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Con-Tech General Contractors provides \$10,000 for Prairie Spirit literacy initiative

Members of Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation and Prairie Spirit School Division were pleased to meet with Mike Lawton, Chief Financial Officer for Con-Tech General Contractors to thank them for their continued support of the Foundation and their investment of \$10,000 into the Foundation's Division-wide literacy initiative.

Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation, in working closely and in agreement with the Prairie Spirit School Division, are pleased to officially announce a new Division-wide literacy program to enhance and enrich classroom libraries for Grades 1 - 3. As shared in the Division's 2020/21 Annual Report, Grade 3 reading levels are considered a leading indicator of future student performance. A high proportion of students reading at grade level in Grade 3 means that more students are ready to learn in Grade 4 and beyond.

"Prairie Spirit classrooms have a strong focus on literacy and reading. We want to support students to read for pleasure, learning and growth and to cultivate a lifelong love of reading," said Darryl Bazylak, Director of Education. "The Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation literacy program to enhance classroom libraries in our Grade 1 - 3 classrooms will be a strong support for student literacy in the early years."

There are an approximately 256 classrooms in grades one to three in Prairie Spirit School Division with an estimated 2,800 students. With an overall program cost of \$135,000, the Foundation is confident in the continued support from its business partners, donors, schools and communities to help fund this new Division-wide literacy initiative.

"What a fabulous way to recognize National Philanthropy Day," said Kari Dean, Executive Director, Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation. "A day that celebrates the charitable work that everyone does to make a difference and create impact in their communities. We cannot begin to thank Con-Tech for their ongoing commitment to the Foundation and their significant support of our newest initiative. It is always a pleasure to formally acknowledge our partnership and thank them for their investment. We are also excited to announce that Con-Tech will be the title sponsor of our annual golf tournament which will be returning to The Legends Golf Course in Warman on Tuesday, June 6, 2023."

"To say we are pleased with our partnership with Con-Tech would be an understatement. Their commitment and dedication to the Foundation continues to support student success, and we just can't thank them enough," said Michael Collins, Acting Board Chair, Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation. "We know Con-Tech's generous investment in our literacy program is a great start and with the support of many of our valued community partners we plan to reach our goal of enhancing all grade one to three classroom libraries in the Prairie Spirit School Division."

More information on Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation and how you can help support enhanced, enriched & engaged learning opportunities for students and educators in Prairie Spirit School Division can be found on the Foundation's website at www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca.

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ABOUT

Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation was established in 2014 to engage partners in public education to enrich opportunities for students to become contributing citizens and learners for life. The Foundation encourages and facilitates community and corporate support and involvement in public education.

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