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To: Parents and Guardians of New Norway School

From: Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools

Hello New Norway School families!

You may have heard that Alberta school divisions recently received an extra financial boost from the provincial government, to support school capital maintenance and renewal projects.

These funds are intended to help provide employment opportunities to Alberta workers, while also allowing important renovations, repairs or upgrades to get done at schools.

Some of the funding Battle River School Division received is earmarked for the removal of the portable classrooms at the north end of New Norway School. These classrooms have reached the end of their lifespan and are due for removal, but BRSD would not have been able to move forward in doing this without having the funding provided.

We are required to complete the project within six months, so will be starting the process of hiring a contractor and getting work underway within a few weeks. It is our hope that all of the work will be finished prior to school resuming in September. If that's not the case, please be assured that we will ensure the safety of all students and staff and minimize disruptions as much as possible until the work is complete.

Mr. Payne, Mr. Searle and the New Norway School team are already working on plans to re-configure classes within the school to ensure there are appropriate spaces available for the Art and French classes that were offered in the portables.

In the future, we will be looking into the possibility of using the space currently occupied by the portables as the location of a student parking lot, so that students are no longer parking on the busy road north of the school.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to contact Mr. Payne or BRSD's Assistant Superintendent of Business, Imogene Walsh (iwalsh@brsd.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Rita Marler