



École Our Lady of the Rosary School receives an additional two modulars

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In the fall of each year, the Board of Trustees submits an application for modulars for schools facing spacing concerns or near/over capacity. Catholic education continues to grow in Sylvan Lake and this school year, our division saw a 1.7% growth.

In November, the Board of Trustees requested two modulars for École Our Lady of the Rosary School and the application has been accepted. École Our Lady of the Rosary School will be receiving two additional modular classrooms this summer.

These two modulars will allow École Our Lady of the Rosary School to become Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 4 and École Mother Teresa School Grade 5-9 as of September 2020. This will provide more classroom availability at École Mother Teresa School allowing for more flexibility in overall timetabling of students and teachers in instructional spaces.

"Together with our senior administration, the Board analyzes the needs of our school communities. Both our schools in Sylvan Lake are fully populated. École Our Lady of the Rosary School has the capacity to add modulars on to the footprint of their land. École Mother Teresa School does not have usable land for any type of additions. We are thankful that the government gave approval for two additional modulars so class adjustments can be made to alleviate some of the pressure of limited spatial growth at École Mother Teresa School. In addition, the Three-Year Capital Plan includes the request to Alberta Education for a new Kindergarten - Grade 5 school in Sylvan Lake by 2025 to address the needs of the community," said Trustee, Dorraine Lonsdale at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

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"We are very excited about the allocation of modulars to our school. We look forward to having Grade 4 students in our school. As our oldest students they will become our leaders. As our school continues to grow, we look forward to the many opportunities and blessings," said Principal, Rob Coumont at École Our Lady of the Rosary School.

"The granting of modulars to École Our Lady of the Rosary School and the move of Grade 4 from École Mother Teresa School is a celebration for the success and growth of Catholic education in Sylvan Lake. With success comes times of transition, in this case, staff will be transitioning from École Mother Teresa School to École Our Lady of the Rosary School. Staff that have been invaluable to the story, team and culture that École Mother Teresa School has within its walls will be leaving us. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to work in a team between our two schools and we look forward to the new opportunities that our growth will provide for our staff and students," said Principal, Shane Chisholm at École Mother Teresa School.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, 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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