

# Yellowknife Catholic Schools

## Memorandum

September 8, 2009  
To: YCS Trustees  
From: Mike Huvenaars  
RE: Renovations at ESJS

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The retrofit of Ecole St. Joseph School is proceeding very well. The project is on time and on budget.

Phase 1B (new gym, new main entrance, meeting rooms, washrooms and new staff lounge) is almost complete. The administrative offices, support teacher and counselors' offices were relocated to phase 1 area during June. We moved into the meeting rooms, new staff room, offices and temporary library in August.


The main entrance needs one more coat of paint and the new light fixtures in the entrance hallway need to be installed. The flooring for this area is in Yellowknife and will be installed in the next few weeks. The new stairs and ramp outside the new entrance will be installed over the next few weeks. For this school year we will be using the entrance off the playground as our main public access.

Phase 2 of the retrofit is well ahead of schedule. Mechanical and electrical work is proceeding well. The water system has been entirely upgraded and all water in the school is now safe to drink.

The contractors are working on the exterior walls. The sides of the school closest to Range Lake Road and Woolgar Avenue are complete. The back sides of the school are over 80 % complete and all of the exterior cladding (with the exception of the southern end) should be complete by the end of September. Most of the new window frames have been installed. The windows on the large skylight will be completed in the next few weeks.

The air handler for the gyms is functioning as designed. The air handlers for the south wing and admin and music areas are on site and will be installed over the next few weeks. Once all of the air handlers are operational the new building control system will be brought on-line to handle all mechanical systems. The new boilers will be installed this summer. The wood pellet boiler has passed all pre-test inspections and will be tested in a live run late in September.

The renovations for the main gym are almost complete. All of the gym equipment was moved back to the gym on Friday. Classes are starting in the renovated main gym today. A new dividing curtain will be installed in a few weeks. New storage units for the main gym storage and for storage under the stage are in the process of being constructed. The speakers and amplifier for the new gym sound system will be mounted over the next few weeks. The change rooms for the main gym will be renovated in the summer of 2010.



The stage needs one more coat of paint and will be returned to school use before the end of September.

The interior of the two story wing has been prepared for construction – but limited work has occurred on the two story south wing to date. The new main stairwell has been installed and work continues on the new classrooms on the second floor.

We anticipate installing playground equipment to the area near the kindergarten classrooms September 23 to 27, 2009.

Some landscaping did occur this summer (the majority of landscaping will occur during the summer of 2010).

