size and now is in need of a modernization. This modernization will begin following the completion of renovation at St. Benedict the Moor Centre.

After studying other similar sized school divisions' administrative centres and following a thorough analysis and recommendations of RDCRS' current and future needs by Group2

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Architects, these two projects are needed for RDCRS is to effectively and efficiently continue to serve its students and staff.

Both projects are anticipated to be complete by spring 2020.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,455 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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