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NEW K-12 SCHOOL BREAKING GROUND IN LANGENBURG

Today Melville-Saltcoats MLA Bob Bjornerud, on behalf of Education Minister Don Morgan, joined students, dignitaries and representatives from the Good Spirit School Division to celebrate the start of construction on the brand new school in Langenburg. The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$23 million toward this project.

"This new school will offer a modern learning environment for students in the growing community of Langenburg," Bjornerud said. "The success of each and every Saskatchewan student is a high priority for our government, and we know that building schools and investing in education will positively impact the future of all students and early learners."

Designed with an innovative approach, the new school will be equipped with room for almost 400 students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 and will feature open concept learning spaces allowing for more natural light, a large gymnasium and multi-purpose room that are connected to a large stage, a fitness room, practical and applied arts spaces and a science lab.

"Any type of major construction in a community is a welcome addition but, sincerely, there can't be anything more exciting than building an entirely new school from scratch," Good Spirit School Division Board Chair Lois Smandych said. "If you close your eyes and imagine what will be standing here in less than two years, you can practically see and feel the profound difference this will have for our students."

Students Alanna Decorby and Breanna Popp represented the Langenburg High School student body as well as the graduating class of 2017, the first class that will graduate from the new school.

"We believe our school has a very strong sense of family that is shown through our various sports teams and extracurricular programs such as drama; the new school will enable us to carry on these opportunities and enhance our educational experience," Decorby and Popp said. "There are so many people who are working eagerly to create an environment in which two schools can unite and become one, including teachers, students, community members, and parents who all want this school to be the best it can be."

Since November 2007, the Government of Saskatchewan has committed approximately \$700 million toward 47 major school capital projects and numerous smaller projects such as portable classrooms and preventative maintenance and renewal.

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