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## Green light for high school plans

## Ministry gives go-ahead for Catholic Central tender

(Windsor, Ontario, Friday, Jan. 29, 2021) – The WECDSB can proceed with tendering the construction of a new building to replace Catholic Central High School after receiving approval from the Ministry of Education.

"This is a major milestone for this project and we're very eager to move on to the next step of selecting a contractor to build this wonderful new school for our community," said Director of Education Terry Lyons.

During the fall of 2020, the board selected pre-qualified contractors through a request for supplier qualifications process. The WECDSB expects to receive tender pricing from the pre-qualified contractors and award a contract with Board approval in early March. Once the tender has been approved by trustees, the Board anticipates unveiling design plans to the school community and the public.

Construction is slated to begin this year. The WECDSB anticipates opening the new school for the 2022-23 school year. The WECDSB is currently working with the City of Windsor to finalize its site plan agreement.

Last year, the WECDSB retained +VG Architects, which has developed a facility design to meet Ministry guidelines and demonstrates their extensive experience in new school construction throughout Ontario.

"This is very exciting news for our community, and for our students, their families and our staff," said Trustee Bernie Mastromattei, who represents the area in which the new building will be located. "We're looking forward to the day we can break ground and get moving on building this new school."

"Today's announcement is great news for students, educators and hard-working families in Windsor," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Our government is committed

supporting young people as they seek to achieve lifelong success, and by providing safe, accessible, state-of-the-art learning environments we are helping to accomplish just that."

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