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Notice RE: MCS Multi-Use Trail

Dear Millarville Residents:

Through the dedicated leadership of a Grade 8 student, Millarville Community School has embarked on a quest to enhance environmental learning opportunities through the outdoor program including single track nature trails. These trails will be available to all Millarville community members and overseen by the newly formed **Millarville Community School Outdoor Tracks Advisory Committee** to use for activities from walking and hiking to snowshoeing and cross country skiing. These activities provide overall health benefits while exposing the user to the enjoyment of nature.

The committee has taken this student's inspiration into the planning process and involved knowledgeable and professional contractors to provide design and construction which includes minimal maintenance. The Advisory Committee has representation from the school, community and trails industry. Throughout the design process, we have tried to be mindful of maintaining the natural feel of the area, while creating challenge for a wide range of abilities and outdoor activities. During construction, please be patient while we allow for regrowth around leveled areas.

The design and construction of these trails is based on the following guiding principles:

- 1) Increased access to environmental areas
- 2) Increased awareness of the environment
- 3) Enhanced learning opportunities for both students and community members
- 4) Respectful engagement with Millarville community members

This process has been guided by an understanding of community and school to:

- 1) Reducing overall environmental impact
- 2) Visually maintaining grassland areas around the path
- 3) Increased signage to discourage motorized traffic and address safe use of the trails
- 4) Maintaining a buffer between school land and residential property

Once constructed, the stewardship and maintenance activities for these trails will come from the students at Millarville Community School, as well as the MCS Outdoor Tracks Advisory Committee and responsible trail users. Through shared ownership of these tracks the MCS students will learn valuable sustainable development and stakeholder strategies.

Please be advised that prior to the grand opening later next week, we ask that all users remain off the track to ensure safety. Once opened, signage will be posted on the track for all users and a policy will be in place at the school for safe student use. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.

If you have questions or concerns about this valuable new addition to the community, please contact Glenn Gibson (principal) or Jason Beacom (outdoor pursuits teacher) at Millarville Community School: 403-938-7832.

Sincerely,

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