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Springbank private school to join Rocky View Schools

Rocky View Schools' Board of Trustees is pleased to offer its residents more choice in student programming through a new partnership with The Edge School.

Located in Springbank, The Edge School offers a unique learning community, where children in Grades 6-12 can pursue academic excellence, while striving to reach their full athletic potential.

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, May 20, 2010, which effectively will see The Edge School become part of Rocky View Schools, beginning September 2010.

"This partnership fits perfectly with our Board's viewpoint of embracing alternative programming," said Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer. "We are very pleased that an agreement was reached with the Society for Rocky View Schools to operate its facility in Springbank, while Edge Society will operate a new Edge School North in partnership with the Grande Prairie Public School District, as was previously announced."

The Edge School accommodates the training requirements of a wide range of sports and disciplines, and offers high performance training in dance, golf, hockey and soccer. As well Edge 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.

"Balancing athletics and academics helps our students translate success from one area of life to another," said Brent Devost, founder and president of the Edge Society. "Through that process students develop and gain confidence. We further their personal growth and character by incorporating character development into our entire educational experience. Indeed, character-building is woven into our very fabric."

According to Rocky View Schools' Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass, the partnership will be reviewed by December 2010 and 2011 to ensure of its feasibility and fit with the jurisdiction - as was the case when Prince of Peace Lutheran School and the Cochrane Christian program joined the jurisdiction as alternative programs in previous years.

"We're very excited to see this calibre of athletic programming join our jurisdiction. It will round out our full complement of programs, and provide yet another choice for parents and students within our public system," he said.

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