



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Catholic school board welcomes three school renovations announced in provincial budget**

**SASKATOON, March 24, 2011** – Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools welcomes the announcement in Wednesday’s provincial budget that the Ministry of Education has approved in principle renovations/additions to three Catholic schools serving nearly 2,000 students in Saskatoon.

The three schools are:

- Georges Vanier Catholic Elementary School (331 students) – Renovations and additional space will accommodate the school’s fine arts program. A new gymnasium will also be constructed.
- Holy Cross High School (1200 students) – Saskatoon’s largest Catholic high school will receive an addition and renovations to modernize this facility for its growing student body.
- St. Matthew Elementary School (451 students) – Enrolment at this French Immersion-only school continues to grow. The project will update and add space at the school.

“Each of these school communities has looked forward to seeing these projects get under way,” said Diane Boyko, chair of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education. “My colleagues and I on the Board are pleased and excited for the students and families who will benefit from these projects.”

Trustees also welcome the funding increases the Ministry of Education has provided for English as an Additional Language programming, Early Learning (pre-kindergartens and child care spaces) and First Nations and Métis Education and they await details about how these resources will be distributed.

“Our school communities are diverse and growing every day. We offer a top quality Catholic education and we are eager to work with the provincial government to continue to improve our schools and services for the families who choose our school division,” Boyko said.

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