

# Education Matters

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## BPSD Construction and Facility Upgrades

As another school year draws to a close in Beautiful Plains School Division, the maintenance staff at all of the facilities are preparing for a busy summer. This is the time of year when the facilities receive a thorough cleaning and freshening up after a year of use by students, staff and community. Much of this work happens inside the buildings so it may not appear much is going on but summer is a very busy time at our schools.

Typical summer repairs would include replacement of flooring and windows where necessary, side walk repairs or replacement, changing out broken or obsolete door locks, lockers, sinks, taps and other equipment.

Some more significant work that will be completed this summer is a fire alarm upgrade to an old system, some additional security cameras installed at some hard to monitor locations, minor renovations to an office to facilitate better flow for staff, addition of sidewalks to connect portable classrooms to schools, construction of a storage shed and repainting of one school. The repainting of schools is done on a rotational basis or as necessary.

Two major projects that will be occurring this summer are the complete renovation of the home economics lab at Neepawa Collegiate and the addition of two portable classrooms to Neepawa Collegiate. The home economics renovation was to take place last year but the scope of work was greater than expected so it was delayed until the summer of 2013 in an attempt to minimize distraction to the classes. Millwork has been ordered for the lab and work will start as soon as the building is empty and should be completed for classes next fall. The second major project will be the addition of two portable classrooms to Neepawa Collegiate. The Public Schools Finance Board has approved the divisions request for two additional classrooms in order to house the incoming grade 6 students from Hazel M. Kellington School.

Some additional projects that are being considered for the future are:

- Front entrance office renovations at R. J. Waugh School to improve security
- Replacement of dust collection system in NACI wood shops
- Concrete repair at NACI for better drainage and snow clearing
- Air conditioning / cooling system for NACI gymnasium

The importance of maintaining quality facilities for the students and staff of Beautiful Plains School Division is crucial. Our goal is to have an education system that our communities, parents, students and staff are proud of. As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact the division office or one of the board of trustees for more information.

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