

Rainy River District School Board Introduces New Information System for Parents

(April 21, 2008) – The Rainy River District School Board recently launched schoolhouse.rrdsb.com. Schoolhouse is a web-based program designed to deliver student information to parents that can be accessed at the parents' convenience through their personal computer.

The programming of the Schoolhouse web site was developed internally and is unique to the Rainy River District School Board. Web site developers, Chris and Sherree Denby, worked out a method to use a parent's email address to log-in to the system. Information is encrypted between the parent and the computer server to ensure security and privacy. Parents must register their email address with the school and are able to view information that is specific to their own child.

“We're very excited about this program as it provides another opportunity for our schools to enhance positive home-school communication,” stated Heather Campbell, Superintendent of Education. Through the Schoolhouse web site, parents can ensure that demographic and emergency contact information is listed accurately for their child. Also, parents will have access to their child's attendance records and news items for the school the student attends. At the secondary student level, parents can view the student's progress toward graduation through a credit counseling summary. At the elementary level, parents can view report card marks. Additional features are also being considered for future development of the Schoolhouse web site.