

School District No. 75 (Mission)

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Mission Schools Ready for Another School Year

Mission School District facility crews are wrapping up a busy summer of cleaning and maintenance work in preparation for the start of school on Tuesday, September 7th.

In addition to the usual cleaning of schools and minor renovation projects completed over the summer, a number of major projects were also undertaken.

Major projects include the district's Building Retrofit program, which has seen replacement of the heating and ventilation systems (HVAC) at three elementary schools. Completion of this work will conclude a district-wide program that has provided upgrades to all lighting systems, as well as optimization of the HVAC systems in five other schools. These upgrades are designed to improve indoor air quality and also provide energy savings to the district.

Work on this \$3.495 million project began in early 2004 and is scheduled for completion this fall. The district will pay for the project through provincial capital grants and a \$1.8 million capital loan. It is expected that energy savings will offset the cost of the district's capital loan.

In addition, the annex from Edwin S. Richards School was moved to Heritage Park Secondary School at a cost of \$750,000. This move was required to create space to accommodate an increasing student population within Heritage Park's catchment area. This project was approved by the Ministry of Education at a cost of \$750,000.

Dave Milne, Director of Facilities commented that the Maintenance, Grounds and Custodial staff worked extra hard over the summer with the usual summer workload and also with an increased demand stemming from the major projects.

"Due to the nature of these projects, many of our staff volunteered to change shifts or vacation dates to ensure that schools would be ready for opening day. They are to be commended for the dedication and commitment they have to the school district and its students, parents and staff," said Milne.

According to Dave Milne, Director of Facilities, both projects are on schedule and on budget.

The Mission School District operates 22 schools serving more than 7,300 students. There is approximately 100 staff involved in the District facilities department.

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