



News Release

École Laura Secord School officially opens new gymnasium

February 12, 2018 (Winnipeg, MB) – École Laura Secord School officially opened its new gymnasium today with a celebration event including staff, students and the community.

The dual track French Immersion school in the Wolseley neighbourhood now has a 11,300 sq.ft. gym which is connected to the existing school via a link-way on the south side of the building. The addition was designed to achieve LEED Silver designation and has a Power Smart Designation. The new construction includes two change rooms, gym storage, a canteen area and a new elevator off the lobby, making the addition fully accessible.

“It is wonderful for the Laura Secord, Mulvey, Wolseley community to have an additional large space for residents in the area to use for wellness activities in the evenings and weekends,” said Principal Rhona Churman. “The gym is completely accessible, including the changing rooms and shower area. In addition, air-conditioning means it will be a comfortable environment year-round for promoting and maintaining a healthy active lifestyle.”

The Manitoba government provided \$5.4 million in support for the project, and Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart joined the community to celebrate the opening of the new gymnasium.

“Students need access to learning environments that support them to achieve their full potential, and that includes physical fitness spaces,” said Wishart. “The new gymnasium at École Laura Secord School will promote healthy living and physical fitness, and help students develop healthy habits that will last a lifetime. This new facility will be a great benefit to the whole community.”

“I would like to express my thanks to the Province and members of the community for funding this project,” said Lisa Naylor, Trustee, Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees.

The new addition features a beautiful river pattern on the south and west walls, and includes a mosaic of archived architectural drawings of the original school building.

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