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### **Edge School to return to private school status**

Rocky View Schools and the Edge School have agreed to part ways, July 1, 2012, after successfully completing a two-year pilot that saw the sport performance school operate as an alternate program under the jurisdiction's K-12 public education system.

"Both parties worked diligently to provide students in Grades 5 - 12 with the opportunity to access a wide range of high performance sports and disciplines," said Greg Bass, Superintendent of Schools. "Operationally, however, our two systems were not compatible, resulting in the Edge Society deciding to return to private school status next spring."

Bass explained that the school's 13-year tenure as a private school had created a culture and operational structures that were not consistent with a public school system. Despite the differences, RVS and the Edge will part amicably and will move forward with the best interest of students in mind.

Located in Springbank, the Edge School offers high performance training in dance, golf, hockey and soccer. As well, the School provides a flexible academic program for student-athletes in sports such as luge, equestrian, skiing, figure skating, swimming, tennis, rugby, gymnastics and core training.

"As a private school we will continue to focus on balancing athletics and academics to help our students translate success from one area of life to another," said Principal of Edge School, Cameron Hodgson. "Our time with Rocky View Schools afforded our staff and students access to a wealth of expertise and new experiences; all lessons we believe will only enrich our private school environment. I know I speak for Rocky View when I say we support one another's decision."

On May 20, 2010, RVS' Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favour of entering into an operating and sub-lease agreement with the Edge School as a two-year pilot alternative program, beginning September 2010. As per its contractual agreement, the Board reviewed the success of the pilot in December of 2010 and 2011, ruling on December 1, 2011, to extend the pilot for an additional year, subject to a number of conditions being met, which included enhanced communications and reporting structures.

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