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Rural Grade Nine Students to Attend Steinbach Regional Secondary School

Steinbach, MB. December 3, 2014 – The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees have decided to move grade nine programming from Blumenort, Bothwell, Kleefeld, and Mitchell to the Steinbach Regional Secondary School. Beginning in the fall of 2015, students from the four rural communities will enrol at the SRSS for grade nine, thereby transitioning to Steinbach one year earlier to begin their senior years education.

Transition to the SRSS from Blumenort, Bothwell, Kleefeld, and Mitchell will provide a common entry point for grade nine, allowing students from the four communities and Steinbach to develop as one social peer group. This change will also allow for the four rural schools to focus exclusively on early and middle years programming, while creating facility space for future enrolment growth.

The Board decision was made after extensive consultation with parents and guardians in each of the four communities. Trustees received significant feedback through school consultations and online surveys.

According to Randy Dueck, Superintendent CEO, “Given the complexity of issues within the four communities, this was a challenging decision for the newly elected Board. The consultation process enabled the Board to make an informed decision; one that Hanover School Division believes is the best route forward for each school and reflects the voice of each community. Planning will begin in earnest, to ensure a smooth transition for students, teachers, and school administrative staff”.

Hanover School Division thanks all who participated within this important consultation process.

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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, HSD consists of approximately 7,700 students and 1,100 total staff.

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