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École LaVérendrye new gym sod turning ceremony

Sept. 24, 2015 (Winnipeg, MB) — École LaVérendrye staff, students and parents are celebrating a milestone today with a sod turning to officially begin construction of a new gymnasium and classroom facility at the school.

"This is an exciting day for our school community," said Principal Claudette Warnke. "École LaVérendrye is a wonderful school and we're looking forward to having more space to meet our growing student body."

Construction of the 9,268 sq. ft. facility will be completed by the end of summer 2016 and includes a 4,310 sq. ft. gymnasium, a 1,026 sq. ft. classroom plus ancillary spaces such as kitchenette, change rooms, washrooms, mechanical/service room and an above ground link connecting the second floor of the existing building by stairs and a new elevator.

The Honourable Jennifer Howard, MLA for Fort Rouge, brought greetings from the Province to the event, noting the exceptional pride the community has for its school. Winnipeg City Councillor Jenny Gerbasi also spoke at the event, congratulating the school and community for helping make the construction possible.

Winnipeg School Division Trustee Chris Broughton commended the school and community for their contribution to the facility.

"It is thanks to the commitment of this community that builders will be adding an additional 310 sq. ft. to the gymnasium," said Trustee Broughton, noting the community contributed funds to add a total of 540 sq. ft. to the entire project.

The architectural firm of Stantec Architecture Ltd was selected for this project in 2013. The project followed the Integrated Design Process (IDP) which is a collaborative design process bring all stakeholders together during the design stage to review and provide input and ideas, and to ensure the project meets the intent of all parties concerned. The addition was designed to make every effort so that it would be durable, sustainable and livable. The project is targeted for LEED Silver.

Located in the Winnipeg School Division, École LaVérendrye is a French Immersion milieu school for Grades 2 to 6 with Nursery to Grade 1 at the Sir William Osler site. The parent committee occupies a room at both sites to run a Kindercare program, as well as providing supervision for students at lunch, before and after school.

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