



CAPITAL PLAN

2023-2026

Preface

Each year, Aurora Academic Charter School, along with other school divisions in the province, is obligated to submit a Three-Year Capital Plan to Alberta Education.

A summary of a Capital Plan includes:

- A catalog of capital priorities that the School Board wishes to be funded by the Provincial Government. These plans are essentially a "wish list" submitted to the Government for consideration in its infrastructure planning process. Ultimately, it is the Government that determines which projects will receive funding and when they will commence.
- School authorities do not receive annual funding for the purpose of constructing new schools or undertaking major renovations to existing ones. If projects fail to obtain approval from the Provincial Government, the School Division is unable to proceed with the construction.
- Although referred to as a Three-Year Capital Plan, it should be noted that not all, or any, of the projects are guaranteed to be approved or completed within the specified timeframe. Even if a project ranks at the top of a Capital Plan, it may take several years for it to receive approval.
- Capital plans includes tentative start dates, end dates, and costs; however, these are estimates and suggestions. The dates are determined based on the authority's desired pace for the project and the potential for immediate construction if approved. Additionally, the dates often reflect any preliminary work already undertaken to advance the project, such as negotiating a location with a municipality. The suggested dates and costs aid the Provincial Government in evaluating the project and deciding whether or not to approve it. If a project is approved, the Government will determine the actual timelines and budget.
- An authority is obligated to prioritize all projects, but this does not guarantee that they will proceed in that order. For example, a modernization project, involving the renovation of an existing facility, may be undertaken before the construction of a new school. Various factors, including cost, can influence this decision. Furthermore, priorities may shift, particularly if unforeseen circumstances arise that alter the urgency of a particular project.

	Priority	Priority	Year
AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER SECONDARY SCHOOL	1	Modernization	3
AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL	2	Audit Upgrade	3
AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3	New School	10



AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER SECONDARY SCHOOL



Project Overview

Alberta Avenue School was first built in 1945, and though it has been well-maintained, requires a full modernization to the building and the environs to ensure adequate programming for grades eight through twelve students.

Aurora School Ltd. would contribute funds for modernization with the balance provided by Alberta Education.

Project Budget Key Drivers

\$7,664,442
Health & Safety
Program Need
Infrastructure
Condition

Quick Facts

Additions in 1951,
1957, 1961, and 1972

Program shortfall
for science, physical
education, foods,
and fashion

2023-2024
projected
utilization is 59%,
100% by 2025-2026



AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Project Overview

Sherbrooke School was first built in 1953 and, since AACS has held the lease from the Edmonton Public School Board in 2007, has significantly modified and modernized the building. The space is now occupied by students in grades kindergarten through seven.

Aurora School Ltd. would contribute funds for audit improvements with the balance provided by Alberta Education.

Project Budget Key Drivers

\$1,845,000
Mechanical System
and Electrical
Upgrades
Washroom Facilities

Quick Facts

Additions in 1956,
2015, 2022

Program shortfall for
science, physical
education, foods,
and fashion

2023-2024 projected
utilization is 99%



AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Project Overview

Within the next eight years, a school capable of holding 450 students is necessary to support authority growth and allow Alberta Avenue school to focus its program on traditional high school grades.

Aurora School Ltd. would contribute funds for audit improvements with the balance provided by Alberta Education.

Project Budget

\$12,000,000 -
\$32,305,876

Key Drivers

Student Population
Waitlist Numbers
Utilization

Quick Facts

A new build, or use of an existing school site are possibilities

Waitlist numbers for kindergarten are in the hundreds

AACS does not have the ability to purchase a school in Edmonton.