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Regular Meeting of the Board – September 14, 2015

Facilities and Maintenance Status Report

Presented by Kevin Jones, Manager of Facilities and Maintenance

Chinook maintains over 30 buildings in the Division. In 2014-2015, the Maintenance department completed 1,888 work requisitions. Every year the Maintenance Department completes an assessment of all school facilities within Chinook. They are rated out of 100% according to criteria that includes Electrical, Plumbing, Structural, Roofing, Accessibility, Exterior Conditions, Health and Safety, Yard Site Development, Interior Finishes and Functionality. In the past nine years, 26 out of 28 schools (93%) have shown an increase in their overall facility rating. 71% have increased more than 5% in their overall rating since 2005.

We are now in year three of the new PMR (Preventative Maintenance and Repair) Ministry funded program. Currently funding is allocated to each School Division based on the total gross area of all Schools. Chinook received \$693,000 for 2013-2014, \$872,138 for 2014-2015 and \$ 1,203,335 for 2015-2016. This type of funding, combined with previous budget allotments, will allow Chinook to plan and complete renovation projects internally without Ministry delays. PMR projects must be approved by the Board and follow the criteria set out by the Facilities Branch.

The department is working as a team to ensure work gets done on time and that there is regular communication with the schools. They take pride in their work, and have received accolades from the schools and communities expressing appreciation for the work that is done.

Ashley Park & Oman Facilities Transfer to the City of Swift Current

Subject to Ministerial approval and in accordance with the *Education Act, 1995*, Chinook School Division has approved an agreement with the City of Swift Current to the transfer of Oman and Ashley Park school sites for the sum of \$1.00 on the condition that the City demolish the existing Aquatic Centre adjoining the Comprehensive High School within a reasonable time after a new Aquatic Centre is constructed and in operation at the proposed Integrated Facility.

The sale of Oman School is effective December 31, 2015 and Ashley Park is effective June 30, 2016. The Oman sale does not include the lands upon which Kinsmen School is located, and there is a provision to provide space for Chinook to construct a commemorative marker stone for Oman School.

Opening Day Enrolments

Presented by Liam Choo-Foo, Director of Education

The enrolment numbers often change daily in the first month of the school year, therefore official numbers will be released after September 30, 2015. At this point, it appears that Chinook has 5817 students and will be down by about 58 students from last year. To date there are 11 less students in the Hutterian Schools, and 47 less students in our community schools. These are general trends and numbers will be more accurate at the end of the month.