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Parents of Sacred Heart  
Sacred Heart School  
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Dear Parents of Sacred Heart School,

On behalf of the STAR Catholic School Division Board of Trustees, I extend my sincere thanks for your letter expressing your advocacy for a Catholic high school for students of Sacred Heart School in your community. It's encouraging to see a passionate community of parents who are dedicated to Catholic education and willing to make their voices heard for the benefit of their children.

We appreciate and understand your concerns, both as a Board of Trustees and as parents ourselves. No parent should feel anxious when thinking about their child's educational future. Certainly, no parent should feel they must choose between quality Catholic education or valuable family time. I can assure you the needs of Sacred Heart School have not been forgotten, and we are working towards a solution.

To help form our Capital Plan, the Board recently accepted recommendations regarding division buildings made by the Long Range Planning Committee. The Committee used Project Drivers and Level of Need documents created by Alberta Education as tools to determine the current state of our facilities. They also performed a needs assessment based on the criteria of health and safety, building condition, enrolment pressures, and functionality and programming.

The Committee allocated priorities into two categories: New Builds and Modernization/Replacement. Sacred Heart School is currently ranked second in the Modernization/Replacement category. The Board of Trustees is pleased to inform you the request for modernization will include a request for additional space. This would allow for a high school as part of the current facility, making Sacred Heart a K-12 school.

I hope this provides some clarity about the Board's intentions and priorities, and reassures you that your children — and their education — are of the utmost importance to the STAR Catholic Board of Trustees. Once again, thank you for taking the time to reach out, and for the investments you make in the future of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lamer  
Board Chair