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The Board of Trustees named Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools new middle school

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Red Deer, Alberta The Board of Trustees voted unanimously for the new middle school (Grade 6-9) name last Tuesday evening. The school will be named St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School and located in Kingsgate, in the Kentwood neighbourhood of Red Deer.

“We invited the community to suggest names and received several excellent submissions. We narrowed it down to three, but in the end unanimously chose to name our school after St. Lorenzo Ruiz. He was a Chinese-Filipino saint who is the patron saint of the Philippines. With Red Deer Catholic Regional School’s large multicultural population, especially our large Filipino population, we felt this was a fitting choice,” said Anne Marie Watson, Board Chair at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all stakeholders for their naming suggestions.

Funding for the new middle school was announced last fall. The delivery method will be a jurisdiction-delivered design, bid and build. The school building will have a capacity of 537 students and will include eight modular units to bring the capacity to 737 students. The permanent facility will be 5,913 square metres.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) will receive \$2 million in design funding, with construction funding to follow once the design is finalized.

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The architect will go out for tender and be selected this summer. Then, a committee will be formed in the upcoming school year to work with the architect in designing the new school. More information to come.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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