YMCA of Northern BC
Media Release

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YMCA of Northern BC partners with School District #59 to Extend child care services to Dawson Creek

Prince George and Peace Region communities, BC – The YMCA of Northern BC is excited to partner with School District #59 to extend their quality child care services to Dawson Creek, BC.

Located at Ecole Frank Ross Elementary, with funding from the Ministry of Children and Family Development Rapid Renovation Fund, the YMCA Ecole Frank Ross Centre will open September 8th (license pending) with 24 spaces for school age children.

A further partnership between School District #59 and the YMCA of Northern BC will see an additional 24 school age spaces (license pending) opening to the community of Crescent Park Elementary for September as well.

CEO of the YMCA of Northern BC, Amanda Alexander states "The YMCA of Northern BC is absolutely thrilled to be extending our reach in the Peace Region to include child care services into Dawson Creek." Alexander ads "Parents have provided an overwhelming response indicating a need for quality school aged child care and at the YMCA, we believe that no matter where you live in BC, parents and children deserve to have access to quality child care programs."

Superintendent Christy Fennell responded, “School District 59 is very excited to be partnering with the YMCA of Northern BC to extend child care services before and after school. It will help to create a seamless day for students at their school.”

The YMCA is the largest not-for-profit child care provider in Canada. YMCA Child Care programs use the YMCA Playing to Learn and YMCA A Place to Connect curriculums. The YMCA of Northern BC child care services currently provide quality programs for over 600 children from 0 to 12 years in Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fort St. John, and Chetwynd.

Registration for both programs will begin on June 14, 2021; specific information on the process and registration forms can be found on the YMCA website at: www.nbc.ymca.ca/child/DawsonCreek

Information on how you can begin a career with YMCA Child Care can be found at: www.nbc.ymca.ca/careers/DawsonCreek

About School District #59

The Peace River South School District (SD #59) is a progressive, forward thinking district located in the Northeast region of British Columbia near the Alberta border. The district offices are centered in Dawson Creek and also include the communities of Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge. SD #59 offers K-12 programs at 20 schools with an enrolment of approximately 3,600 students.

The core business of SD #59 is ensuring a Quality Education for each Learner with the core value of Continuous Learning for All.

We have a strong belief in developing teachers, meeting students where they are, and providing a rich meaningful experience for all learners.

About the YMCA of Northern BC
As a charity dedicated to strengthening the foundations of our community, the YMCA of Northern BC is a powerful association of people joined together by a shared passion to foster a sense of belonging for all. In an age of complex social challenges, the YMCA is steadfastly dedicated to building healthy communities by inviting and encouraging Canadians to join in, to give back, and to gain the connections, skills, and confidence they need to thrive.

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