



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

To: All Local Media
From: Brandon School Division
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019
Re: Maryland Park School – Tender Awarded

During the regular Board Meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019, our Board of Trustees passed the following motion:

Motion 09/2019: That the low Tender from *Fresh Projects* in the amount of \$22,679,187 (plus GST) for the construction of the new K-8 Maryland Park School be approved.

Fresh Projects, a Winnipeg based company, will start the work this winter on Maryland Park School. Just a few quick steps away from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Maryland Park School will be built at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Ninth Street.

During the tender period, the Brandon School Division received ten (10) bids in total. Four of these were local, from the City of Brandon and/or surrounding area. The tender was unanimously awarded to *Fresh Projects* as they had submitted the lowest bid.

While *Fresh Projects* may not be a local company, approximately \$10 million dollars of the work associated with the construction will be sub-contracted out to several local contractors for items such as electrical, mechanical and roofing.

Official contracts are in the process of being finalized and signed by all parties, and building permits are being prepared and issued. The official ground-breaking event will be scheduled in due course.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Attachment: News Release April 19, 2018
Premier Joins Community in Brandon to Celebrate New School Announcement

“Accepting the Challenge”



April 19, 2018

**PREMIER JOINS COMMUNITY IN BRANDON
TO CELEBRATE NEW SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT**

BRANDON—Premier Brian Pallister unveiled more details about the new kindergarten to Grade 8 school in southeast Brandon at a visit to the new school site today at Maryland Avenue and Ninth Street.

“We have known for years that Brandon needs a new school to accommodate the tremendous growth that has happened here over the past 20 years,” said Pallister. “Our goal since day one has been to catch up with the need for new schools and deliver quality new learning environments for students and educators at the best possible price.”

The new 65,660-sq.-ft. English school will be constructed for 450 students with ability to expand to a capacity of 675 students, and will include:

- a child-care centre for 20 infants and 54 preschool children;
- 40 nursery school spaces;
- 14 regular classrooms and kindergarten rooms, and dedicated art, band and science rooms;
- a science, technology, electronics and math (STEM) lab;
- life-skills and resource teaching and guidance suites, and an English as an additional language room;
- library and gymnasium;
- a home-economics lab; and
- an industrial arts (manufacturing / construction) shop.

The new school is currently being designed and a tender for construction will be issued in November, the premier said. Construction is expected to be completed for the beginning of the school year in September 2020, he added.

“The board of trustees is delighted that the province made the decision to invest in a new school in Brandon, and we are so pleased that the planning process is moving forward quickly,” said Dr. Linda Ross, board chair, Brandon School

Division. “I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Brandon’s MLAs Reg Helwer and Len Isleifson, as well as those of city council, and the Brandon community at large in advocating for this much needed new educational facility. Pressures on capacity in K–8 schools across Brandon will be alleviated, and students living in this area of Brandon South will have the community school they deserve. This is an occasion worth celebrating!”

In 2017, the province announced plans to build six new schools:

- English kindergarten to Grade 8 in southeast Brandon (Brandon School Division);
- Dual-track kindergarten to Grade 5 in Precinct ‘E’ (Seven Oaks School Division);
- Dual-track kindergarten to Grade 8 in Waterford Green (Winnipeg School Division);
- English grades 9 to 12 in Waverley West (Pembina Trails School Division);
- English grades 9 to 12 in Niverville (Hanover School Division); and
- English kindergarten to Grade 8 in Winkler (Garden Valley School Division).

In the 2018-19 budget, the province was able to identify at least \$18 million in savings that would enable the construction of an additional school, a kindergarten to Grade 8 English school in Waverley West (Pembina Trails School Division).

“We’re pleased to move forward with this historic investment, which will support a stronger education system here in Brandon for years to come,” said Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart. “The additional school in Waverley West is a direct result of our commitment to shop smarter on behalf of Manitoba taxpayers.”

The minister confirmed the province is proceeding with construction of these seven new schools, which will create capacity for 4,425 students and 540 child-care spaces. Earlier this month, the province initiated the design phase for the Brandon, Seven Oaks and Winnipeg school division projects when it selected prime consultants through a competitive process. The two new schools in Pembina Trails (Waverley West) will proceed to design early in 2019.

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