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Luther College announces major renewal and expansion at high school campus

12 June 2012 – Dr Bryan Hillis, president of Luther College, Regina, today announced that Luther College High School (1500 Royal Street) is proceeding with a significant renewal and expansion project that will enhance the educational opportunities for students in Regina, Saskatchewan and beyond.

The High School is now undertaking Phase One of a plan that anticipates three phases of renewal construction. Phase One includes a new gymnasium, which will become home to Western Canada's most famous basketball tournament, the Luther Invitational Tournament (LIT); new fitness, training and locker facilities; new classrooms; a new student commons and study area; and mechanical and lighting upgrades for the existing gymnasium. In addition, the fine arts department will gain new facilities, including new classrooms for the school's renowned music, drama and film arts programs, as well as a completely rebuilt stage with an underground green room in the current gymnasium.

Upon completion of the second and third phases, Luther College will also have a worship and performing arts center and a new cafeteria.

"Luther has a momentous history in Saskatchewan delivering quality education, but after 100 years of operation, we have an aging physical plant and steady growth in the size of our student body that creates space and scheduling pressures," said President Hillis.

"Additionally, we live in a growing community where academic excellence is increasingly valued by those who live here and those who come to live here. We have expanded our programming and the size of our student body as much as we can, and as a result we are filled to capacity."

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“We recognize the courage and vision of Luther’s founders who built Luther 100 years ago. This renewal and expansion project will ensure that the school remains an important part of Saskatchewan for the next 100 years.”

Preparation of the grounds has already begun. Construction will begin shortly and is expected to be completed in 2014 at an estimated cost of \$17.3 million.

The Saskatchewan Government has already committed some funds to this project; Hillis hopes that the project will qualify for more. Hillis also announced an accompanying fundraising campaign for the project: *A Time to Build... Quality. Education. Faith. Vision.*

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