



**CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

October 29 2020

Councillor Shane Keating  
City of Calgary  
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Dear Councillor Keating:

Calgary Catholic School District would like to thank you for your effort in assisting us in coordinating meetings to discuss our High School site needs within the South East quadrant of Calgary.

This letter is a follow up to the virtual meetings which took place between your office, Brookfield Residential and the Calgary Catholic School District regarding our future high school site South of the existing community of Seton. This high school site is directly adjacent to the recent development that has occurred in the area. As per our meeting, the site still requires significant development investment from Brookfield.

Calgary Catholic School District has reviewed our high school accommodation strategy over the next five years. We will require additional high school spaces above and beyond those we currently have. Based on historical growth rates, we are currently expecting to have a district wide high school utilization of 102% (number of students / number of spaces) by 2024-2025. This rate means we will be operating above 100% utilization City wide. Of significant concern for Calgary Catholic, our recently opened proximal high school, All Saints, is projected to be operating at 134% utilization within this time frame. Supporting information regarding our future situation is included with this letter.

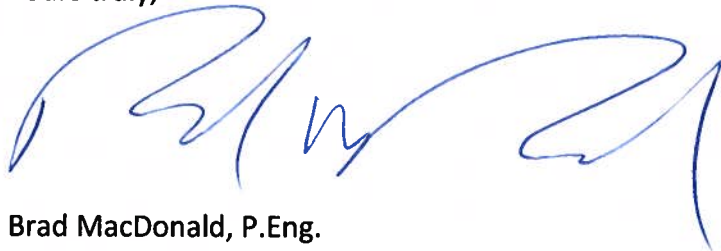
Funding for the construction of public schools within Alberta comes from capital grants from the provincial government. Calgary Catholic School District submits a Capital Plan annually to request funding for a number of competing projects throughout our district. All submitted projects must meet certain criteria prior to the projects being considered as a year one project. Criteria 1.8 states: "Title to the site, as evidenced by the attached title document, is already in the name of the municipality or the school authority..."

Once the title for this site has been registered to City of Calgary and/or the Calgary Catholic School District, this new high school will be a year one priority for our district. It should be noted that planning for this site was undertaken almost 20 years ago, and that purchasing of this site would be coordinated through JUCC per the normal procurement process and this expenditure is expected within the next five years.

Calgary Catholic School District appreciates the support of yourself and all Councillors as we work to provide education opportunities for City of Calgary residents within the deep south.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me directly.

Yours truly,

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Brad MacDonald, P.Eng.  
Superintendent, Support Services

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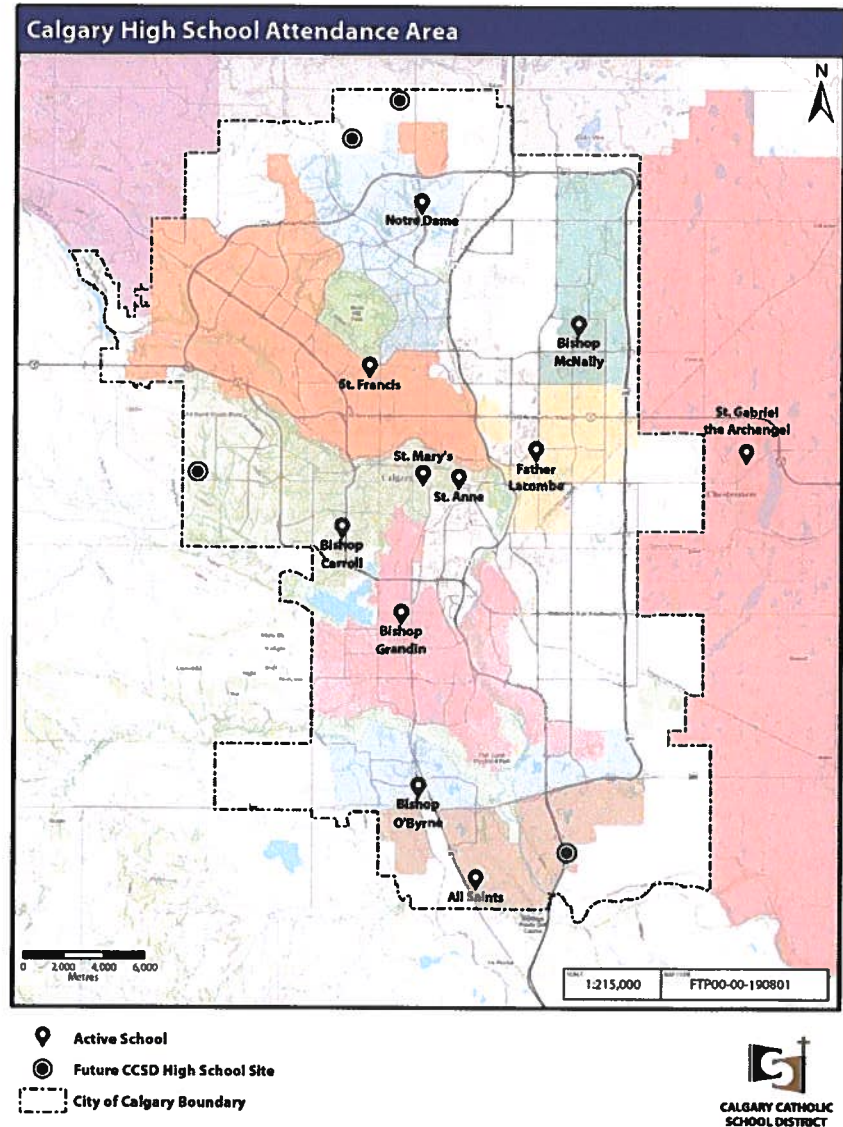
## CCSD Situation and RangeView High School in Calgary

### Executive Summary and Recommendations

The CCSD high school student population is expected to increase beyond capacity within the next few years, with some large areas of Calgary well beyond 100% utilization. CCSD High school utilization for 2019/2020 was calculated at 88% and is projected to be over 100% within four years (by 2024).

These are the following recommendations:

1. Advocating for new sites and site readiness for high school sites in Calgary. Specifically, CCSD will need to work with the appropriate government and development officials for site readiness in Seton, and advocate for funding to build both the West Calgary High School and Rangeview High School.
2. Explore high school attendance area boundary changes for ALL high schools in Calgary.
3. Explore changes to program placements to encourage student school selections, especially at schools that are underutilized.



The map above shows all existing and future high school sites.

**Table 1: Calgary High School Capacity Vs. Enrolment**

Calgary High Schools	2019/2020 Prelim. Capacity	2019/2020 Adj. Enrolment	2019/2020 Prelim. Utilization	Projected Adj. Enrolment (2024/2025)	Projected Utilization (2024/2025)
All Saints	1,500	1,339	89%	2,012	134%
Bishop Carroll	1,353	1,283	95%	1,411	104%
Bishop Grandin	1,927	1,371	71%	1,431	74%
Bishop McNally	1,519	1,473	97%	1,655	109%
Bishop O'Byrne	1,769	1,431	81%	1,418	80%
Father Lacombe	1,156	1,253	108%	1,379	119%
Notre Dame	1,696	1,791	106%	2,065	122%
St. Francis	2,248	1,619	72%	1,989	88%
St. Mary's	1,175	1,122	95%	1,200	102%
	<b>14,343</b>	<b>12,682</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>14,560</b>	<b>102%</b>

Table 1 shows high school (Gr. 10-12) enrolment against the capacity of CCSD high schools in Calgary. As per Alberta government standard, enrolment data is adjusted for SPED students and includes all grade 10-12 students, regardless of program. Capacity calculations are also as per standard and include all CCSD high schools within Calgary (except for St. Anne, as it is a special setting). As

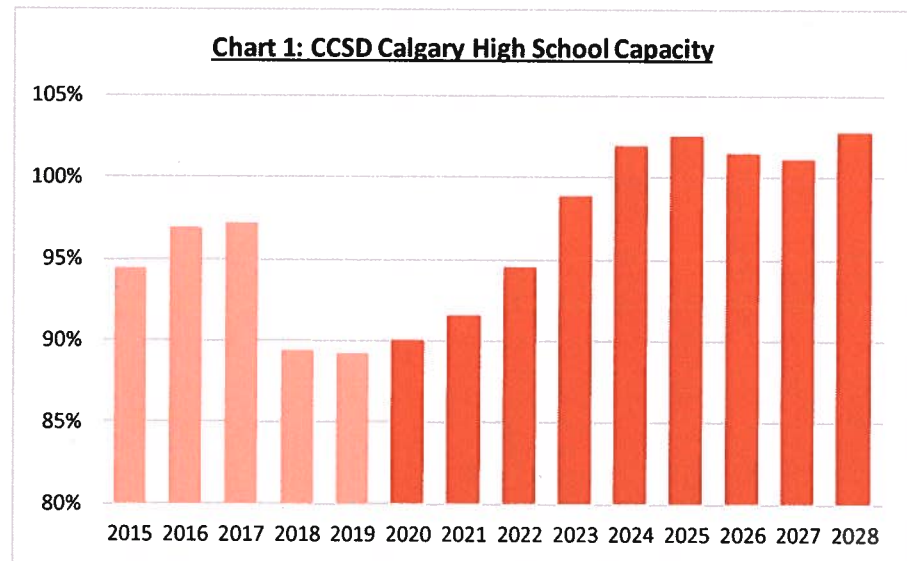
of 2018-2019, the high school capacity increased from 12,843 spaces to 14,343 with the opening of All Saints High School. Capacities do tend to change with modernizations and/or changes to Special Education program settings. For this analysis, the 14,343 capacity was used as a static measure to calculate utilization.

#### Capacity Analysis: Calgary High School Enrolment & Capacity

Over the last decade, CCSD has seen the opening of a single high school All Saints in 2018, CCSD was again able to bring the overall Calgary high school utilization rate below 90 per cent. Historically, 85 per cent utilization has been viewed as optimal as this allows for schools running efficiently while also recognizing that allowances for movement of students to auxiliary spaces and specialized spaces throughout the day (such as science labs, arts spaces, and industrial arts spaces) is necessary to support functional and well-rounded learning.

As can be seen in Chart 1, high schools within Calgary are not at this 85 per cent benchmark and are in fact envisioned to reach beyond 100 per cent utilization within a 5-year timeframe. Faced with such a capacity situation, high school programming is already becoming impacted as auxiliary spaces become

less available for their intended uses, to be used instead for simple classroom uses to house students beyond the intended capacity of the buildings. As CCSD Calgary high school capacities reach the 100 per cent mark and beyond, not only will these auxiliary spaces be impacted, the impact will be felt into regular classroom availability and potentially all learning spaces.

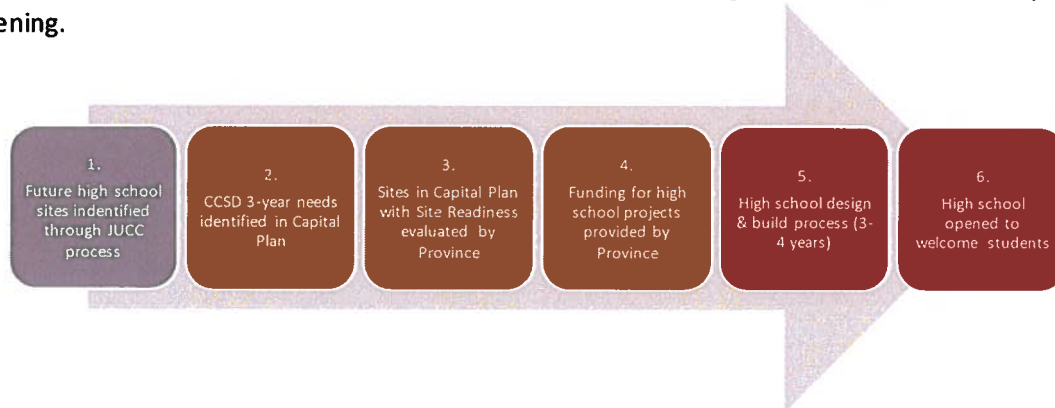




### Addressing the Capacity Situation: Future CCSD Calgary High School Sites

As was demonstrated above, CCSD is facing limits in available high school space across the City of Calgary as a whole. As such, additional high school space is required to address these needs. Of note, in addressing capacity situations through provision of additional high school buildings are:

- High school sites within Calgary are procured through the JUCC process, as well as the provincial Capital Planning process
- Future high school needs must be identified and supported in the annual CCSD Capital Plan
- If funding is available from Alberta Infrastructure for school district capital plan needs, projects that satisfy Provincial Site Readiness requirements are given priority
- Once funding is approved by the Province, general high school design and construction is a 4-year process to opening.



CCSD currently has two future high school sites that have reached Step 2 in the process above (identified in the current Capital Plan). These two are the West Calgary High School site in south-central Calgary and the Rangeview High School site in southeast Calgary.

To move through to Step 3 above (and ultimately receive funding support from the Province), sites must meet Site Readiness criteria, as outlined by Alberta Infrastructure. Currently, Rangeview high school site has not yet received site readiness. CCSD Planning, Administration, and Trustees have been working with developers of the Rangeview area to move this site closer to meeting site readiness criteria, as a means of meeting high school needs in the area, as well as within the greater Calgary context. At this time, this work to achieve site readiness continues through 2020.

### Addressing the Capacity Situation: CCSD Calgary High School Needs

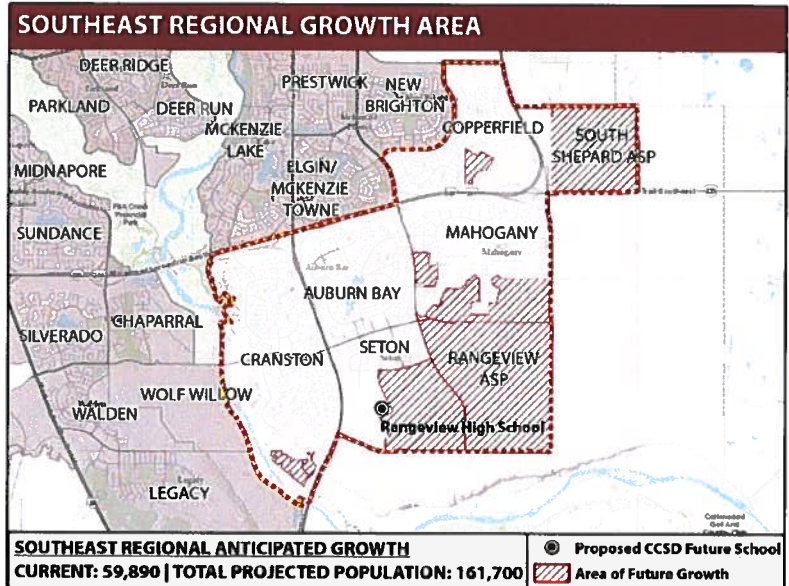
Given that ideal utilization rates are identified as around 85 per cent and that the process from funding approval by the Province to opening a school is approximately four years, the following is of note:

- Within Calgary, CCSD high schools are approximately 500 students over ideal capacity
- By 2024 (within 4 years) CCSD Calgary high schools are **projected to be approximately 2,400 students over ideal capacity**
- These projected student numbers **do not include growth from large new communities** set to begin construction within the next 2-4 years, such as the South Shepard ASP, Belvedere ASP, Providence ASP, and remaining Rangeview ASP area (projections do include students from already developing communities such as Seton, Legacy, Livingston, and West Springs).
- CCSD has two high school sites identified on the current capital plan, with a **combined capacity of 2,700\* students**
- Funding for **both of these high school projects** would need to be achieved in the short term to meet high school needs

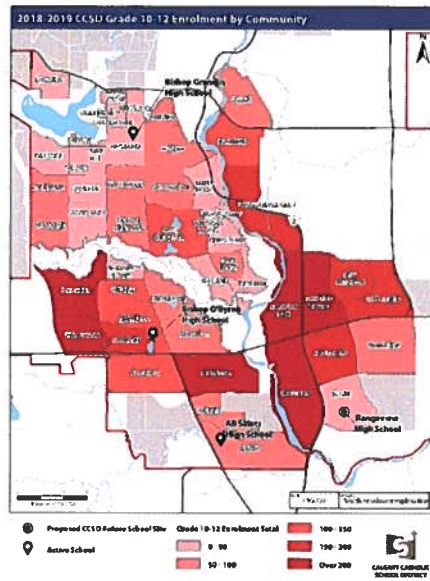
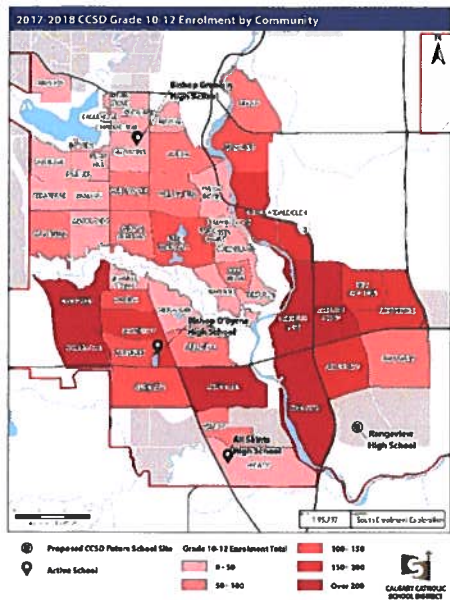
Addressing the Capacity Situation: CCSD High School Sites in 2021-2024 Capital Plan**RANGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 2, PRIORITY 11**

Located in South Seton/ Rangeview, this site is not yet serviced by the developer of the area and thus has yet to meet Site Readiness criteria.

This project seeks funding support of \$46.5M from the Province for a complete high school with the future capacity of 1,500 students. This high school is projected to serve the needs of Calgary high school students and specifically those living within proximate communities which may include Auburn Bay, Mahogany, Seton, the remaining Rangeview ASP, and Ricardo Ranch ASP areas.



- The Southeast region of Calgary has a current population of 59,890 residents, growing to a projected 161,700 people as development progresses.
- Rangeview particularly accounts for approx. 44,000 persons.
- Current build Out for a portion known as Seton is only 8.6%
- Using current Calgary demographic data (including student generation rates of both mature and developing communities), it is anticipated that there will be approximately 1,600-1,800 high school students in this area at maturity.
- Currently the vast majority of these students attend All Saints which has exceeded capacity in 2019.
- The SE sector being hosted within the South Sector and West Macleod ASP area which also anticipates 136,000 persons.
- During the initial development phases (i.e. – over the next 20 years to 2040), these high school numbers would be expected to peak higher, perhaps approaching the 2,000-2,500 +/- student range. the Rangeview High School project is required to support both current student populations and future high school students of Calgary.





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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March 2, 2021

**RE: Calgary Catholic Seton/Rangeview High School Site**

To whom it may concern,

As the MLA For Calgary-South East, I am writing this letter to share my support for a future Calgary Catholic School District (CSSD) high school in Seton/Rangeview.

As you may be aware, the CSSD has recently reviewed their five-year high school accommodation strategy and will require additional high school spaces. Based on historical growth rates, the district is expecting to have a district-wide utilization of 102% (students/spaces) by 2024-2025. Of significant concern is the recently opened proximal high school in Legacy, All Saints, which is projected to be operating at 134% utilization within this time frame.

Site readiness is a requirement for capital funding of schools at the provincial level. Any ability to adjust cost timelines (site services, fees, subdivision, etc.) would allow for the CSSD to move this essential site into a year-one need and would enable me to begin my advocacy for provincial design and construction funding.

As my constituency requires additional schools and would be directly and positively impacted by this development, I request that the City of Calgary expedite this project if possible and continue to assist the developer and the CSSD to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Jones".

Matt Jones, CFA  
MLA for Calgary-South East





March 2, 2021

**From: Honourable Whitney Issik, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore**

**RE: Calgary Catholic Seton/Rangeview High School Site**

To whom it may concern,

As the MLA for Calgary Glenmore I am writing this letter to share my support for a future Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) high school in Seton/Rangeview.

While my constituency is not currently experiencing growth pressures, it is reasonable to expect that the growth pressures in other quadrants, particularly the SE, will have an effect on the schools that serve my constituents in the years to come. Notably, it is predicted that All Saints High School located in legacy will reach 134% utilization by 2025. This would have a negative impact not only on the student experience within the classroom but also on transportation. I believe it is in the best interests of all Calgarians for children to attend school as close to home as possible.

Site readiness is a requirement for capital funding of schools at the provincial level. Any ability to adjust cost timelines (site services, fees, subdivision, etc.) would allow for the CCSD to move this essential site into a year-one need for their capital request to the Province. As such, it would be greatly appreciated if the City of Calgary could expedite this project and continue to assist the developer and Calgary Catholic.

Best Regards,

Whitney Issik  
MLA – Calgary Glenmore