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**Calgary Board of Education and WinSport Canada Join Forces to Relocate
National Sport School to Canada Olympic Park
—Student athletes to benefit from centralized resources in culture of excellence—**

CALGARY—More than 150 student athletes are receiving a boost of support in their pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, thanks to an agreement between the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and WinSport Canada that will relocate the National Sport School to Canada Olympic Park.

The unique and innovative school will move in September from its current home at Ernest Manning High School to a new five-story office tower currently under construction on the west side of Canada Olympic Park.

“Quality education along with expanded educational facilities and opportunities for student-athletes is at the heart of WinSport Canada’s vision for the future,” said Dan O’Neill, president, WinSport Canada, who added future plans are also underway for the National Sport School to construct its own building at the Park.

“We recognize the pursuit of excellence in athletics and in formal learning is not easy to balance. This agreement will provide a tremendous opportunity for these student-athletes to learn from current Olympic and World Champions while pursuing both their sporting dreams and a world-class education.”

The National Sport School was formed in 1994 after studies indicated that close to 50 per cent of youth demonstrating exceptional skills in athletics were forced to choose either school or sport due to conflicting schedules. It is for that reason that WinSport Canada and the CBE partnered to create this innovative educational program that balances a student athlete’s academic and athletic life. Since its inception, the school has consistently graduated student athletes from across the country that rank amongst the top academic performers in Alberta.

“The CBE is committed to personalizing learning for each of our students, every day, no exceptions. And the National Sport School is a wonderful example of the power of personalized learning,” said Naomi Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools, Calgary Board of Education. “In partnership with WinSport Canada, we have been able to structure this program to meet the unique needs of these student athletes and now with this new location, these students will have the very best of what the two worlds of athletics and education have to offer.”

Relocating the school to Canada Olympic Park is the next major step in WinSport Canada’s continued goal to centralize training and resources for Canadian athletes with construction of the nation’s first Canadian Sport Institute.

“Canada’s athletes deserve the opportunity to do their best at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and this plan gives the much-needed resources they require to compete and win against the world’s best,” said O’Neill. “Developing a competitive culture of excellence where athletes at all levels can come together is key to Canada’s future success.”

WinSport Canada and the CBE believe this change in location will provide National Sport School students with an optimal environment in which to pursue their passion for learning and athletics.

About WinSport Canada

The Canadian Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport Canada owns and operates Canada Olympic Park, the Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore, the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, and funds two-thirds of the operating costs of the Olympic Oval in Calgary. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport Canada supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport Canada, please visit www.WinSportCanada.ca.

About the CBE

The CBE is proud to deliver personalized learning opportunities to more than 100,000 students. As a leader in education, the CBE believes we all have a part to play in public education and that each student is worthwhile and unique. For more information, visit: www.cbe.ab.ca.

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