



*Peace River School Division*

# CAPITAL PLAN

2025-2028





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## **Capital Plan Submission Process**

The deadline for School Districts to submit their 2025-2028 Capital Plans is March 31, 2025. School Boards have an opportunity to request revisions to their Capital Plan priorities between September 30 and October 15 for the submission year. Any requested change must be accompanied by a rationale, including supporting documentation such as enrolment data, facility condition report, etc., and a record of the board motion approving the change.

## **Changes from the 2024-2027 Capital Plan**

Since the amended capital plan last September, the Peace River School Division (PRSD) has reinstated Fairview as the top priority in the 2025-2028 Capital Plan. With the evolving educational needs of the community, the PRSD Board of Trustees is requesting a new value scoping session to determine the best long-term solution for education in Fairview. This session will assess whether modernization of existing schools, the construction of new school facilities, or an alternative approach would best serve students and the community. Ensuring high-quality education in Fairview remains a key focus for PRSD, and this process will help guide future planning and investment.

All projects along with supporting documents are submitted through Blims.



## **Pre-Planning Funding for a Value Scoping Session in the town of Fairview**

Currently PRSD is operating two schools within the town of Fairview. E.E. Oliver Elementary School (K-6), Fairview Jr./Sr. High School (7-12).

The last modernization of Fairview High School was completed in 1983. Some building components have been upgraded using IMR and CMR funding but there remain many parts of the facility that require upgrades to meet current and future educational needs as well as to update building components to meet current building codes. In the Fall of 2023, the Peace River School Division did complete a value scoping session for Fairview alongside the Grande Prairie and District Catholic Division (GPCSD) and Northwestern Polytechnic to explore educational opportunities that would be of benefit to the community and the entire region. While that session was a positive experience, GPCSD soon after found themselves in a position where they needed more immediate solutions to a significant infrastructure need. As a result, GPCSD transferred ownership of their school in Fairview to the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division, and all previous joint-planning agreements were voided.

The Peace River School Division remains committed to finding a solution for our students in Fairview. The Division has an existing positive relationship with Northwestern Polytechnic and there is a willingness to continue to explore mutually beneficial educational opportunities for students in Fairview. A few of these opportunities may include sharing infrastructure and operational costs and the possibility of a new High School on the Northwestern Polytechnic campus in Fairview. Space and functionality requirements for CTS programs, science programs, arts programs, inclusive education programs, distance learning, etc. all need to be reviewed.



## **Pre-Planning Funding for a Value Scoping Session in the town of Peace River**

Currently PRSD is operating four schools within the town of Peace River. Springfield Elementary School (K-4), T. A. Norris Middle School (5-8), Peace River High School (9-12) and Peace River Outreach School.

T. A. Norris has not had a modernization since 1990. This school was originally a Junior High School and was changed to a middle school at the start of the 2006-2007 school year following the closure of McGrath School and the modernizations of Springfield Elementary and Peace River High School. T.A. Norris School requires a modernization. In order to determine the extent of the modernization, a Value Scoping Session would explore the best options for grade configuration, educational programs, community needs, and possible partnerships that might be formed. The Value Scoping would also provide an opportunity for the Community to have input into the future of education programs for the town of Peace River.

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## Pre-Planning Funding for Value Scoping regarding the Modernization of Worsley Central School (#13005)



Worsley Central School was last modernized in 1989. Some facility upgrades have been completed using IMR and CMR funding, but funding has not been sufficient to cover all the required repairs and replacements. The wood floor structure in the 1956 and 1961 portions of the school require structural upgrades. Other building components upgrades required include hardware, lighting, millwork, plumbing fixtures, roofing, HVAC systems, flooring, fire alarm upgrades, interior finishes, site drainage and sidewalk replacements. Several of the existing classrooms will also be resized and modified to achieve better use of existing space and better accommodate programs such as CTS and video conferencing. Partnerships with community organizations and the Municipality along with determining the final project scope can better be determined following a Value Scoping Session. Estimated Cost: \$5,789,676 (subject to change following Value Scoping).

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