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Atikokan K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project



Our Grade 7-12 students are wrapping up their first year at Northern Lakes School, since they were able to move in in September 2022 when the majority of the high school spaces were complete. However, there was outstanding work to be done throughout the year on other spaces, such as the Kindergarten areas, the shop wing, the office and the new gym. Many of these areas were phased construction because they couldn't be completed until the last part of the school was demolished. Demolition of the final spaces occurred during Summer 2022. It was a challenge for staff and students to operate in a school that is under construction, and we appreciate their patience and flexibility throughout the project, which is now in its final phase.

Currently, the new gym is almost ready to go with lines painted and finishing touches being put on the stage this month. The secretaries are starting to move into the new office area. The shop wing has new windows and doors with some interior finishes outstanding. The elementary spaces are complete and we are preparing to move North Star Community School over during the summer break. We are excited for all students to begin the 2023-24 school year at Northern Lakes K-12 School.

Rainy River K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project

The new Rainy River K-12 School will be constructed to the east of the running track (on the East side of Little Street) and will include 39-place child care facility, and Best Start Hub. The current Rainy River High School and Riverview School will remain in operation during the construction of the new school on the adjacent land. The project was awarded to Finnway General Contractors and they have begun mobilization to site. We look forward to preparation work on the site and construction work to begin soon. Construction of the school is expected to take approximately 18 months.



Nestor Falls School

The architect was selected for the new Nestor Falls school design. The new school will be a modular build which will include two elementary classrooms and spaces for an activity room and library. The design process will take place over the summer and into the fall with the goal being to have an order placed for the building early winter for delivery in the summer. The foundation preparation and other site work is expected to be put out for proposals to construct in the new year with construction to begin once the frost is out of the ground.

Fort Frances High School renewal project

The RRDSB is beginning a multiphase renewal project for Fort Frances High School. The school last underwent a major addition and renovation effort in 1999 to create the existing school as it stands now.

Since then, the school has most recently received new boilers, a new fire alarm system, and the installation of energy recover ventilators to improve fresh air intake rates in the winter. Other renewal efforts have involved the replacement of windows and the second-floor hallway flooring. However, there are still several priorities as part of the multiphase effort which will begin this summer, including:

- Complete replacement of all remaining roof areas installed prior to 1999, as well as maintenance and repair of select roofing areas
- Replacement of First Floor Hallway Flooring
- Replacement of Interior Door Hardware, as well as replacement of select classroom doors
- West Bus Lane Exterior Entrance sidewalk replacement so all entrances are wheelchair accessible
- Parking Lot Patching and Repair to extend life of existing asphalt
- First and Second Floor Central and First Floor Northwest Washroom renovations.

The schedule for the above work shows completion of most items during the summer months. As the washroom renovations are too extensive to all be completed during this time, a phased approach will be used. The phased approach will ensure that there are sufficient washrooms open to students throughout the construction period. The renovations are scheduled to begin shortly, with any excessive noise, dust, or smell-producing activities being limited to outside the school day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Travis Enge at travis.enge@rrdsb.com

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