



Capital Plan 2025 to 2028



Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division Summary

Evergreen Catholic Schools has ten schools, one of which is a learning center in a leased space, in multiple municipalities. Five Schools in Spruce Grove, one school in Stony Plain, two schools in Hinton, one school in Devon, and one school in Westlock. Our greatest population pressure based on utilization rates are from grades 5 to 12 in Spruce Grove. Most notably St. Peter Catholic School grades 9 to 12 and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School grades 5 to 8.

The Division works closely with all its municipalities and the Government of Alberta to provide safe and healthy schools in an environment of faith, hope, and love.

School boards are required to submit a three-year capital plan to Alberta Education by April 1st of every year. The goal of the three-year capital plan is to build or improve facilities that will help shape the educational experience of students today and in the future.

Alberta Education will review and evaluate the three-year capital plan based on the following criteria:

- **Building Condition**
- **Community Renewal**
- **Efficiency Solutions**
- **Enrolment Pressures**
- **Functionality and Programming**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Legal**

With the support of Alberta Education, Evergreen Catholic's Three-Year Capital Plan will include the following priority:

- 1. Modernizations (minor in scope) to St. Marguerite Catholic School in Spruce Grove and St. Mary Catholic School in Westlock.**



St. Marguerite Catholic School K-4 (Spruce Grove)

Built 1983 (original core) - 4 portables 1987- 5 portables 1988

This is one of Evergreen's older schools and needs some modernizations. A lot of interior components have been updated using infrastructure and capital maintenance funding, but more are needed to create a more energy efficient and functional school for the community.



Potential Upgrades

- Create washrooms that are fully accessible.
- Reconfigure office area for better supervision and safety.
- Replace the aging air handlers in the school.
- Update the front exterior of the school.
- Retrofit existing shower areas.
- Update the Learning Commons.
- Update the Gymnasium.
- Replace copper piping.
- Retrofit Parking Lots



St. Mary K-12 (Westlock) – Built 1964 (original core)

This is Evergreen's oldest school and needs some modernizations. This school has structure that is 60 years old. This school has had multiple additions, but no major modernizations since 1993. Major components have been updated using infrastructure and capital maintenance funding, but more improvements are needed to create a more energy efficient and functional school for the community.



Potential Upgrades

- Modernize some student washrooms in the school.
- Create washrooms that are fully accessible.
- Reconfigure office area for better supervision and safety.
- Replace the aging air handlers in the school.
- Update the front exterior of the school.
- Upgrade existing bleachers in the school.
- Functional improvement to the courtyard.
- Structural improvements to the gym floor and gym storage.
- Upgrade Site Drainage.



Why smaller scale modernizations at two schools at once?

- Both schools could look at partnership opportunities such as providing additional daycare or prekindergarten education.
- Both schools have accessibility issues that need to be addressed very soon (washrooms).
- Both schools have aging air handling units, that should be replaced soon. This will create efficiencies for many years to come, reducing costly energy bills.
- Improve air quality at both schools.
- Improve common areas like learning commons and gyms at reasonable costs.
- This type of work is much less disruptive to student learning.
- Budgets and deadlines will be more manageable than a major modernizations or replacement schools.
- Include elements to update the exterior at both sites.
- The current Infrastructure/Capital Infrastructure Renewal (IMR/CMR) funding cannot cover the deferred maintenance at all Evergreen Catholic Schools.
- The investment in these 2 schools allow Evergreen to address our other schools' needs with our current IMR and CMR funding.
- This investment will allow us to reconfigure space at St. Thomas Aquinas and/or St. Peter using IMR/CMR funding, if there is unprecedented growth in student populations.
- Smaller scale modernizations will serve two communities rather than one.
- Certain construction components could be bundled making it more appealing to contractors in the community.
- Save taxpayers' dollars.
- Avoid the cost of a future major modernizations or replacement schools.