

Sunrise School Division



Sunrise School Division buildings and grounds are positive contributors to the educational experience of all students and the communities we serve. A process of continuous improvement is needed to maintain our aging infrastructure and is critical to meeting the continually evolving academic and student needs of our school division.

The long-term stewardship of our school facilities is vital to ensuring that we are able to serve our community for many years to come.

Maintenance Department Structure

- The Maintenance Department staff consists of:
 - Maintenance Manager
 - Maintenance Clerk
 - Maintenance Worker
 - Head Custodians (13)
 - Cleaners (31)

The Maintenance Department cleans and maintains 752,544 sq. ft. of space including 13 schools and 6 non-educational facilities (SBC, SEC, 2 bus garages, one in Beausejour and one in Oakbank, Empower Education in LDB and the old bus garage used for storage and maintenance shop in Beausejour).

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Eleven out of 13 of our schools were built in the early to late 1960's and therefore, significant preventative maintenance is required. All projects are prioritized according to safety, building operation needs and budget to help perform preventive measures that will prolong the life of building components to prevent major capital expenditures in the future. Capital Projects are supported through Capital Planning funding from the Province of Manitoba.

Some examples of Capital Planning financed projects by the Province are:

- New schools
- Exterior wall replacements
- Elevators
- Grooming Rooms
- Roof replacements
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades
- School additions (Classrooms, Gyms, Science Labs, etc.)
- Replacement of dust collectors (Woods Shops)

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Long term planning involves creating strategic goals that may take a substantial time to accomplish due to budgeting constraints the Province is currently experiencing. It focuses on achieving objectives set for the projected future.

Once approved by the Province, all Capital projects normally run a 2 – 4 year cycle from start to completion one. Since 2002, Sunrise School Division has received more than \$50 Million in approved projects.

Maintenance Department Goals

The goals of the Maintenance Department are:

- Timely identification, planning and resolution of building conditions which are essential to the long-term healthy operations of the school divisions buildings.
- Maintain school division buildings in a way that enhances the educational experience for the students, teachers, and the community.

The Role of Custodial Staff in Schools

During the School Year...

Custodians are the first call for a problem in a classroom: a spill, a leak, a smell. During snowy weather, custodians arrive early— sometimes in the middle of the night—to ensure sidewalks are clean and safe for students and staff. They are the first ones to enter the buildings each morning and the last ones to leave.

School Breaks...

The custodial staff team work very hard during the summer months and also Christmas and Spring Breaks. Classrooms are emptied so floors can be stripped and waxed, rugs cleaned and disinfected, walls, windows, and desks are scrubbed. Custodians take the extra care needed to thoroughly clean classrooms, washrooms, hallways, etc. There is also a considerable amount of painting done in our schools every summer to refresh and revitalize our buildings.

The pride of our division begins with our buildings and grounds. Please join us in thanking our custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication. We are grateful for the support of this invaluable team. Here are some pictures of what was accomplished this summer.

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