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## **École Stanley Knowles School Celebrates Opening of Fairgrove Park Community Trail**

**Winnipeg, MB — June 22, 2026** — Winnipeg School Division is proud to announce the official opening of the Fairgrove Park Community Trail, marking a significant milestone in community collaboration and outdoor recreation.

This new trail at École Stanley Knowles School is the result of a dedicated effort among community partners, supporters, and funders who share a strong commitment to enhancing community well-being. The project reflects a vision to create accessible, active spaces that bring people together and promote healthy living.

Key partners in the project include City of Winnipeg Councillor Vivian Santos and Trails Manitoba, along with the ongoing support of Winnipeg School Division teacher Luke Barr and the École Stanley Knowles School Parent Council. Their leadership, advocacy, and commitment are instrumental in bringing this project to life.

“Today, we’re excited to promote cycling and active living at Stanley Knowles and in the Tyndall Park community. The Fairgrove Park Trail is a safe, welcoming space where people of all ages can build skills, connect, and experience the freedom of cycling. This is a legacy for our students and the community,” said Luke Barr, learning support teacher and leader in École Stanley Knowles School active living initiatives.

The community is invited to attend the official opening event, which will feature brief remarks, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and an opportunity to walk or bike the trail together.

*Winnipeg School Division is the largest and most diverse school division in Manitoba with 32,000 students and nearly 6,000 employees at 78 schools. WSD nurtures a welcoming and inclusive culture of people committed to working together to inspire students to reach goals and achieve academic success.*

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## **MEDIA INVITE**

Media are invited to attend the official opening of the Fairgrove Park Community Trail at École Stanley Knowles School.

**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2026

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Fairgrove Park Community Trail, adjacent to École Stanley Knowles School

**Media should arrive and set up by 2:15 p.m.**

### **2:30 p.m. – Welcome**

- Matt Adkins, École Stanley Knowles School Principal, Master of Ceremonies
- Land acknowledgement

### **2:35–2:50 p.m. – Community Remarks**

1. Jennifer Zimmer, École Stanley Knowles Parent Council
2. Rocky Bundoc, Student Speaker
3. Tim Coffin, Trails Manitoba
4. Scott Gillingham, Mayor of Winnipeg
5. Vivian Santos, City Councillor
6. Luke Barr, École Stanley Knowles School

### **2:50–2:55 p.m. – Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

- Official ribbon cutting
- Photo opportunity
- Student cyclists ride through the trail opening

### **2:55–3:30 p.m. – Trail Walk and Refreshments**

- Guided trail walk
- Media interviews and photo opportunities
- Light refreshments



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### **Photo and Interview Opportunities**

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Student cyclists using the trail
- Community leaders and project partners
- Trail walks and community gathering