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Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

May 19, 2010 – Saskatoon Public School Division adds full day every day, literacy enhanced, kindergarten to two more schools

Students entering kindergarten at Queen Elizabeth Public School and Confederation Park Community School in the 2010/2011 school year now have another kindergarten option to choose from. A full day every day literacy enhanced kindergarten program option is being added to Queen Elizabeth School and Confederation Park is adding the full day everyday option in their English kindergarten program and in their Nêhiyâwiwin Cree Language and Culture Program. This addition means twelve public schools, or 25% of public elementary schools are offering full day every day kindergarten.

“Through the addition of Queen Elizabeth School and Confederation Park Community School, the Saskatoon Board of Education is demonstrating its commitment to student learning and its provincial leadership in early learning and literacy,” says Mr. Ray Morrison, Board Chair.

The addition of full day every day kindergarten rounds out the services being provided to students and the new Canadian families who will attend the Early Learning Care Centre being built at **Queen Elizabeth School** through partnerships with the Saskatoon Open Door Society, Saskatoon Public Schools, and the Ministry of Education. Adding the option at **Confederation Park Community School** means additional choices for the students attending both English kindergarten and the Nêhiyâwiwin Cree Language and Culture Program. Nêhiyâwiwin is an early learning strategy focusing on a communicative approach to Cree language instruction and cultural awareness offered from kindergarten to grade three.

Parents interested in these new programs are invited to call Confederation Park Community School at 683-7180 and Queen Elizabeth School at 683-7420 for information about how to register.

A key component of *Literacy for Life*, Saskatoon Public Schools was the first division in the city to offer literacy-enhanced full day every day kindergarten which began in five public schools in September 2005. The following schools will offer the program in the 2010/2011 school year - Alvin Buckwold, Confederation Park, Forest Grove, Holliston, Howard Coad, King George, Lawson Heights, Mayfair, Pleasant Hill, Princess Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth and Vincent Massey Schools. Learn more at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca

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