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Edmonton Public Schools' Centre High Campus and The Ledcor Group Form Innovative Partnership

Edmonton Public Schools' Centre High Campus and The Ledcor Group are connecting learning and work through an innovative partnership.

A partnership signing ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, December 5, 2007 starting at 8:30 a.m.** at Centre High Campus where Principal Ray Cimolini and Ledcor's Director of Employee Relations Bill Peterman will officially sign off the agreement and announce the details.

"We are excited by this unique partnership between education and industry," says Ray Cimolini, Principal of Centre High Campus. "This initiative provides interested students with access to presentations and tours, and the opportunity to participate in course work geared towards workplace safety and employability skills."

The innovative partnership is key to providing seamless education and school to work opportunities. Center High is known for its business-like approach to learning and offers a blended-learning environment for students requiring a 4th or 5th year of high school and preparing for post-secondary education or a career. One of North America's leading privately-held, employee owned construction companies, Ledcor specializes in building, civil, industrial and telecommunication projects.

"Ledcor is leading the way in sharing responsibility for providing valuable educational opportunities for young adults interested in careers related to the oil, gas and construction sector," says Director of Employee Relations Bill Peterman of Ledcor's Edmonton, Alberta location. "By working together, we are providing students with experiences in business and trade related careers within a real world setting."

Former Centre High students, Krystal Reid and Faysal Ahmed, were two of the first participants in the initiative and will be sharing their perspectives on the benefits of the partnership. Krystal and Faysal successfully completed the construction safety training coursework and are now full-time employees at Ledcor.

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