



# Media Release

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## Construction Begins on New Griffiths Scott School

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools is pleased to announce that construction has begun on the Grade 5–9 Griffiths-Scott replacement school in Millet. In September 2010 the Board of Trustees decided to expedite the construction process by moving from the construction site west of the Town of Millet to a location north of the current Griffiths Scott Middle School.

Mr. Rob Rabinovitch from Workun Garrick Partnership and Interior Design, out of Edmonton was chosen as the architect for this project. The project has been designed to incorporate LEED Silver standards, which stand for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). LEED Silver buildings are more energy-efficient, cost less to operate, and provide a healthier educational environment through improved air quality and use of natural light.

On February 22, 2011 the Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract for \$7,812,000.00 to Pentagon Structures Inc. Construction began on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and the contractor is estimating completion in the fall of 2012. The site has been cleared, concrete structural pilings are in place and footings and grade beams are presently being installed. "This project has taken longer than anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances. The feeling of frustration has now changed to anticipation. Now that the pilings are in, construction will move at a steady pace, and the Board is excited to see the end results, as are many Millet families that have also waited for opening day." said Deanna Specht, Board Chair.



Griffiths-Scott Middle School is also an internationally accredited UNESCO school, that supports the positive environmental aspects of a LEED Silver building and the reduced carbon footprint it will have on the environment. "The staff and students are very excited that construction has started. One of the benefits of having the building go up next to the existing school is that it offers learning opportunities regarding, engineering, environmentalism, and career choices in the trades." said Frank Heinrichs, Principal Griffiths-Scott Middle School.

The Board would like to also thank the Town of Millet for its dedication, cooperation and commitment to the construction of a replacement school for Griffiths-Scott Middle School.

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