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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Sisler nets national award for innovation in education**

***C21 Canada bestows a Shifting Minds National Award to school on Sept. 16***

Sisler High School has earned a national award for distinctive achievement in the field of 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning and innovation.

C21 Canada: Canadians for 21st Century Learning and Innovation is a national, not-for-profit organization that advocates for 21st century models of learning in education. C21 Canada representatives will present the award to Sisler students and staff **on Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. at the school**. The North End school was recognized in the School Team Award category.

In a letter advising Principal George Heshka of the award, C21 President and CEO John Kershaw wrote: "We recognize and applaud the school's numerous accomplishments...C21 Canada specifically wishes to acknowledge your school as a true innovator in education technology."

As Manitoba's largest culturally diverse dual track high school, Sisler is also recognized as an innovator in technology education, utilizing cutting edge pedagogical delivery systems including inverted classrooms and distance education partnerships with industry experts from across the globe.

Sisler, a proof of concept school, provides ubiquitous Wi-Fi, BYOD and HD videoconferencing across academic, cultural, social and digital divides. The school's previous awards include 1st place in the CyberPatriot International Exhibition, a Premier's Award of Innovation, recognition as a Microsoft Innovative Pathfinder school and an Adobe Educators Choice Award; in addition, eight staff members have won the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence since 1996.

C21 Canada is partnered with organizations such as the Calgary Board of Education, I.B.M., and Microsoft. For more information, visit [www.c21canada.org](http://www.c21canada.org).

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