



## Press Release

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### **New School - Request for Construction Proposals**

**Morden, Manitoba, November 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Western School Division is pleased to announce that proposals for construction of its new **K-8 School and Childcare Centre** in Morden are now being accepted by MCM Architects. Proposals will be accepted until early January. Construction is anticipated to start in the early spring of 2023.

The K-8 school is expected to open in September of 2024 with space for up to 600 students and the ability to expand up to 800 students. Key features of the new school include:

- Standard classrooms for K-8 students
- 2 Science Classrooms
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Room
- Art and Band Classrooms
- Human Ecology – Nutrition/Textiles Classroom
- Industrial Arts – Wood Shop
- Life Skills Suite
- Spacious 2-Station Gymnasium
- Library/Learning Commons
- Large, flexible Multi-Purpose Room
- Guidance and Resource Centres
- Before and After School Childcare Rooms with space for 40 children
- Childcare Facility with 74 spaces
- Energy Conserving Features – rainwater harvesting, water conserving features and sustainable and green design

In addition to the exciting news that the school is moving to this important stage, Western School Division is also costing out the possibility of a **locally funded quality soccer field and full-sized running track** on the new school site. More information on this part of the project will be provided in the coming weeks.