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TO: Horizon Staff, Parents, and Community Members
FROM: Board of Trustees
RE: Capital Plan

At the February 27, 2018 Horizon Board of Trustees meeting, trustees approved their 2018 Capital Plan. The plan is reviewed and updated annually and once it received board approval is submitted to Alberta Education. The Board's top three projects are:

1. Milk River Elementary School and Erle Rivers High School
 - a. Full demolition of ERHS, modernization of MRE and the addition of new construction (a new gym and high school classrooms) at MRE that would turn MRE into a K-12 school
2. Modernization of W.R. Myers (Phase 2 of the D.A. Ferguson/W.R. Myers project)
3. Modernization of Lomond School

A significant amount of planning and problem solving has been undertaken since Alberta Education formally approved the partial modernization of the D.A. Ferguson/W.R. Myers complex in the fall of 2015. Two value management sessions have also taken place in Milk River to explore five project options using Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure performance attributes. The Board's top priority for their Capital Plan aligns with the recommendation from the Value Management session held in December, 2017, in Milk River.

Marie Logan states, "The Board's Capital Plan is the Board's wish list for future projects. It is now up to the province to decide if any of these projects receive formal government approval. Given the provinces economic state, it remains uncertain as to when these projects will receive approval. We will also have to wait until government approval, to be able to know the extent of funding provided for each project."

Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent of Schools stated that once approved the modernization will improve the classrooms and replace electrical and mechanical systems that are operating well beyond their life expectancy. Modernizations are complex activities and undergoing construction in a functioning school creates additional complications. As we move forward we will continue to update parents.