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Lethbridge School Division:

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West Coulee Station Elementary -

(1350 Abitibi Road West - on sidewalk outside the construction site)

Lethbridge School Division is encouraged by the Government of Alberta's commitment to boost the amount of capital money towards K-12 school construction in the province. The Division, like many across Alberta, is experiencing enrollment pressures in many of our schools, particularly in fast-growing areas of the city. As such, the Division's top three new-construction requests include a west Lethbridge elementary school in the south, a west Lethbridge high school and a north Lethbridge elementary school. School modernizations for buildings such as Galbraith Elementary School, are also top priorities for the Division.

"Lethbridge is a growing city, and that does bring challenges for our schools that are dealing with high utilization rates, particularly on the westside," said Christine Lee, the Division's Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations. "Any support we can receive from the provincial and municipal governments to expediate the process of building new schools is certainly welcomed."

Lee added west Lethbridge is expected to grow by just over two per cent by 2026. Currently, elementary school core utilization is between 118-221 per cent on the westside.

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