



# News Release

## New Middle School in Red Deer

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Following Alberta Education's 2019-2020 capital projects announcement today Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools looks forward to building a new middle school in Red Deer.

We are grateful for this announcement, as our school division is in desperate need for this school. Currently, our middle schools in Red Deer are over capacity, with St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School being the highest at 137% utilization rate.

The division is seeing continued growth each school year. We are now at 10,483 students as of October 2019. This is an increase of 162 students, which equates to 1.7% growth.

"We would like to thank Honourable Minister Adriana LaGrange and Honourable Minister Prasad Panda for this important investment in our division and community. We look forward to working with Alberta Education and Infrastructure," **said Board Chair, Anne Marie Watson** at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

**"We are grateful for this announcement**, as our middle schools are currently over capacity. We are happy that Alberta Education and Infrastructure are addressing this need. We look forward to working with the City of Red Deer on a school site and hope to start working on the design process soon," **said Superintendent, Paul Mason** at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

*Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Blackfalds 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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