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**Vanguard Credit Union Announces partnership with Park West School Division.**

"It takes a village to raise a child." ~ African Proverb

Vanguard Credit Union is pleased to partner with Park West School Division, Prairie Mountain Health Authority, local daycares, and the Assiniboine North Parent Child Coalition to support more 0-5 programs in the area.

"Vanguard Credit Union is very proud to be able to give back to our communities and support these much needed 0-5 programs. These programs are critical to the development of our youth and provide needed support for young families," said Ian Gerrard, CEO of Vanguard Credit Union.

"Park West School Division has a history of developing partnerships with area businesses, rural municipalities, towns, and government agencies. We believe strongly in the notion that more can be done and provided to our communities if we work together. Vanguard Credit Union's contribution will greatly enhance the 0-5 programs currently being offered in the area," said Park West Board Chair Darren Naherniak.

All parents and children residing in the Park West School Division footprint will be eligible to attend these programs at no cost. Programs will be offered in a number of communities in the area.

Bonnie Slimmon Kiliwnik, the Student Services Coordinator for Park West states, "The research is clear that supporting children and families in those critical first few years is so important to later school and life success. Research suggests that for every dollar spent at 0-5 you can save \$7-10 later in life. So not only are these programs beneficial they also make economic sense."

