

Highlights of Facility and Capital Plans – from 2009-2012 Education Plan

Over the next one to two years, Westmount's enrolment will continue to increase, primarily at the high school level. The need for additional Science facilities was partly accommodated by conversion of the Foods Lab into a Science Lab. Unfortunately, the lack of suitable facilities will limit CTS offerings to those which can be offered in regular classroom space.

It is expected that Westmount will continue to share Viscount Bennett Centre with Chinook Learning Services, a division of the Calgary Board of Education for the next several years. We expect that the CBE will eventually relocate both Chinook and Westmount out of Viscount Bennett Centre and we will continue to work with CBE and government to secure a suitable, long-term school facility for Westmount.

In the meantime, it remains a struggle to accommodate our growing student enrolment and provide for 21st century technologies in Viscount Bennett Centre; we have insufficient classroom space, the infrastructure of the building is out-dated and the physical condition of the building is deteriorating.

Additional security measures were introduced during 2008/09 including two additional security monitors, live video surveillance of hallways and entrances, and more rigorous practices to distinguish Westmount students, staff, parents and visitors. We foresee the need to maintain these measures for so long as we continue to share this building.

Westmount's School Capital Plan 2010-2014 provides information on the school's facility needs over a five-year period. In the absence of any other identified alternatives, highlights of the plan submitted to the provincial government include requests for:

- ✓ On-going lease cost support for a portion of Viscount Bennett Centre at \$1.108 million annually
- ✓ Addition of three portable classrooms to the school site to accommodate enrolment growth in 2010/11
- ✓ Modernization of Viscount Bennett Centre over a two year period during which time Westmount would assume full occupancy

Additional information on Westmount's School Capital Plan can be obtained by contacting the office of:

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