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# New gym at Prince Edward School gets go-ahead

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Rumors are false that Anola will soon get a new school.

Transcona-Springfield School Division Supt. Paul Moreau said last week that although Education Minister Drew Caldwell's announcement of greater

funding for capital projects bodes well for the division, only time will tell what happens in Anola because final approval has not been granted.

A list of construction projects was released with Caldwell's announcement. The list included a reference to a "major project in the Anola area."

Some Winnipeg media re-

ported that all of the projects on the list had received the funding to proceed.

That's not the case with Anola, says Moreau. "We're looking for a new school and we sure would celebrate the news, but there is no such thing happening," he says.

The Public Schools Finance Board determines the priorities and makes recommendations for funding for school construction to the Education Minister.

Moreau says the division has been in discussions with the PSFB for two years now and "will be back and forth for some time yet." He wouldn't hazard as guess as to when final approval may come from the government for a project in Anola.

For that matter, he adds, it's still too early to say whether an entirely new

school, or just an addition, will be approved. "We certainly want to see a new school, but time will tell."

The school would be a middle years, Grades 6-8 school. Over the last two years, Anola-area Grade 7 and 8 students have moved to Anola School to relieve overcrowding at Springfield Junior High. Now Anola is over-capacity.

"There is an immediate need to do something in the Anola area," says Moreau.

Meanwhile in River East School Division, Supt. John Carlyle says it is a sure thing that a new gym will be built

at Prince Edward School, although details like exactly how big and with what amenities are yet to be determined.

Construction of a new gym also opens up the possibility of converting the existing gym into a multipurpose room, he adds. Some upgrades to the kinder-

garten classroom at the school are also on the drawing board.

Carlyle says a new gym is badly needed at Prince Edward School, a building that is 80 years old. The gym there is small and sub-standard and replacing it has been on the division's wish list for a long time.

# Fun at The Father's House

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Youngsters can have some fun and learn a little more about the Bible and God during a children's festival this weekend at The Father's House.

Kids Count! will run Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

for the festival, but are asked to come to the lunch to help supervise their children. Pre-registration is not necessary unless you're staying for lunch. Call Rattai at 334-6873 to register.


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