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RE: New Airdrie high school in Southwinds a major step toward solving critical space shortage

Rocky View Schools (RVS) is pleased to share progress on a new high school planned for the Southwinds community in Airdrie. Design work is almost complete for this new school in the city's southwest that will create 1,810 critically-needed spaces for students in Grades 10 – 12.

The development permit has been submitted to the City of Airdrie, and a review is expected to be completed this summer. A construction timeline will be shared as soon as it is confirmed; however, the school is expected to be open for learning in fall 2029. Construction of the school was approved by the provincial government as part of the School Construction Accelerator Program.

"RVS' Airdrie high schools have experienced high utilization rates for many years," said Board Chair, Fiona Gilbert. "Construction of this much needed high school is long overdue and follows years of strong Board and community advocacy efforts."

Enrolment in RVS' high schools in Airdrie grew by more than 1,400 students – an increase of 50 per cent – from 2019 to 2024. RVS' newest high school in Airdrie, W.H. Croxford High School, opened in the city's southwest in 2014. Since then, enrolment at all RVS Airdrie high schools has continued to grow and administrators, teachers and staff have worked hard to maximize available space to support students and each other. To help ease space pressures until the new Southwinds high school can open, RVS' high schools in Airdrie will shift to a Grade 10 – 12 configuration beginning in September 2025.

RVS has experienced years of significant enrolment growth in Airdrie without corresponding school builds. RVS appreciates the government's approval of new schools, including this new high school in Airdrie. The Board remains committed to advocating for expedited school construction and to ensure a steady stream of school project approvals to alleviate future space pressures on students.

"This new school will make a meaningful difference for Airdrie high school students and staff," said Gilbert. "It will ease the strain on our overcrowded high schools, create more opportunities for learning and offer supportive well-designed spaces that set students and staff up for success."

The school in Southwinds is one of [several capital projects underway](#) across the division. It typically takes four to five years to build a high school and open it for learning once approved for construction by the provincial government.

There will be future opportunities for the community to provide input on the school's attendance area and to suggest a name for this important new school. RVS will continue to provide [updates](#) as this project and the other new school projects progress.

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