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Edmonton Public Schools to make Alberta College site home for 2020-2021 school year

Buildings on the Alberta College site in downtown Edmonton have been dedicated to education since 1903. Today, the next phase in the history of the site was set in motion when Edmonton Public Schools announced that it will lease a portion of MacEwan University's Alberta College Campus, starting in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Centre High Campus will move from its current location in the Boardwalk building to the new campus.

"We are so thrilled to be leasing the Alberta College Campus space. It will serve our District and especially our Centre High students well now, and into the future," said Michelle Draper, Edmonton Public Schools Board Chair.

<u>Centre High</u> is a blended campus that offers secondary and post-secondary studies. Students finish high school studies, upgrade existing marks and enroll in specific courses for their career or to start post-secondary studies. More than 2,500 students are enrolled in Centre High this year.

The building is currently home to MacEwan University's School of Continuing Education (SCE) and the Conservatory of Music. As the university continues to consolidate its operations to its City Centre Campus, MacEwan will relocate SCE programming to the fifth floor of Allard Hall on the university's City Centre Campus in the summer of 2020.

For the foreseeable future, Centre High Campus will share space with the Conservatory of Music, which will continue operations uninterrupted in its existing space on the fourth and fifth floors of the building.

While minor modifications will be needed to ensure the space is ready for Centre High students in the 2020-2021 school year, it's largely ready to use. The campus has more than 50 classrooms, computer labs, a cafeteria and a full-service library.

During the term of the lease, MacEwan University will be responsible for ACC building operations, including maintenance, security services, food services and parking.

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Edmonton Public Schools Board Chair Michelle Draper and Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent will be available for interviews today from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. To confirm a time, please contact Edmonton Public Schools Media Relations.

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