

Elk Island-Heartland Collegiate

Employing over 8000 direct and 30,000 indirect skilled workers, and with over 20 major industrial facilities, Alberta's Industrial Heartland is predicted to attract more than \$30 billion of new industrial growth by 2030. The reason: The expected surge in petrochemical industries, carbon capture and storage, and hydrogen-production opportunities; and, as a result, it's creating a burgeoning demand for skilled workers in the region.

A 2018 Value Scoping conducted by Alberta Education determined that the optimal opportunity for programming required to **meet the projected growth** and capacity needs of Fort Saskatchewan would be a new 7-12 school replacing the antiquated Fort Saskatchewan Senior High and Rudolph Hennig Junior High. This new school would have a capacity of **1400 to 1600 students** and is the proposed centre for collegiate programming in the Heartland Region.

Collegiate schools aim to offer specialized programming in specific subject areas or fields, facilitating clearer pathways for students into post-secondary education and careers within their chosen domains. Key elements of a collegiate include:

- Focused subject areas or fields of concentration.
- Formal partnerships with post-secondary institutions.
- Opportunities for experiential learning and practical work experience.
- Dual credit programs and/or pathways bridging into post-secondary education.

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The Elk Island-Heartland Collegiate School is a proposed partnership between Alberta Education, Advanced Education, local organizations and industry. The collegiate will boast a **relevant, unique and innovative model** for addressing trades and career-related preparation and post-secondary education, in addition to a comprehensive high school education, addressing the skilled labour demands of the region.