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**Grand Opening of Facility Expansion at Steinbach Regional Senior Secondary School**

**Steinbach, MB, September 23, 2014** - Hanover School Division is pleased to announce the grand opening of its expanded Steinbach Regional Senior Secondary School facilities. The Honourable Gregory F. Selinger, Premier of Manitoba and the Honourable James Allum, Minister of Education participated in the opening ribbon-cutting ceremony today along with students, staff, trustees, dignitaries and invited guests.

Ground breaking for the 105,000 sq. ft. expansion, designed by Stantec Architecture and contracted by Penn-Co Construction, began in November 2012. With a total project cost of approximately \$40.4 million dollars, this two-storey expansion includes new classrooms, vocational centres, study spaces, gymnasium, and an outdoor learning environment based on the Fibonacci Spiral Design. Public access includes a day care center, cosmetology salon, and café. The expansion and renovations will allow SRSS to welcome Grade Nine students for the first time, while providing future education opportunities for the growing Hanover region.

According to Hanover Superintendent and CEO Randy Dueck, “This SRSS expansion will further existing vocational programs, provide new opportunities for vocational training, bring over 200 Steinbach Grade Nine students into a purposefully designed Senior Years facility, and increase maximum student capacity to nearly 2,000. As the building is designed for over 100 years of service it will prove an enduring learning asset for this community as a great place to learn, a great place to belong and a great place to become.”

With this expansion, the SRSS facility has earned the highly respected Power Smart designation from Manitoba Hydro. Power Smart standards relate to energy efficiency requirements and recommended best practices. The SRSS expansion facility features increased levels of roof and wall insulation, high performance triple-pane windows, geothermal ground source heating and cooling, high-efficiency heat recovery of ventilation air, and low-lighting power density coupled with occupancy sensors and day lighting controls.

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**About Hanover School Division**

Hanover is a student-centred school division striving for excellence while developing skills and promoting values for a productive and wholesome life. Representing 18 schools in 9 communities, Hanover School Division consists of approximately 7,700 students and 1,100 total staff.

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