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**Subject:** **2026-27 Capital Planning**

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In reference to Policy 409, this is a reminder that districts are to submit their respective Major Capital requests for 2026-2027 Capital Planning by May 31, 2025, and Capital Improvement request for Capital Planning are to be submitted no later than September 30, 2025.

**Major Capital Projects:**

As part of an effort to improve the ability for districts and EECD to undertake long-term infrastructure planning, major projects identified in the 2025-26 five-year departmental plan will be considered as the Stable Departmental Infrastructure Priorities (SDIP) list. This list is based upon 2025-26 QBL rankings, and the GNB five-year funding model for EECD. The list of major project priorities is attached for your reference.

Projects included on the SDIP list do not need to be re-submitted to EECD for consideration. They will remain on the list unless there is a significant change in scope identified by the DEC, or until the project is funded. Therefore, when submitting requests for future Major Capital Projects, DEC's should generally be planning for fiscal year 2030-31 and beyond.

Projects will be added to the SDIP list in upcoming years based upon funds identified for EECD in the five-year GNB funding model and future QBL project rankings. This will be a rolling five-year plan, with the highest-ranking projects being added to the bottom of the SDIP list each year. The number

of projects on the list at any given time will be a function the funds identified in the GNB funding model.

The SDIP list is a planning tool. It does not guarantee that a project will be approved or started within the five-year planning window. It is possible that Government will have more funds available in certain years and additional projects can be selected, while other years may see less funding available. It is also possible that emergency situations could result in priority shifts.

Knowing if a major project should begin in approximately the next 5 years will allow DEC's to better determine which improvement projects, if any, for associated schools are required in the short term.

To assist with your capital planning exercises, you will find attached an updated list of schools with estimated infrastructure capacity and utilization.

**Capital Improvement Projects:**

Capital Improvement requests shall be submitted for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Please note that due to the fluctuant nature of school infrastructure needs, it is understood that Capital Improvement priorities may shift between the time they are approved by DEC's and when design is initiated with DTI. Staff at EECD will collaborate with district facilities staff to ensure that Capital Improvement Lists are up-to-date and reflect the projects of highest urgency at the time they are provided to DTI.

I thank you, your staff and your respective DEC's for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "François Godin".

François Godin, P.Eng.  
Director

Attachments:  
Stable Departmental Infrastructure Priorities List  
School Infrastructure Statistics