

Fort Saskatchewan Update: March 2015 Update

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has started planning for the new Kindergarten to Grade 9 school that is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016 in Fort Saskatchewan. This school will serve the growing southeastern portion of the city, including the community of South Pointe.

In June 2014, the Board approved a motion to direct administration to complete a boundary review in Fort Saskatchewan and recommend to the Board a designated boundary for the new school. Given demographic and program population changes over the past few years, the goal of the review is to determine the best possible use of facilities, programming, and other resources for the maximum benefit of all students in Fort Saskatchewan.

EIPS recently completed Phase 1 of the Fort Saskatchewan Boundary Review consultation process. Phase 1 included discussions with parents, students, and the community regarding where to draw the new school boundaries. Using the feedback gathered in the first phase, along with population and demographic data, EIPS is now moving into Phase 2—the design options for the new school boundaries.

In March of 2015, the Board of Trustees approved changes to the Boundary Review timelines. The changes will allow EIPS administrators the time it needs to contract a planner to assist with the boundary-review process and consultation to ensure adequate time and expertise is put into the process. All of the information gathered during the consultation process will help inform the recommendations for the new boundaries and is scheduled to come forward to the Board for approval in the fall of 2015.

Please refer to the [Administrative Procedure 155](#) document for more information regarding the protocol used for naming an Elk Island Public Schools facility.