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## **Education Minister Tours Kenaston School and the Sun West Distance Learning Centre**

The Sun West Board of Education met and toured Kenaston School and the Distance Learning Centre (DLC) with Provincial Education Minister Don Morgan earlier this month. The group observed new learning programs for students and construction on the new Distance Learning Centre building. Highlights of the tour included:

- Observing a combined grade 1 and 2 Blended Education classroom where students have input into their own learning through the use of iPads and digitized learning Apps;
- Watching middle level students monitor their own physical development through the use of heart rate monitors as they participate in physical education activities in the gym;
- Witnessing a synchronous broadcast of a Math class delivered to other schools and hearing from students about the benefits of “Flipped” classes; and,
- Touring the new DLC presently under construction, with principal Jade Ballek.

The Minister was very impressed with how students are using technology in order to personalize their own education. He was equally impressed with this “State of the Art” Distance Learning Centre. He was amazed at the fact that the DLC will have a capacity to house 75 online education teachers along with the numerous audio/video production suites being built to allow for avant garde online production and delivery of courses. These courses can be accessed by students throughout Saskatchewan, as well as around the world.

Minister Morgan learned that the DLC will open by this Christmas initially housing approximately 45 online teachers, support staff along with about 725 full time online students from across the province. The DLC will also provide virtual programming to about 3,000 part time students. Minister Morgan stated, “He would definitely want to be involved with the grand opening of this state of the art Distance Learning Centre!”

Attached are photos from the event.



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