

# Media Release



**Saskatoon Public Schools**  
Inspiring Learning

## **January 21, 2011 – Early learning care centre opens at Queen Elizabeth School**

Queen Elizabeth School becomes the fourth public school in Saskatoon to include an early learning care centre with today's opening of a brand new centre in partnership with the Saskatoon Open Door Society.

“Early learning and literacy is a long term strategic priority of our school division”, says Mr. Ray Morrison, chair of the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools. “We are so pleased to partner with the Saskatoon Open Door Society to make this centre available to the many new Canadians who are settling with their families in our city, and we are grateful to the Ministries of Education and Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration for their funding. “

“The addition of the early learning centre to the adult ESL classes at Queen Elizabeth will provide much-needed support to families, especially women, who have made Saskatoon their new home, says Martin Gonzalez, President of the Board of Directors, Saskatoon Open Society. “The Saskatoon Open Door Society is able to bring these much needed services to Saskatoon because of the commitment from the Saskatoon Public Schools, the Federal and Provincial Governments and the community.”

Thanks to funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, adults are able to access English as an Additional Language classes at Queen Elizabeth School during the day. For those adult students who are parents, an early learning care centre located in the same building where they are taking their classes is a definite plus. 60 adults attend the Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes and almost 20 children attend the early learning care centre.

During the past three years, Saskatoon Public Schools has been actively partnering with day care providers and community partners to ensure seamless care and learning opportunities for children and their families – from infant to school age. The early learning care centre at Queen Elizabeth School began operations in October of last year and operates in a completely renovated space.

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