

## **WEB RELEASE**

## Hon. Diana McQueen Announces Modernization for Calmar Secondary School Friday, January 24, 2014

On Friday, January 24, 2014, Black Gold Regional School (BGRS) staff and students along with dignitaries from the Calmar region gathered to listen to Hon. Diana McQueen announce that Calmar Secondary School has been approved for modernization.

"This is the number one school in our Black Gold Regional School Division and in our constituency for modernization," Hon. Diana McQueen said. "It's been a high priority for me"

Each year BGRS submits a 3 year capital plan to the Alberta Government outlining the top infrastructure needs for the Division.

"Since we built the new Calmar Elementary School the Modernization of this high school has been one of our top capital projects," Johnette Lemke, Chairman of BGRS said. "We're thrilled to get this announcement today and we are thankful for the great relationship we have with our MLA Diana McQueen.

The Calmar Secondary School modernization project will provide upgrades to the heating, ventilation and electrical systems and to the roof and exterior of the building. Interior areas of the school will also be modernized to better meet educational programming needs and utilize space that is currently not being used. This project will also include the demolition of the 1954-55 wing.

"School modernization and renewal is a great example of our government's Building Alberta Plan and its responsible, strategic focus. Making the best use of existing space and investing wisely ensures our Calmar and area students benefit from having the most modern, up-to-date facility possible," said Hon. Diana McQueen.

Black Gold Regional Division No.18 is located directly south of Edmonton, extending from the New Sarepta area in the east, to the Warburg area in the west. It includes the municipalities of Beaumont,

Devon, Thorsby, Calmar, and Leduc. With approximately 9,500 students enrolled in 29 schools BGRS teachers and support staff are committed to "inspiring success" in all students. For more information on Black Gold Regional Division No.18 and our schools, visit http://www.blackgold.ca