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Lloydminster Catholic School Division and Synergy Credit Union partner on new recreation facility

Lloydminster, Alta. - A brand new location for sports and recreation in the Lloydminster region is about to become a reality.

Today, Lloydminster Catholic School Division (LCSD) is unveiling its plans for the construction of the Synergy Vault – a multi-purpose indoor facility designed to meet the needs of sports groups in the region. The 23,000-square foot facility, located at Holy Rosary High School, will include an athletic field large enough for practice space for football, soccer, baseball, rugby and other sports and activities.



"The Synergy Vault will help fill an increasing need in our community," said Aubrey Patterson, Director of Education, Lloydminster Catholic School Division. "It will be something really special for our school community and this city and there is so much potential for a venue like this because of the demand for recreational space. The pursuit of excellence and the building of our community has been tantamount to our school division; the support we have received from Synergy and the City of Lloydminster has been nothing short of inspirational."

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The Lloydminster Catholic School Division will be seeking partnerships with sports and recreation groups, who will be able to use the Synergy Vault

throughout the year. The facility will also be primarily used by students for specialized physical education classes, easing the space restrictions the school is currently facing for instructional purposes.

The Synergy Vault will be the first phase of a strategic expansion plan until Holy Rosary's future expansion is approved and constructed to include a second gymnasium, further field developments and environmental projects that will add to the beautification of the school's neighbourhood, complete with walking paths and green space.

The Synergy Vault was made possible with the partnership of Synergy Credit Union, who will be the name sponsor for the next 15 years. Synergy Credit Union and the LCSD have had a strong relationship for decades and this is another way to work together while filling a need for Lloydminster and surrounding area.

"Synergy Credit Union is honoured to be a part of such an important project in our community with the Lloydminster Catholic School Division," said Gord Thiel, Synergy Credit Union's Lloydminster Branch Manager. "This is a facility the entire region will benefit and will help bring people together for years to come."

"Synergy's generosity allowed this project to proceed without there being a significant financial impact on the school division," said Patterson. "They have shown once again that they are a committed community builder."

Construction of the facility will begin this fall and the facility is expected to open its doors in December.

About Synergy Credit Union

Synergy Credit Union is a member-owned financial institution serving more than 27,000 members from 10 communities within west-central Saskatchewan. Synergy Credit Union is the fourth largest credit union in the province of Saskatchewan and is one of the leading credit unions in Canada, with more than \$1 billion in assets. Synergy Credit Union provides core banking services through the traditional branch network, the Canada-wide AccuLink ATM network, online banking, automated telephone banking, mobile web banking, as well as through the Member Contact Centre and by SMS texting. More complex and advanced services, such as financial advice and analysis, are delivered by specialists who may be located in select branches or available to meet in a location of the member's choice, by request.

About Lloydminster Catholic School Division

Lloydminster Catholic School Division will nurture the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of each student in a faith-centered community.

Through our model of governance, our Board of Education trustees embarked during the fall of 2008 on a review of their mission and value statements, and the school division's logo. This process was very helpful as it reaffirmed its core values. This process provided an opportunity to refocus on what is important on the local level. The Board's Values represent their core priorities in Lloydminster Catholic Schools' culture, including what drives trustee priorities and how they truly act in the pursuit of excellence for our organization. The Board's Values are increasingly important in the development of the strategic planning process documented in their "Strategic Plan". The Board has committed to permeating these Values into our operations in the service of our students and the mandate of Catholic Education.

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