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HEALTH CLINIC TO BE LOCATED WITHIN STEINBACH REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Steinbach, MB. Wed. Oct. 26, 2016 - Hanover School Division, Southern Health-Santé Sud and Steinbach Family Medical are pleased to announce the signing of an agreement to provide on-site primary health care for students of the Steinbach Regional Secondary School (SRSS).

Operating as a satellite extension of Steinbach Family Medical, the SRSS Health Clinic will be staffed with a full-time nurse practitioner, serving over 1,700 grade 9-12 students at the regional school.

“It is important that all young adults have access to health care services when they are most needed,” said Kathy McPhail, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud. “Moving to an interdisciplinary care model, we will have a nurse practitioner available at the site and this will group together a number of available services into this one place, providing a team approach to wellness and health care. We would like to acknowledge the Hanover School Division and Steinbach Family Medical for their collaborative and cooperative partnership in seeing this initiative to fruition.”

This partnership will consolidate student health care services within the SRSS, and expand upon existing programming. Current support services available to students include counselling for addictions, mental health, guidance, and access to public health education. The addition of nurse practitioner, and a client-centred focus to primary care, will provide students with a single point of access to a team of health care professionals.

“We are very pleased to partner with Southern Health-Santé Sud and Steinbach Family Medical,” remarked Randy Dueck, Superintendent-CEO of Hanover School Division. “This partnership will provide SRSS students with convenience of access to comprehensive health care, and with these services being made available on-site, the time away from classes can be greatly reduced,” said Dueck.

Funding for this innovative model of health care delivery has been made available by Southern Health-Santé Sud and Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living. This initiative aligns with strategic directions to support the broader goals of primary care renewal. Steinbach Family Medical will manage all patient records, and coordinate clinic staffing.

The SRSS Health Clinic is scheduled to open in early November, 2016.



Hanover School Division is a student-centred school division striving for excellence while developing skills and promoting values for a productive and wholesome life. Representing 18 schools in 9 communities, Hanover School Division consists of approximately 7,900 students and 1,000 employees.

Southern Health-Santé Sud offers a wide range of health care opportunities to its more than 5,600 employees who collaborate to deliver a full continuum of programs, services and community health. One of the five Regional Health Authorities in the province, Southern Health-Santé Sud spreads over 27,025 km² with 20 Rural Municipalities, 7 Municipalities, 4 cities, 4 towns and 1 village. As a designated bilingual health authority, serves approximately 194,000 residents - the fastest growing population in Manitoba.

Steinbach Family Medical is the largest fee-for-service clinic in the East Area of Southern Health-Santé Sud, with 19 Family Physicians and 3 General Surgeons. SFM is working collaboratively with Southern Health-Santé Sud in the identification, development and co-ordination of health care provider teams and networks, to enhance health service provision to residents of the southeast region.

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