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Grand Erie Invests \$12.5 Million in Facility Renewal Projects

Brantford, ON - Grand Erie District School Board continues to renew and revitalize buildings across the district through the 2015-16 Facility Renewal Plan. This year, projects will total \$12,469,539 funded through Facility Renewal and School Condition Improvement grants.

Within this funding, projects include the Community Partnership Incentive Program, Pride of Place, and Capital Projects.

A number of facility renewal projects in 30 schools across Grand Erie are set to move forward thanks to the Community Partnership Incentive Plan, a program that supports school-based projects by matching funds raised by the community with a contribution from the Grand Erie District School Board.

This year, the combined contributions will provide more than \$400,000 to schools in need of repair, maintenance, or facility upgrades.

“Developed to address high and urgent renewal needs across our Board, the Facility Renewal Plan aims to assist schools in raising the funds they need to enhance and upgrade their facilities, including new flooring and lighting,” said Jamie Gunn, Superintendent of Business. “The plan augments funds earmarked from the Board budget with money raised at the school level by dedicated parents, students, and staff.”

“We want to celebrate the community involvement in our schools by matching Board resources to projects that will make a difference at the school level.”

The 2015-16 season marks the twelfth consecutive year that the Facility Renewal Plan has been used by the Board to support schools. The money is being used to fund new auditorium floors, fencing, paint, school signs, library upgrades, A/V equipment, and other essentials necessary for healthy and inviting learning environments.

This year, the Board received 33 applications totaling \$410,160 in required funding estimates. Schools raised \$201,330 on their own, with the school Board’s contributions totaling \$208,830.

In addition, most schools are also receiving upgrades thanks to the Pride of Place program that allocates funds to address facility features that contribute to a more welcoming environment for staff, students and the school community. Projects for 2015-16 have been prioritized and reviewed by facilities staff as set out in Policy FT 13 Pride of Place and Community Partnership Incentive Programs.

For a list of school projects in each county, contribution partners and the total value of each project, please visit www.granderie.ca/school/facilityrenewals.

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