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Grand Opening of RB Russell Basketball Court Brings Community Together

Winnipeg, MB — September 13, 2025 — Winnipeg School Division, Buckets & Borders, Winnipeg Sea Bears, and WarriorZ Basketball are proud to announce the grand opening of a newly designed outdoor basketball court at **RB Russell Vocational High School (364 Dufferin Ave)**. The celebration runs from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm** and will feature youth programming, food, games and competitions, and a community pick-up game.

The newly revitalized court features a powerful mural titled *“Basketball is Medicine”* by Anishinaabe woodlands artist **Blake Angeconeb**. The design reflects growth, protection, and healing—symbolizing the power of sport and culture to bring people together.

“Through this partnership with Buckets & Borders and the Winnipeg Sea Bears, we are investing not just in better facilities, but in deeper connections—between students, staff, families, and neighbours. It’s a powerful opportunity to bring energy, creativity, and pride back into Winnipeg’s inner city.”

— *Matt Henderson, Superintendent, Winnipeg School Division*

“The new basketball court at RB Russell will provide our community with a place to gather, connect, and build a sense of belonging. Engaging in sport and recreation provides immediate and long-term benefits for community including improved mental, physical, and social health.”

— *Lindsey Munz, Principal, RB Russell Vocational High School*

“This collaboration with Winnipeg School Division incorporates youth engagement, art, and basketball—all things that we care deeply about. This project is a great example of groups working together to make long term impact and grow the game across Winnipeg and beyond.”

— *Justin Lee, CEO & Co-Founder, Buckets & Borders*

This project demonstrates the transformative power of partnerships, culture, and sport in creating inclusive spaces where youth and community thrive.

Media are invited to attend this public event, and it’s recommended to arrive at 11 am for the opening remarks.



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