

report to Board of Trustees

Construction Projects Status Report

Date	March 18, 2025
Meeting Type	Regular Meeting, Public Agenda
To	Board of Trustees
From	Joanne Pitman Chief Superintendent of Schools
Purpose	Information
Originator	Dany Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Governance Reference	Policy Operational Expectations OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board OE-9: Facilities
Resource Person(s)	Trevor Fenton, Director, Facility Projects David Jaimes, Project Manager, Facility Projects Colt Chesney, Project Manager, Facility Projects

1 | Recommendation

This report is being provided for information to the Board of Trustees. No decision is required at this time.

2 | Issue

The Chief Superintendent is required to provide the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the status of major capital projects including new schools, modernizations, additions and Modular Classroom Program (MCP) projects currently under development or construction.



3 | Background

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has received construction approval for two new schools and two modernizations, and design-only approval for two new schools and one modernization. Additionally, “planning” activities are approved for one new school, while “pre-planning” activities are approved for two modernizations.

On March 4, 2022, the Government of Alberta (GoA) announced the approval of a middle school for Evanston. On December 14, 2022, Alberta Infrastructure (AI) advised that Evanston middle school will be delivered via a design-build delivery method. The design-build contract was awarded in November 2023 and construction commenced on April 25, 2024.

On November 29, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of the Louise Dean Centre at Kensington School effective June 28, 2024 for the purpose of relocation to Jack James High School (JJHS). Modernization and expansion of JJHS was required to accommodate the Louise Dean program. The project reached substantial completion in October 2024 and the program has been fully relocated. With only minor deficiencies remaining this will be the last update provided for this project.

On March 1, 2023, the GoA announced the approval of “Design and Construction” funding for the modernization of John G. Diefenbaker High School. A pre-design report outlining findings from stakeholder engagement and consultant site reviews was issued in December 2023. On April 16, 2024, Alberta Education granted approval to extend project timelines to allow CBE to conduct additional planning activities to further evaluate the project scope prior to proceeding with design.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced approval of “Design and Construction” funding for a new elementary school in the community of Evanston and “Design” funding for a new elementary school in the community of Redstone and a new high school in the community of Cornerstone. On August 8, 2024, the GoA approved a capacity increase of the Cornerstone high school from 1,800 to 2,410 students. On December 3, 2024, the GoA approved a capacity increase of Redstone elementary from 600 to 890 students. AI commenced pre-design work on August 6, 2024 for Evanston elementary, October 7, 2024 for Redstone elementary and December 13, 2024 for Cornerstone high school. On February 15, 2025 the GoA announced construction approval for both Redstone elementary and Cornerstone high school.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced the approval of “Design” funding for the modernization of Annie Gale School starting in 2026. On September 18, 2024, Alberta Education announced that design funding was being provided immediately to accelerate the delivery timeline. The project is being managed by CBE, with consultant procurement activities ongoing.

On March 1, 2024, the GoA announced that “Planning” funding for a new middle school located in the community of Saddle Ridge would be provided in 2026. On September 26, 2024, Alberta Education announced that “Planning” funding was being provided immediately to accelerate the delivery timeline. Work is underway to conduct tasks associated with this project phase.

On March 1, 2023, the GoA announced the approval of “Pre-Planning” funding for modernizations at A.E. Cross School and Sir John A. MacDonald School. On February 7, 2024, funding approval was received for these projects. Work is underway through third party consulting firms to complete the necessary studies to help inform next steps.

The MCP provides school jurisdictions with new modular classrooms, modular/portable unit relocations and demolitions to assist school jurisdictions with the accommodation of students on an urgent basis. On March 31, 2023, as a part of the 2023-24 MCP, Alberta Education provided approval for the relocation of five and the demolition of 11 modular classrooms. On March 14, 2024, as part of the 2024-25 MCP, Alberta Education approved 12 new and the relocation of six modular classrooms. On April 9, 2024, the CBE Board of Trustees approved the use of Capital Reserves to relocate six modular classrooms. On August 2, 2024, as a part of the 2024-25 MCP, Alberta Education provided in-year approval of an additional 35 new and the relocation of five modular classrooms. On August 26, 2024, due to the high enrolment pressures and at CBE’s request, Alberta Education rescinded six of the previously approved modular demolitions from the 2023-24 MCP. In total, the CBE is currently in the process of delivering the addition of 47 new, relocation of 22 and demolition of 6 modular classrooms. A full breakdown and status update of all ongoing MCP projects is available in **Attachment I**.

4 | Analysis

Information on the status of the projects under development and being administered by the CBE and AI is provided in **Attachment I**.

The locations of the various new school, existing school and MCP capital projects under development are shown in **Attachment II**.

Attachment III provides a series of onsite photographs to visually convey the progress at Evanston middle.

There are four Project Steering Committees set up for the following projects:

- Evanston elementary;
- Redstone elementary;
- Cornerstone high school; and
- Annie Gale School Modernization

5 | Conclusion

This report provides the current update on the project status of new schools and school modernizations within the CBE, which are currently under development or construction.

It is provided to the Board of Trustees for informational purposes in compliance with Operational Expectation 7: Communication With and Support for the Board.

JOANNE PITMAN
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I: New/Modernized Facility Construction Status
Attachment II: Project Location Map
Attachment III: Construction Photos

GLOSSARY – Developed by the Board of Trustees

Board: Board of Trustees

Governance Culture: The Board defined its own work and how it will be carried out. These policies clearly state the expectations the Board has for individual and collective behaviour.

Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship: The Board defined in policy how authority is delegated to its only point of connection – the Chief Superintendent – and how the Chief Superintendent’s performance will be evaluated.

Operational Expectations: These policies define both the nonnegotiable expectations and the clear boundaries within which the Chief Superintendent and staff must operate. They articulate the actions and decisions the Board would find either absolutely necessary or totally unacceptable.

Results: These are our statements of outcomes for each student in our district. The Results policies become the Chief Superintendent’s and the organization’s performance targets and form the basis for judging organization and Chief Superintendent’s performance.

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NEW & EXISTING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STATUS
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Building	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
41. Evanston Middle School Grades 5-9* Capacity 900 students	TBD	Design Build – RFP Package (includes drawing package to 30% development and Performance Specifications)	100%
		Design-Build Contract Award	100%
		Design and Specifications	99%
		Construction Progress	18%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Design-build contractor mobilized to site in late April 2024. Structural steel and masonry work in progress, building envelope started.	
42. Louise Dean Centre Relocation Grades 9-12	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
		Construction Award	100%
		Construction Progress	99%
		Note: Project managed by Calgary Board of Education. Program relocated to new site and operational as of October 15, 2024. Work ongoing to address minor deficiencies.	
43. John G. Diefenbaker School Grades 10-12 Modernization	TBD	Planning Phase	99%
		Note: Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Approved construction budget of \$33.1M plus \$2.5M for HAZMAT abatement. Review currently underway for determination of next steps.	
44. Annie Gale School Grades 6-9 Modernization	TBD	Design and Specifications	7%
		Note: Project being managed by Calgary Board of Education. Design approval received on September 18, 2024. Procurement for prime consultant ongoing.	
45. Cornerstone High School Grades 10-12* Capacity 2,400 students	TBD	Design and Specifications	3%
		Note: Design approval was announced on March 1, 2024. Construction approval announced on February 15, 2025. Project managed by Alberta Infrastructure. Internal engagement is ongoing. Design meetings started in December 2024.	
46. A.E. Cross School Grades 7-9 Modernization	TBD	Pre-Planning Phase	98%
		Note: Pre- Planning approved on March 1, 2023. Funding approval received on February 7, 2024. Facility condition assessment nearing completion.	

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47. Sir John A. MacDonald School Grades 6-9 Modernization	TBD	Pre-Planning Phase	98%
		Note: Pre-Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding received on February 7, 2024. Due to possible synergies, pre-planning activities were conducted and analyzed concurrently with the additional planning work to support the John G. Diefenbaker HS modernization project. Facility condition assessment nearing completion.	
48. Saddle Ridge Middle School Grades 5-9* Capacity 900 students	TBD	Planning Phase	25%
		Note: Pre-Planning approved on March 1, 2023 and funding received on February 7, 2024. Project was advanced to Planning phase following a government announcement on March 1, 2024. Planning activities ongoing.	
49. Evanston Elementary School Grades K-4* Capacity 600 students	TBD	Design and Specifications	18%
		Construction Award	0%
		Construction Progress	0%
		Note: Project announced for design and construction on March 1, 2024. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Schematic design completed in January 2025. Design development currently underway.	
50. Redstone Elementary School Grades K-4* Capacity 600 students	TBD	Design and Specifications	10%
		Note: Project announced as design-only on March 1, 2024. Construction approval announced on February 15, 2025. Internal feedback gathering ongoing. Schematic design activities are currently underway.	

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MODULAR CLASSROOM PROGRAM STATUS
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Building	Number of Units	Type	Opening Date	Notes/Comments	
m1. Simons Valley School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 100	4	Relocation	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	99%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities complete, partial occupancy granted late November 2024. Work ongoing to address remaining deficiencies and seasonal deficiencies to be addressed in Spring 2025.	
m2. Ian Bazalgette School Grades 7-9 Added Capacity: 25	1	Relocation	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	99%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities complete, partial occupancy granted late November 2024. Work ongoing to address deficiencies and seasonal deficiencies to be addressed in Spring 2025.	
m3. Colonel Walker School Grades K-6 Reduced Capacity: 25	1	Demolition	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	100%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities are complete. Deficiencies complete. This is the last update for this project.	
m4. WO Mitchell School Grades K-5 Reduced Capacity: 50	2	Demolition	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	100%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities are complete. Deficiencies complete. This is the last update for this project.	
m5. Sam Livingston School Grades K-4 Reduced Capacity: 25	1	Demolition	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	100%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities are complete. Deficiencies complete. This is the last update for this project.	

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m6. Battalion Park School Grades K-6 Reduced Capacity: 25	1	Demolition	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	100%
				Note: Approved on March 31, 2023. Construction activities are complete. Deficiencies complete. This is the last update for this project.	
m7. Connaught School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 150	4 2	New Relocation	Winter 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	5%
				Note: Four new modulares approved on March 14, 2024 and two relocated modulares approved on April 9, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
m8. Nelson Mandela HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6	New	Winter 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	10%
				Note: Approved on March 14, 2024. Design is complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
m9. Prairie Sky School Grades K-9 Added Capacity: 175	3+1 4	New Relocation	Winter 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	5%
				Note: Four relocated modulares approved on April 9, 2024 and three new modular classrooms plus one new modular washroom approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
m10. Peter Lougheed School Grades 5-9 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Winter 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	10%
				Note: Two new modulares approved on March 31, 2024 and two new modulares approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts finalized. Construction activities underway.	
m11. Sir Winston Churchill HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6	Relocation	Fall 2024	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	100%
				Construction Progress	99%
				Note: Approved on March 14, 2024. Design proceeded ahead of March approvals. Construction activities complete, occupancy	

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m12. Joane Cardinal- Schubert HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	5 1	Relocation New	Spring 2025	granted early December 2024. Work ongoing to address remaining deficiencies and seasonal deficiencies to be addressed in Spring 2025.	
				Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	75%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design is complete. Construction contracts are being finalized.	
m13. Mahogany School Grades K-5 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Spring 2025	Design and Specifications	100%
				Construction Award	75%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts are being finalized.	
				m14. North Trail HS Grades 10-12 Added Capacity: 150	6
Construction Award	75%				
Construction Progress	0%				
Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts are being finalized.					
m15. Hugh A. Bennett School Grades K-4 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Spring 2025		
				Construction Award	75%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Construction contracts are being finalized.	
				m16. Grant MacEwan School Grades K-6 Added Capacity: 150	6
Construction Award	50%				
Construction Progress	0%				
Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Tender process underway.					
m17. Colonel Irvine School Grades 5-9 Added Capacity: 100	4	New	Summer 2025		
				Construction Award	50%
				Construction Progress	0%
				Note: Approved on August 2, 2024. Design complete. Tender process underway.	
				m18. Buffalo Rubbing Stone School Grades K-5	2
Construction Award	50%				

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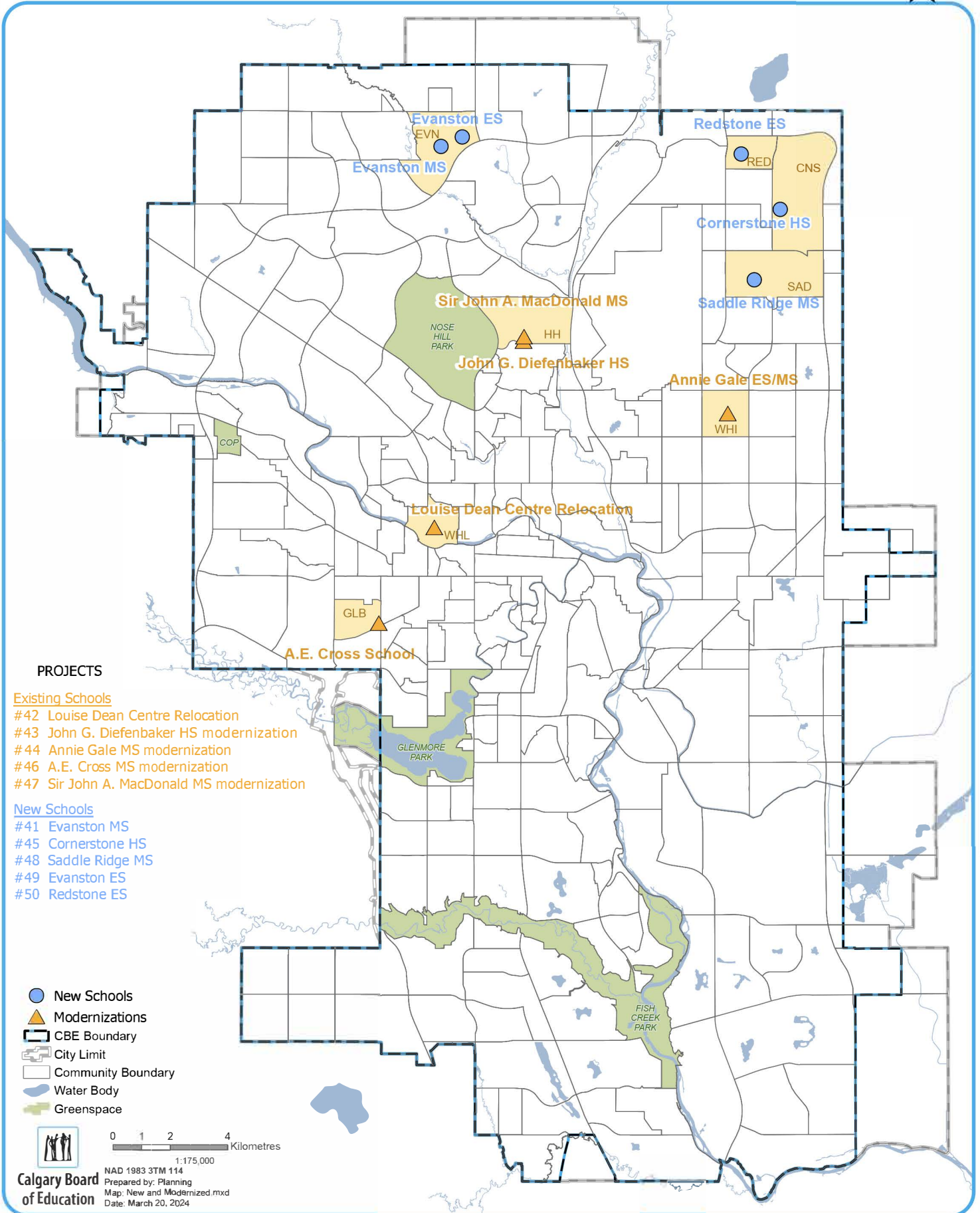
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New and Modernized Schools As of March 2024

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PROJECTS

Existing Schools

- #42 Louise Dean Centre Relocation
- #43 John G. Diefenbaker HS modernization
- #44 Annie Gale MS modernization
- #46 A.E. Cross MS modernization
- #47 Sir John A. MacDonald MS modernization

New Schools

- #41 Evanston MS
- #45 Cornerstone HS
- #48 Saddle Ridge MS
- #49 Evanston ES
- #50 Redstone ES

- New Schools
- ▲ Modernizations
- CBE Boundary
- City Limit
- Community Boundary
- Water Body
- Greenspace



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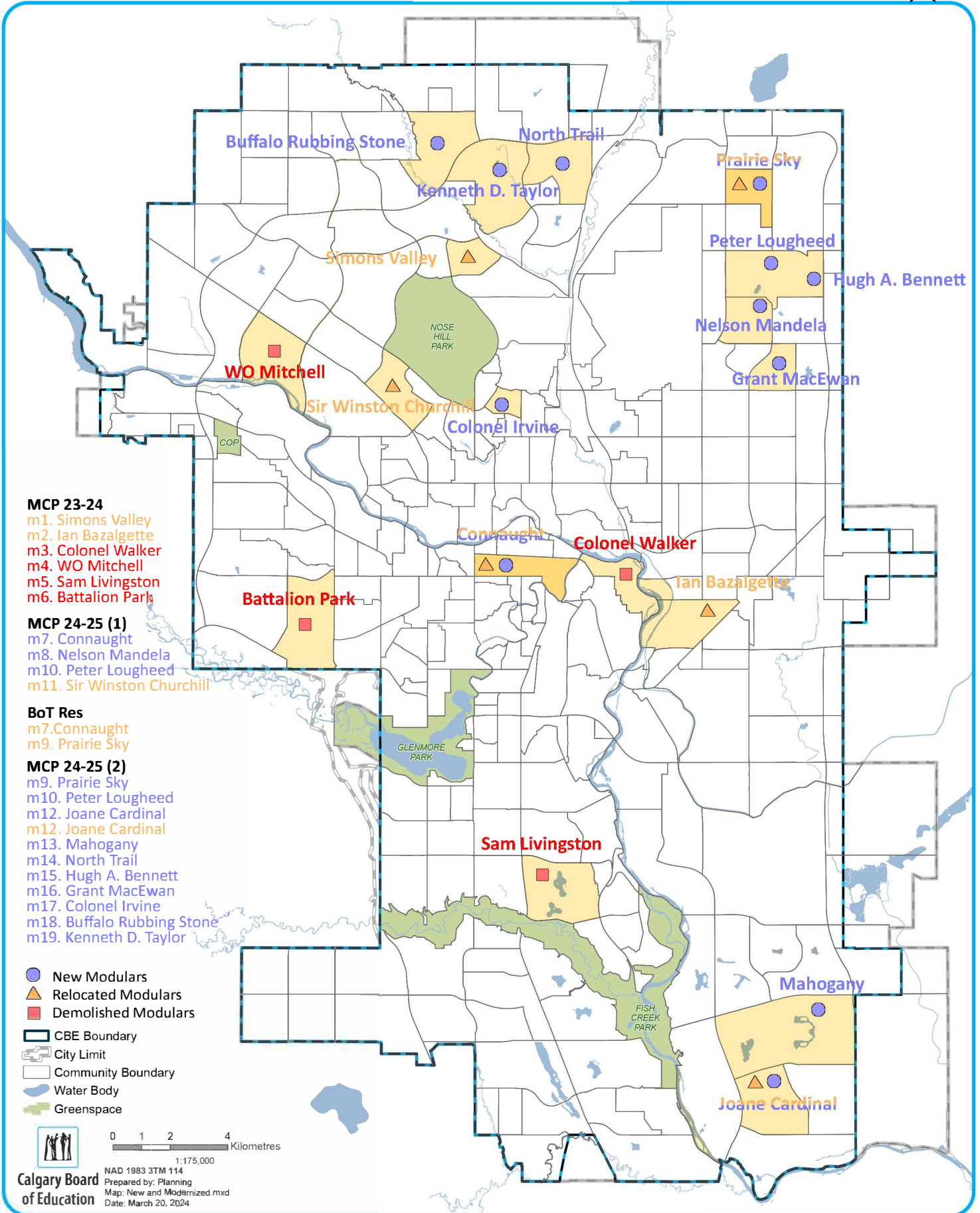
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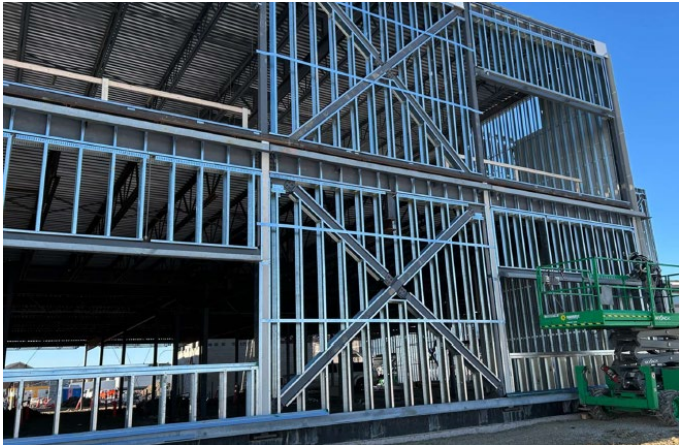
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Modular Classroom Program

As of March 2024



Evanston middle school



Exterior Framing



Structural Steel



Building Envelope



Structural Steel