



# NEWS RELEASE

*Our School. Our Community. Our Future*

(Delia, Alberta) – The Delia School Enhancement Society (DSES) has officially kicked off its 2 year, 1.2 million dollar capital fundraising campaign “*Our School. Our Community. Our Future.*”

The “*Our School. Our Community. Our Future.*” campaign is an ambitious and philanthropic initiative to make the new Delia School facility better than ever. Through the DSES fundraising efforts we will enhance the size and programming capabilities of a building gifted to our community by the Government of Alberta. A new, modern, multi-purpose school will ensure the long-term viability of Delia, whose community strongly believes that *the school is the community and the community is the school.*

On March 29, 2018 Prairie Land Regional Division #25 announced the approval from the Government of Alberta to move forward with the new construction of a K-12 school in the community of Delia. Delia’s current school is in need of structural repair to the point where the cost of repair would be so high that replacement was an obvious choice.

A new school is a pivotal factor in ensuring the long-term viability of the Village of Delia. The Delia School Replacement is part of Alberta’s 2018 Capital Plan, which ensures that Alberta will continue to invest in the infrastructure needed by families. Investing in schools, hospitals and roads will help the province move forward with economic recovery.<sup>(1)</sup>

The DSES looks forward to collaborating with its community members and organizational partners to work together to create a community school that meets the needs of all. Join us in building the heart and hub of our community – Delia School.

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# BACKGROUND

Delia School is the heart of our community. It is here that students, staff and community come together to discover, understand, create and share. The Delia School Enhancement Society (DSES) was organized in April of 2018 to create long-term financial support for our new school. We understand our school is the cornerstone of our community and home to a community of learners - young, old and everyone in between.

Through the establishment of the DSES, we now have the mechanism in place to receive donations and enable the community to support the enrichment of our new school. Our enhanced facilities will meet the current and future needs of our students and our community.

The reason behind setting a goal of \$1.2 million dollars in our first year as a society is to ensure the funds are in place to build the space necessary for our school to be a true community hub. Once the school is built the society will continue to work with its local school council to meet the needs of a growing and diverse school community.

**DSES MISSION:** To raise funds to support the education of our youth and community through the enhancement of Delia School.

## 2018 Fundraising Goals

Through priorities identified in the 2016 community-wide Value Management Assessment, the DSES will focus its efforts on enhancing three main areas of the Delia School Replacement:

1. **Inspiring Learning** – To augment a vibrant and innovative community library that enriches the learning of students of all ages. Our goal is to raise \$120,000 to increase the size of the proposed library to 1,292 square feet (120 m<sup>2</sup>). This will retain a ‘bricks and mortar’ library space exceeding its current size.
2. **Strengthening Health, Wellness and Fine Arts** – To raise \$450,000 to build a 1615 square foot (150 m<sup>2</sup>) multi-use, multi-purpose programming and wellness area that can be used as a classroom space, art and music studio, community fitness area (to house \$80,000 worth of existing fitness equipment) and a viewing area for the gymnasium. Through innovative movable walls and partitions this flexible space will have infinite uses, accommodating a wide variety of activities within our community.



- 3. Building Capacity in Athletics** – Enhancing the allocated gymnasium space by 1938 square feet (180 m<sup>2</sup>) to create a field house that is capable of supporting a variety of physical fitness programs and events from preschoolers to seniors. A \$630,000 upgrade to the proposed space will meet provincial High School regulation court requirements, accommodating two regulation sized volleyball courts and a high school regulation sized basketball court. A field house of this size will promote excellence in athletics, fitness and wellness while meeting the current and future needs of recreational programming in our community.

*“Anyone can raise money to build a bigger building, but giving our community a space that will facilitate health, wellness and multigenerational learning, where everyone can engage and grow regardless of age or experience, will sustain the future of our community.”*

*~ Ryan Duckworth, Delia School Principal*

To find out how you can be involved, visit the ***Delia School Enhancement Society*** Facebook page, contact DSES President Amber Marshall at 403-854-6131 or email [DSenhancementsociety@gmail.com](mailto:DSenhancementsociety@gmail.com).

Donations can be sent to:

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#### References

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