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SUBJECT: Community Partnerships

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ISSUE

Each month one element of the District plan is highlighted at Public Board. In November, initiatives associated with goal #8 (community partnerships) will be profiled.

BACKGROUND

Edmonton Public Schools is fortunate to have a multitude of partnerships which provide or support quality programs and services to children and families in order to enable students to function more successfully in school and society. These partnerships range from simple grassroots arrangements with local grocery stores or service clubs to high level agreements and contract with organizations like the United Way and Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership (ESHIP).

Partnerships yield a variety of learning benefits to students, staff and the community because they offer a collection of resources that can be leveraged for target groups that represents a new input or way of thinking. These resources may take many forms and are unique to each partner.

CURRENT SITUATION

Staff from Ormsby, Jasper Place and Glenrose Schools will make a short presentation describing how community partnerships are supporting school based initiatives.

KEY POINTS

Coming out of the recent reorganization of Student Learning Services, the District has created a new area called Policy and Partnership Frameworks. This new area is part of the Executive Services Decision Unit. Policy and Partnership Frameworks' focus is to:

- Develop the overarching strategic framework for partnering within the District
- Develop tools and information to support and inform the relationships between schools and school groupings with relevant partners
- It is the intention of the Superintendent that this framework will ensure a consistent, comprehensive and articulated approach to partnership work across all District schools.